

# Pre Camp Swim Test

The administration of the pre-camp swim classification test is at the discretion of the local council.

When the pre-camp swim classification test is done at the unit level, it is to be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people:

1. BSA Aquatics Supervisor
2. BSA Lifeguard
3. Lifeguard certified by another recognized agency

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.

## **SPECIAL NOTE:**

When swim tests are conducted away from camp or at the 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.

## **PROCEDURE:**

Divide into three ability groups: Nonswimmers, beginners, and swimmers.

- ◆ Nonswimmers have not passed a swimming test.
- ◆ Beginners must pass this test: jump feetfirst 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 the starting place.
- ◆ Swimmers must pass this test: jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and 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.

These classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the season.

Please complete the attached Swim Roster with all information filled in. Place the scouts ability group under ranking.

