

2005 Swim Classification Procedures

LEADERS NAME (print) _____ **UNIT NUMBER** _____

COUNCIL _____ **WEEK AT 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 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 to swim. 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 swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After the swim, rest by floating.

Beginner's 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.

OPTION #1

- Our unit will conduct its swim classification test at Camp Alexander on the first day of camp by the camp personnel. *(Please return this form to Camp Alexander if you are choosing this option.)*

OPTION #2

- Our unit will conduct its swim test classification at the unit level by one of the following council approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA, Aquatics Supervisor, BSA Lifeguard, 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. *(Option #2 is available to Scouts and Scouters who conduct the swim test at an elevation of 5000 ft or higher!)*

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

This completed form must be either submitted to Camp Alexander upon your unit's arrival, or sent to:

Camp Alexander, P.O. Box 450, Lake George, CO 80827 Fax #719-748-4784

2005 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.

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Dates Attending Camp: _____ Date of Swim Test: _____
Unit # _____ State _____

	Full Name (please print)	CLASSIFICATION NON-SWIMMER	CLASSIFICATION BEGINNER	CLASSIFICATION SWIMMER
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Name of person(s) conducting test:

Print Name

Signature

Print Title

Name of Facility (Print)

Print Name

Signature

Camp Leader (Print Name)

Signature