Lake Pleasant Aquatics & Nature Camp
Swim Test Classification Record

All Scouts must pass the BSA swimmer test to participate in any aquatic merit badges at Lake Pleasant Camp.

The BSA Swimmer Test
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

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I, the BSA Swim Check Test Administrator, sign below to certify that the above Scouts have been administered the BSA Swim Check Test. I also certify that all Scouts have been classified according to the BSA Swim Check Test standards (see Swimmer Classification on next page).

Signature:                                                                                      Date:      
Print Name:                                                                                      Title:  

Test Administrator’s certification (circle one): Aquatics Instructor, BSA BSA Lifeguard 
Cub Scout Aquatics Supervisor Certified lifeguard WSI swimming instructor Swim coach

Location of test:                                                                                      Water Temp. °F

Special Note: Although swim tests may be conducted prior to summer camp, the Aquatics Director is expected to review or retest any Scout whose skills appear to be inconsistent with his or her classification. Additionally the Aquatics Director is authorized to remove any Scout from a program when (s)he is reasonably concerned that pre-camp swim tests were not properly administered.

* If test is completed as a unit or group, each scout should bring a separate copy of the Swim Classification Record on the first day of camp.
BSA Swim Test Purpose
The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity or summer camp is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim tests must be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each summer season. A scout must still complete the swim test even if he has earned the Swimming merit badge. **NO SWIM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT LAKE PLEASANT CAMP.** All scouts participating in an aquatics merit badge, must complete the swimmers test before the first day of camp or the scout will not be allowed to participate in the aquatic activities.

Who can administer the test outside of camp?
The swim classification test is done at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; Cub Scout Aquatics Supervisor; BSA Lifeguard; certified lifeguard (certified by American Red Cross, GuardSmart, Ellis, or any nationally recognized organization); swimming instructor; or swim coach. When the unit goes to a summer camp, each individual may be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the Aquatics Director for use at the camp.

Swimmer Classification
All persons participating in BSA Aquatic activities or summer camps are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances.

The BSA Aquatics swim test classifies Scouts into three swimming ability groups. The three swimmer ability groups are swimmer, beginner and learner.
- The swimmer test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability required for safe deep-water swimming.
- The beginner test demonstrates that the Scout is ready to learn deep-water skills and has the minimum ability required for safe instructional and recreational activity in a confined swimming area in which shallow waters, sides, or other support are less than 25 feet from any point on the water.
- All Scouts and Scouters who do not complete the beginner test or who choose to not participate in any test are classified as learners. All learners should be encouraged to take swim lessons to improve their swimming ability and become comfortable participating in water activities.

**ALL SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN AN AQUATICS MERIT BADGE MUST PASS AT A SWIMMER LEVEL TO ATTEND CAMP.**

NOTE: If your scout is registered in the Fishing merit badge and no other boating merit badge, he does NOT have to complete the swim check but will not be allowed in the water at any time.

Reasons for not passing the test
A successful Summer Camp is accomplished only by carefully planning of the aquatic activities. The BSA swim test in one tool in planning a successful and safe aquatics activity. The BSA has identified several reasons for a Scout to not successfully complete the BSA swim test.

The following are reasons a Scout **WILL NOT** pass the BSA swim test:
- Underwater swimming
- Dog paddling
- Resting in the middle of the test
- Treading water and not maintaining a forward motion
- Not floating at the end of the test
- Swimming too fast and appearing to be too tired at the end of the test
- At the judgement of the swim test administrator