



# COMMITMENTS AND REGISTRATION

## SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

### Swim Tests at Many Point

75% of units do their swim qualifications upon arrival to Many Point. This works great. Here are a few tips that will help your arrival day go smoothly:

1. Have your Scouts intentionally pack swimsuit and towel in an easily accessible location.
2. Head down to the beach right after parking in your campsite to beat the rush. The busy times at swim qualifications are from 3pm – 5pm.
  - a. Many Point has changing rooms at the beach, which makes changing a breeze!

### Units may conduct their own test before camp

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Scouting America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season. Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this be the only place the test is conducted. In fact, we recommend to conduct the swim classification prior to attending summer camp.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to their swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The Swimmer's Test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth, and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

## CONDUCTING YOUR OWN SWIM TESTS

(at the unit level with council approved aquatics resources)

The swim classification test done at a unit level should be conducted by a person with one of the following council-approved certifications: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; Aquatics Supervisor, certified lifeguard, swimming instructor; or swim coach. When the unit goes to a summer camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the Camp Aquatics Director for use at the camp. Northern Star Scouting requires that swim classification tests be conducted within three months prior to the unit's arrival at camp. The signed form must be presented upon arrival in camp.

### Special Note:

For the safety of each participant, staff shall at all times reserve the authority to review or retest individuals or entire units at any point throughout the week.



## SWIMMER'S 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: side stroke, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl. Then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swam continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

## BEGINNERS TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

## Unit Swim Classification Record

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date i.e., non-swimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer, would require a reclassification test by the camp Aquatics Director.

SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp or at the point of activity, the Aquatics Director shall at all times reserve the authority to review or retest all participants to assure that standards have been maintained.

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Swim Test \_\_\_\_\_

Swim Classification			
FULL Name (Please Print)	<i>Non Swimmer</i>	<i>Beginner</i>	<i>Swimmer</i>
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Name of Person Conducting Test

Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Unit Leader:

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Print Name

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Signature

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