

**Responsibilities of the  
Aquatics Director**

The Camp Aquatics Director is responsible to the Program Director and Camp Director for the coordination and operation of the entire waterfront during the Summer Camp Program in accordance with the policies and standards of the Boy Scouts of America and the Black Swamp Area Council. This position is responsible for managing the waterfront and should have a good working knowledge of the Camp Operations and the Aims and Methods of the Boy Scouts of America. The Aquatics Director is also responsible for following the rules of the Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat as outlined by the Boy Scouts.

Specific Duties of the Aquatics Director are as follows:

1. Make sure that every Scout takes a swim test before going into the water.
2. Scouts can take the Non-Swimmer, Beginner, or Swimmer tests.
3. The different swim tests are located below.
4. Each Scout must have a buddy tag to enter the swimming area.
5. A tag with no colors on it means the Scout is a Non-Swimmer.
6. A tag with red on the top means the Scout is a Beginner.
7. A tag with red on top and blue on the bottom means the Scout is a Swimmer.
8. The depth of the Non-Swimmer area is up to 3 ½ feet deep.
9. The depth of the Beginner area is up to 5 feet deep.
10. The depth of the Swimmer area is up to 12 feet deep.
11. Make sure that there is the proper ratio of guards to people in the water.
12. A minimum of 2 guards must oversee each area with an additional guard for every 10 people in the water.  
Example:     18 people in the Swimmers Area, 2 guards  
                  30 people in the Beginners Area, 3 guards
13. Supervise and train aquatics staff.
14. Other duties assigned by the Camp Director as required.

## ***SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES***

The swim classification of individuals participating in the Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both 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 is the only place the test is conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification prior to a unit going to summer camp.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics 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 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.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

### ***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: sidestroke, 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.

### ***BEGINNER'S TEST:***

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

### ***NON-SWIMMER TEST:***

Everyone is classified as a Non-Swimmer without taking a test.

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