

CARDINAL DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

June 2, 2022



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Roundtable Agenda

General Session: 7:00 PM

Opening / Welcome

District Key 3 Comments

Training Update

Program Update

Safety Moment: Is it Scouting?

General Session: BSA Aquatics Activities

Council Key 3 Fireside Chat





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District Social Media

District Website

<https://cardinal.ocscouts.org/>

District Facebook Page

Cardinal District Group, Occonechee Council, BSA



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District Commissioner Update



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District Commissioner topics

District Status

Pro-rated fee structure for new participants

Changes to BSA Joining Requirements

Philmont Scout Ranch COVID policy

Commissioner Notes



District Status

Current District strength is 72 units

27 Cub Scout Packs

36 Scout BSA Troops

7 Venture Crews

1 Sea Scout Ship

2 Explorer Posts



June 2022 Pro-rated Registration Fees

The new participant registration fees joining in June
(for June 2022 to December 2022) are:

New Youth Registration	\$94.00	(\$100.00 w/ SL)
National Cub Scout, Scout BSA, Venture	\$36.00	
Council Program fee	\$27.00	
Council Insurance fee	\$6.00	
Scout Life Subscription (Optional)	\$6.00	
* New Scout registration fee	\$25.00	
Explorer and Adult Registration	\$28.50	(\$34.50 w/ SL)
National	\$22.50	
Council Insurance fee	\$6.00	
MBC, Nova Counselor and Supernova Mentor	\$0	

There are NEW financial assistance forms
Contact your Unit Commissioner



Changes to BSA Joining Requirements

Revision to joining requirements for Scouts BSA effective April 18, 2022. The change is highlighted in red

At least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade **and register on or after March 1 or.**

At least 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light Award or.

At least 11 years old (but not yet 18)

For our Cub Scouts Packs, make sure that you enter ALL completed Cub Scout advancements, awards and achievements BEFORE you bridge the youth to a Scouts BSA Troop



Philmont Scout Ranch COVID Policy

All guests 12 years of older will be required to provide proof of vaccination, or a negative test taken within 3-5 days of arrival at Philmont. Guests will be turned away if not in compliance.

Negative tests can be at home, self-administered. A time stamped picture of the results is sufficient documentation.

Vaccination means a full complement of vaccines with a booster. This does not need to be within 6 months though we strongly recommend you stay current.

All guests 12 years and older must sign and bring with them a [Philmont Code of Conduct](#).

In addition, each guest must present at check-in a completed BSA Health Form, parts A and B only. Some guests may need Part C.



Philmont Scout Ranch COVID Policy

At Philmont:

All guests, 6 years and older, will be required to wear a mask in all indoor settings.

Masks will not be provided. Please bring a CDC approved face covering. Bandanas and buffs are prohibited as face coverings.

Guests are encouraged to continue to mask where they feel comfortable (i.e. in large groups).



District Commissioner Topics



CUB SCOUT EXTRAVAGANZA
July 24th-30th, 2022

Imagine being able to interact with Cub Scout Leaders from across our country for an entire week while attending this conference at the Philmont Training Center!
AND...being able to choose the Cub Scouting sessions that you would like to take to continue to grow your Cub Scout Leader skills!

The Cub Scout Extravaganza provides you with these opportunities!

Plan a schedule of your choice by selecting from an assortment of Cub Leader topics like:
Outdoor Skills, Training, Cub Scouting Administration,
Den and Pack Management, Cub Scout FUN and Scouts BSA Transition.

SAVE THE DATE - REGISTER TODAY

Philmont Training Center - Cimarron, New Mexico
Register Online at: www.philmontscoutranch.org/pte

✓ 1 message marked new.

I think that we would all agree that Cub Scouting is the future of the BSA. One of the most important ways to ensure that Cubbing will grow is by having well-trained leaders. Now is the time for Ambassadors to make sure that ALL Cub leaders in their council are aware of this exciting training opportunity at the Philmont Training Center. Let's make sure that we all double our efforts to promote the Cub Scout Extravaganza to our local cub leaders. I challenge all Ambassadors to make a presentation at their next District Cub Scout Roundtable to promote this wonderful training opportunity.



CUB SCOUT HIKING

Learn about some fun and clever ways to take your Cub Scouts hiking!
One of the MANY classes offered at Philmont's Cub Scout Extravaganza
July 24-30th 2022

CUB SCOUT EXTRAVAGANZA at Philmont Training Center

SCAN THE QR CODE REGISTER TODAY!

✓ 1 message marked new.

New for 2022. Adult family members (over 18 years old), are not required to be registered in BSA, but must complete a Philmont Scout Ranch specific YPT prior to attending a conference



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District Commissioner Topics

Please continue to track unit YPT status.

**For those units who have changed key personnel,
please ensure your contact information on your unit
“pin” in BeAScout.org is updated**

**Cub Scout Pack should be planning on their Summer
Time Pack Award activities**

**Now is the time to plan your unit Summer and Fall
recruiting events**



District Commissioner Topics

Merit Badge Counselor, NOVA Counselor and SUPERNOVA Mentor renewals are still on-going

Camp Durant's IOLS courses this summer have been cancelled

We need more certified Rangemaster and Range Safety Officers for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA shooting sports

We need more COPES trained Scouters to support COPES events for District and Council events

The 2022 Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms have been released for Cub Scout Packs and Scouts BSA Troops. Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Post revised JTE forms are TBP



GAPS: Special Needs Scouting

We are looking to support our Special Needs Scouting Scouts and Scouters

Council GAPS resources are available at the website

[GAPS - Occoneechee Council \(ocscouts.org\)](http://ocscouts.org)

We also are looking for volunteers to assist with the GAPS program.
Please contact

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District Chairman Update



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District Chairman Update

Cardinal District Twilight Camp

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Family Scouting Executive Update



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District Family Scouting Executive

- **District Recruiting events**
 - July 13th
 - Fall 2022
- **My.scouting.org / [BeAScout.org](https://www.beascout.org) contact information**
- **Camp Cards**



Accolades and Recognition

Congratulations to our Scouters who have recently completed their Woodbadge tickets and earned their beads!

Timothy Brady T-320

Richard Mitchell P-320

Kimberly Summers T-212



TRAINING



Registered New Leaders?

- 1) *Every Scout deserves a trained leader*
- 2) *BSA guidelines are that Scouters should be trained within 90 days of joining the unit*
- 3) *Does your Unit have a Plan and Schedule to complete TRAINING?*
- 4) *When was the last time your Unit conducted an assessment to determine training needs?*
 - A) Youth Protection Training 2.0
 - B) Training for new and existing leaders



District and Council Training Events:

4 Jun 22

Cardinal District Position Specific Training

Location: Apex Jaycee Park

9-11 Sep 22

Wood Badge Weekend 1

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link is <http://ocwoodbadge.org/>

30 Sep-2 Oct 22

Wood Badge Weekend 2

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link is <http://ocwoodbadge.org/>

5 Nov 22

University of Scouting

Location: TBD

Registration Link will be through Tentaroo on Council website



Scouts, BSA Youth Training

24-29 Jul 22

NYLT

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link will be through Tentaroo on Council website

9-11 Sep 22

NYLT Weekend 1

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link will be through Tentaroo on Council website

30 Sep-2 Oct 22

NYLT Weekend 2

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link will be through Tentaroo on Council website



Other Council Training Events

16 Jun 22

First Aid / CPR / AED*

*** This is a blended course; you must complete on-line portion (approximately 3 hrs) before attending the hands-on part of the course**

Location: Council Service Center

Registration Link through Tentaroo on Council website

7-9 Oct 22

Wilderness First Aid

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link through Tentaroo on Council website

21-22 Oct 22

Leave No Trace Trainer

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link through Tentaroo on Council website

28 Sep-2 Oct 22

COPES Level 1/2 Instructor

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link through Tentaroo on Council website



Program

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Cardinal District Twilight Camp



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HOSTED BY
CARDINAL DISTRICT
#ADVENTUREON

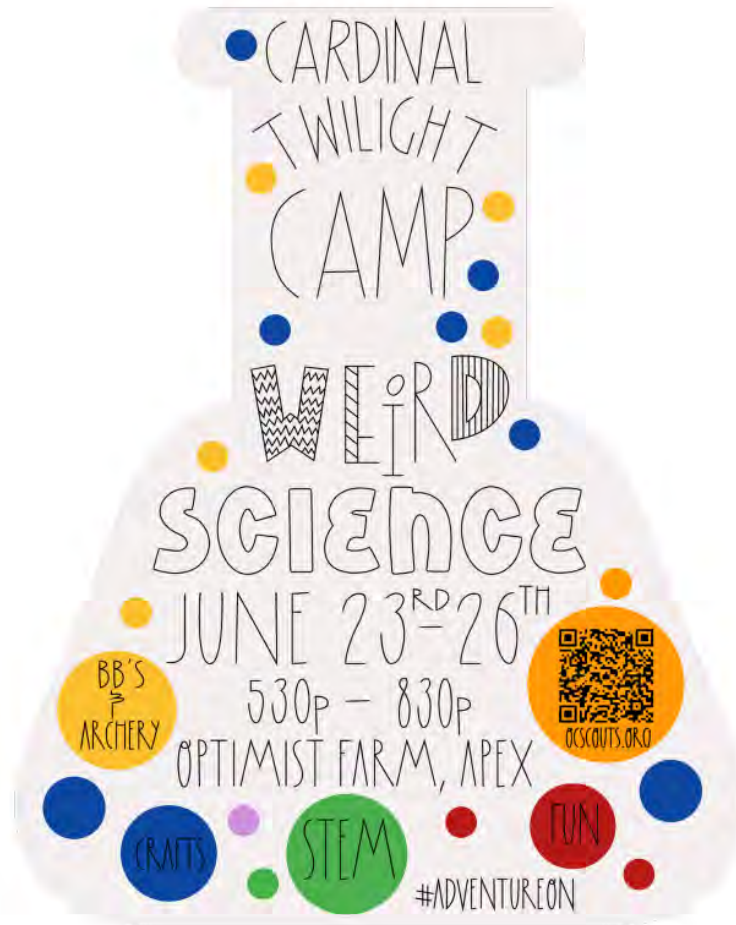
Weird Science

Twilight Camp
June 23rd to June 26th
Optimist Farm, Apex
5pm to 830pm

Boys & Girls grades 1st to 5th, grab your lab coats and head to Summer Twilight Camp with the Scouts BSA!!
Camp is open to all families, even if you aren't registered in Scouting!
Cost \$40 a child

- 1st graders **MUST** be accompanied by a parent at all times
- 2nd to 5th have the option to be dropped off

Questions? Courtney Trujillo Scoutercrt@gmail.com



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twilight CAMP

June 23rd to 26th Optimist Farm, Apex

5pm to 830pm



FAQ

Is this your first summer as a Scout? Maybe you have never heard of Twilight Camp... Here are some information to help!!



Do we camp overnight?

No! Twilight camp starts in the evening time with activities running until 830pm.



Kids in 1st grade must have an adult guardian present at camp at all times.

2nd grade to 5th grade can be dropped off and picked up at the end of camp. Your scout can bring a friend too!!! This open to everyone!

Do I have to stay with my kid?

Each year Twilight Camp has a different theme! This year is Weird Science! We will be learning all about bugs, animals, electricity and more!

What activities will there be?

A Scout is always prepared! We know that is right around dinner time so we suggest eating a little something before your scout comes and then we will be providing snacks and water throughout camp! Sunscreen is always important too!

What will my scout need to bring?

Ready?

Don't be afraid to ask more questions! We were all first time campers at one point or another! Email scoutercrt@gmail.com

Registration can be done at <https://ocscouts.org/outdoor-programs/summer-fun/cub-summer-adventure-days/>



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District STEM Event



Nova Days

July 16th & 17th

Pine Springs Academy
Holly Springs



Saturday 16th

- Tech Talk
- Fearful Symmetry
- Out of this World

Sunday 17th

- Nova Wild
- Down and Dirty

Cub Scouts can complete all requirements for the Nova award and/or “pi” pin if they complete appropriate rank requirements prior to attending



Questions?



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Cub Scout Program Tips

On-line resources available to help plan Cub Scout Pack meetings

Pre-planned Cub Scout Pack meetings can be found at:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-meeting-resources/pack-meeting-plans/>

The files contain completely planned Cub Scout Pack meetings with plans, scripts, songs, games and required resources



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Cub Scout Program Tips June

The June theme based on Scout Law is “A Scout is Brave”

The link to this
June Pack
meeting plan is:



ROAMING REPTILE ALERT

A SCOUT IS BRAVE. HOW DOES “ROAMING REPTILE ALERT” RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. What kinds of reptiles roam the United States? Let's learn about the four poisonous snakes to be aware of, and interesting facts about others. Learn about alligators, lizards, and any reptile that piques your interest. Be aware but not afraid!

NOTE TO CUBMASTER

Pack meetings are best when they are no longer than an hour and a half in length. Pack meeting plans are guides which can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

You might consider setting up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure.

The advancement ceremony in this plan calls for face painting. Secure permission from parents and guardians, and check for any allergies to products being used. Make sure the product washes off with mild soap and water. Consider involving the parents or guardians as the Akela in the ceremony to help with face paint.

◆ BEFORE THE MEETING

Set up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure, if applicable.

Preassign dens to perform the flag ceremony and the opening skit.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- Flags for the flag ceremony
- Gathering game materials:
 - Green streamers to use as tails for Lizard Tag
 - Plastic worms or bugs, mason jars for Reptile Walk Obstacle Course
- Snake station craft materials and fact printouts for the following:
 - Coral snake
 - Copperhead
 - Flattiesnake
 - Cottonmouth
- Song sheets with the closing song or projection of the words on a screen or wall
- Face paint for the advancement ceremony

◆ GATHERING

Lizard Tag or Reptile Walk Obstacle Course (See the Resources section for instructions.)

◆ OPENING CEREMONY

The flag ceremony is led by a predetermined den, who will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

JUNE—BRAVE 1

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/YEAR2/310-](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/YEAR2/310-842(15)_June%20Brave_WEB.pdf?_gl=1*1r0d0h4*_ga*MTE4MDcyNTM4MC4xNjIzNjgwMzg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY1Mzg2MjM5NS4yMjguM34xNjUxODYyNTA2LjE5K_ga=2.14127344.617238102.1653857140-1180725380.1623680389&_gac=1.147918661.1653857140.CjwKCAjws8yUBhA1EiwAi_tpEdNTWAdvxmpbJ9b1pAKkXxKqz0L5a2u_7REISY_Vo1uVW73xj1WbR_C3eAQAD_BwE)

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District and Council Events: Cub Scouts

4 Jun 22

Thund-O-Rama

Location: Camp Durant

16-18 Jun 22

Cub Scout Summer Camp

Location: Camp Durant

[Registration Link through Tentaroo on Council website](#)

23-26 Jun 22

Cardinal District Twilight Camp

Location: Optimist Farms

16-17 Jul 22

Cardinal District Stem Days

Location: Pine Springs School, Holly Springs

30 Jul 22

Cardinal District Fishing Derby

Location: Harris Lake



District and Council Events: Cub Scouts

21-23 Oct 22

Cub Scout Spook-o-ree

Location: Camp Durant

Registration Link will be on Council website



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District and Council Events: Scouts BSA, Venture & Sea Scouts

23-25 Sep 22

Davy Jones Locker

Location: Camp Durant

7-9 Oct 22

Occonechee Council Camporee

Location: Camp Durant

[Registration Link will be through Tentaroo on Council website](#)



Advancement & Recognition

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Advancement & Recognition

Cub Scouts have earned
526 Ranks

Scouts BSA have earned
356 Ranks
41 recommendations for Eagle Scout
790 merit badges

Venturing
1 Quartermaster

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge
May be used for the Star and Life Ranks.

REQUIRED for All Scouts completing Requirements 1 thru
6 for Eagle Scout on or after July 1, 2022



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD FOR EAGLE SCOUTS

Spice up your Eagle Courts of Honor by inviting the Marine Corps League to make a presentation.



Contact: Dave Gardener Gardener1941@att.net
or 919-810-2786



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Safety Moment

Is it Scouting?



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Safety Moment

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So, what is the program of the BSA? Collectively, it is all the books, literature, training, materials, policies, and guidelines provided by the BSA. The program is not something you create and call Scouting but something that can be found in the resources provided by the BSA. It develops leadership, character, and physical and mental fitness when executed properly.



Safety Moment Resources

Quick reference:

**Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities
(680-685)**

Definitive reference:

**Guide to Safe Scouting
(Feb 22 is current version)**

- **If a proposed activity is NOT in either reference, it does not necessarily mean that it is authorized or prohibited**



Safety Moment

There are three questions you can ask yourself when deciding if your activity is within the scope and guidelines of the Scouting program?

- 1) Is it age appropriate? Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on many factors.
- 2) If you are planning activities that fall outside of program materials or handbooks, ask this question: Is the activity appropriate for the age and appropriate for Scouting? Not every activity needs to be conducted.
- 3) Which book are you in, and what page are you on? The Scouting program is designed to be intrinsically safe. There are handbooks, guidance, and training resources for both professionals and volunteers.





BSA SAFETY MOMENT

IS IT SCOUTING?

SUMMARY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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RESOURCES

- Unauthorized & Restricted Activities Safety Moment: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/unauthorized-restricted-activities/
- Activity Planning and Risk Assessment: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/
- Age-Appropriate Guidelines: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf>
- Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/



General Session

Scouting Aquatics Activities



Aquatic Activities

Since the inception of Scouting, aquatic activities have been a core part of the outdoor program. The BSA has been a leader in promoting and providing training in aquatic safety. For at least 80 years, checklists have been in place to make sure those aquatic experiences are positive ones.



Aquatics Activities

Participation in BSA aquatics activities are predicated on two criteria:

- 1) Age-Appropriate activities
- 2) Participant swimming ability



Aquatics Activities Resources

Guide to Safe Scouting

(Feb 22 is current version)

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf?_gl=1*t4y9vf*_ga*MTE4MDcyNTM4MC4xNjlzNjgwMzg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY1NDI1NDk0My4yMzQuMS4xNjU0MjU0OTQzLjYw&_ga=2.81955286.1187972991.1654197546-1180725380.1623680389&_gac=1.196065630.1654254945.Cj0KCQjw4uaUBhC8ARIsANUuDjW8ADQRvMJnlQyH_8r7rG7IcSCVr_xKpo8jHvW_9aa0LKg38wKLB5YaAjQ1EALw_wcB

Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities (680-685)

Aquatics Supervision Guide

(2018 is current version)

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/Aquatics_34346.pdf

Safe Swim Defense

Safety Afloat

[Aquatics Safety | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)



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AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on many factors. When planning activities outside of program materials or handbooks, ask this question:
Is the activity appropriate for the age and for Scouting?
Not every activity needs to be conducted.



LIONS
(WITH ADULT PARTNER)



TIGERS
(WITH ADULT PARTNER)



**WOLF/BEAR
SCOUTS**



**WEBELOS
SCOUTS**



SCOUTS BSA



**OLDER SCOUTS BSA,
SEA SCOUTS,
VENTURERS**

(*Older Scouts BSA* are age 13 and have completed eighth grade or 14 years old and up.)



Aquatics (See [Safe Swim Defense](#), and [Safety Afloat](#) for restrictions based on skills, such as swimming ability, rather than age.)

Aerial Towed Activities <small>(kitesurfing, parasail)</small>							Not Authorized
Cliff Jumping, High Dives							Not Authorized
Triathlon: Swim Races in Open Water							Sanctioned Events
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class III or Above Whitewater							✓
Personal Water Craft (PWC)							Approved Council Programs Only
Paddle Sports: Whitewater With Professional Guide on Board						✓	✓
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class I or II Whitewater						✓	✓
Motorboats: Youth Operated <small>(check state regulations)</small>						✓	✓
Overnight Cruise on Live-Aboard Vessel						✓	✓
Sailboats and Sailboards: Youth Operated						✓	✓
Snorkeling in Open Water						✓	✓
Scuba						✓	✓
Surfing						✓	✓
Towed Activities <small>(waterskiing, knee boarding, floats)</small>						✓	✓
Tubing <small>(floating in gently flowing water)</small>			✓		✓	✓	✓
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Calm or Gently Flowing Water		Passengers Only					Paddle Sports Include Canoes, Kayaks, Pedal Boats, Rafts, Rowboats, SUP
Commercial Marine Transport <small>(ferries, excursion ships)</small>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Day Rides on Large Private Craft With Trained Adult Operator	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Swimming	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Snorkeling in Confined Water	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Water Parks, Slides, and Floating Attractions							Appropriate Age Varies by Feature



Prohibited Aquatics Activities

Specifically listed

- a) Cliff Jumping / High dives
- b) Parasailing (being towed airborne behind a boat using a parachute)
- c) Kite-surfing (using a wakeboard towed by a kite)
- d) Unit-level recreational use of personal watercraft (small sit-on-top motorboats propelled by water jets)

Common sense

- a) Shark cage diving



Swimming Ability (Cub Scouts)

Tigers: Hold their breath in a prone glide.

Wolves: Swim for 25 feet in shallow water.

Bears: May attempt the BSA beginner swimming classification in deep water.

Webelos: May attempt the BSA 100-yd BSA Swimming classification in deep water.



Swimming Ability Groups

Swimmer: 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 front crawl (freestyle); then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke (hands in water). 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.

Beginner: 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.

Non-Swimmer: All Scouts and Scouters who do not complete the beginner test or who choose to not participate in any test are classified as non-swimmers. All non-swimmers should be encouraged to take swim lessons to improve their swimming ability and become comfortable participating in water activities.

**Swimming test must be conducted annually,
preferably before start of swimming season**



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Guidelines

- Safe Swim Defense standards apply at backyard, hotel, apartment, and public pools; at established waterfront swim areas such as beaches at state parks and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes; and at all temporary swimming areas such as a lake, river, or ocean.
- Safety Afloat standards apply to the use of canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rafts, floating tubes, sailboats, motorboats (including waterskiing), and other small craft, but do not apply to transportation on large commercial vessels such as ferries and cruise ships.



Aquatics Safety Training (unit level)

There are two courses found on my.Scouting.org and can be taken online anytime. All leaders are encouraged to take the training and at least *one adult* needs the training when unit aquatics activities are conducted. The number of trained leaders required depends on the Scouting program and activity.

- **Safe Swim Defense** (26 min) is designed for all swimming activities and is valid for two years from completion. Qualified supervision, personal health review, safe area, response personnel, lookout, ability groups, buddy system, and discipline make up the eight points of the BSA's Safe Swim Defense.
- **Safety Afloat training** (22 min) is designed for all authorized boating activities* and is valid for two years from completion. Qualified supervision, personal health review, swimming ability, life jackets, buddy system, skill proficiency, planning, equipment, and discipline make up the nine points of the BSA's Safety Afloat.

These are NOT “How to” courses!

These cover the BSA regulatory and safety guidelines only!

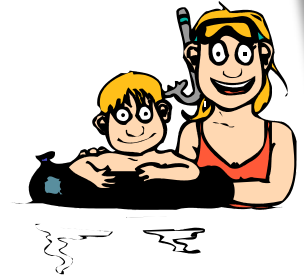


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General Unit Safety Requirements

Swimming:

All swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in their care, and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue or BSA Lifeguard to assist in planning and conducting all swimming activities. It is recommended that at least one leader be trained in first aid including CPR



Every swimming activity must be closely and continuously monitored by a trained rescue team on the alert for and ready to respond during emergencies. Professionally trained lifeguards satisfy this need when provided by a regulated facility or tour operator. **When lifeguards are not provided by others, the adult supervisor must assign at least two rescue personnel, with additional numbers to maintain a ratio of one rescuer to every 10 participants.** The supervisor must provide instruction and rescue equipment and assign areas of responsibility as outlined in [Aquatics Supervision](#). The qualified supervisor, the designated response personnel, and the lookout work together as a safety team. An emergency action plan should be formulated and shared with participants as appropriate.



General Unit Safety Requirements

Swimming (continued):



The BSA's Aquatics Play Structure Policy applies to all play structures operated in Scouting whether inflatable, floatable, or fixed structures. It includes, but is not limited to, slides, swings, mats, logs, rockers, and climbing or bouncing devices. Key components of the policy include: program hazard analysis, location, operating procedures, installation/construction, participant safety equipment, safety checks, and emergency action plans. Details on how to implement this policy can be found at www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/Aquatics.



General Unit Safety Requirements

Afloat Activities:

All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in his or her care and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the nine points of BSA Safety Afloat. That supervisor must be skilled in the safe operation of the craft for the specific activity, knowledgeable in accident prevention, and prepared for emergency situations. If the adult with Safety Afloat training lacks the necessary boat operating and safety skills, then they may serve as the supervisor only if assisted by other adults, camp staff personnel, or professional tour guides who have the appropriate skills.

Additional leadership is provided in ratios of one trained adult, staff member, or guide per 10 participants.

For Cub Scouts, the leadership ratio is one trained adult, staff member, or guide per five participants.

At least one leader must be trained in first aid including CPR. Any swimming done in conjunction with the activity afloat must be supervised in accordance with BSA Safe Swim Defense standards. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Paddle Craft Safety to assist in the planning and conduct of all activities afloat.



Venues

BSA-owned and operated facilities and activities:

This includes Summer Camps, Twilight Camps, Jamborees, Camporees, etc... where the District or higher runs the aquatic activity under the supervision of a National Camping School certified Aquatics Director. The event staff provides all trained personnel and equipment, units may be asked to supplement with trained adults to meet required staffing ratios

Commercially owned and operated facilities and activities:

This includes hotel pools, outfitters, etc... where the vendor runs the aquatic activity and provides the necessary staffing and equipment under its trained and certified staff. Units are responsible for providing trained adults to meet required staffing ratios

Unit run activities:

This includes private pools or public access facilities without any supervisory personnel (e.g. lifeguards) Units are responsible for **all** aspects of the aquatic activity to include providing trained adults and equipment and having ALL required staffing ratios. Units are responsible for surveying and setting up the activity in accordance with guidelines established in the Aquatics Supervision Guide



Before you go

Check the BSA references for your planned aquatics event

- **Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities**
- **Guide to Safe Scouting**

If there is a difference between age-appropriate guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting, defer to more restrictive GSS

Check event specific requirements for adult to Scout ratios, trained leadership requirements and ensure that required training is current!

- **Most BSA aquatics training (First Aid, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat, etc..) is valid for two years from completion of training**



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NEXT DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

- * We will not have a District Roundtable in July
- * Our next Roundtable will be August 4, 2022
- * General Session:



Opening: 7:00 pm

Breakout: 7:30 pm



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