



Aquia Older Youth Programs Day Float

Date: 5/9/26

Time: 2-7PM

Location: Hidden Lake

111 Hilda Drive, Stafford VA 22556

Introduction:

With fair weather and fair winds, the Aquia District is hosting a day on the water for our Older Youth Programs. Older scouts will get 4 lovely hours on the water to relax and practice their paddling skills at Hidden lake.

General Info

When:

2:00 PM to 7:00 PM Saturday, May 9, 2026

Where:

Hidden Lake 111 Hilda Drive, Stafford VA 22556

Who:

The event is open to:

-Any youth/adult Aquia Chapter, Amangamek-Wipit Lodge (any age)

-Sea Scouts/Venturers/Explorers

-Any Scouts BSA Scout who meets the age requirements to join Sea Scouts/Venturing (13*/14-20)

(* Any 13 year old Scout who is graduating the eighth grade this school year meets these requirements)

Registration/Cost:

Via Blackpug - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-AquiaDayFloat2026>

50 participant spots

No cap on non participant spots

Staff registration

Cost: Free

Check In:

Check-in will take place at the pavilion. Individuals/Adult leaders are expected to provide their **Health Forms A/B** for each participant.

Required Equipment:

We do have a limited amount of equipment available for scouts to use, but we expect participants to self supply their own paddlecraft, lifejackets, and paddles.

In addition each paddlecraft must be equipped with a least (1) efficient soundmaking device (whistle). All equipment will be inspected at check in to ensure it is in working condition.

- **As a reminder, all Scouts/Scouters MUST be wearing a lifejacket/PFD at all times on the water.**
- **If you need to borrow equipment, please reach out to cart3rc00p@gmail.com to arrange equipment needs**

Acceptable Watercraft:

Watercraft must be pass a basic safety inspection before entering the water, and must be from among this list, no exceptions:

- 1-person canoe
- 2-person canoe
- 1-person kayak; flatwater, whitewater, or sea kayak.
- 2-person kayak; flatwater, whitewater, or sea kayak
- 1-person Standup Paddleboard (any type)

Additionally, all watercraft must be un-decked, that is, they must not have any material or fabric that binds the paddler to the boat, such that in the event of a capsize, the paddler cannot float free of the craft. (no kayak skirts)

Swim Tests:

Swim tests will **not** be conducted at the event, however Swim Tests are valid for (1) year after they have been conducted. The Individual **MUST** provide proof of swim test completion. This can be done in a few ways:

- A Unit Swim test form (see appendix) certifying witch scouts/scouters have passed their swim test. (this form could only have one person on it for individuals)
- A printout of the scout/scouters scoutbook profile showing that they have completed a swimmer test in the last year (If its not in there, get your Unit Leader to put it in for you beforehand)
- Pulling up your scoutbook profile on your phone and showing that you have completed the swimmer test within the last year. (If its not in there, get your Unit Leader to put it in for you beforehand)

Individuals who are not swimmers must arrange with a swimmer to be their buddy in a 2 person craft

ALL BOATERS, YOUTH OR ADULT, MUST BE A SWIMMER TO PADDLE ALONE

Swim Tests - Notes:

Note 1: Beginners/Non Swimmers may ride in a canoe with a swimmer, but may not be by themselves.

Note 2 The Swim Classification Record (Form 430-122) does not need a lifeguard signature as per the Guide to Aquatics Supervision.

Buddy Tags:

Buddy Tags will be made at check in and a Buddy board will be maintained at the launch point. Scouts **will** check in and out through it, no exceptions.

Snacks:

Individuals may elect to bring their own packed snacks, however snacks will be available for purchase from Ship 11's Crew.

Patrols/Crews:

Units coming as a group may elect to divide their youth into multiple crews based on attendance. Crews will be provided with a signal flag to use as a crew flag. Crews can use a mix of boats as desired.

Inclement Wether:

In the event of Inclement whether, participants will be called in and water activity will halt until the situation is declared safe by the Aquatics director.

Vehicles/Trailers:

There are 2 main parking areas available. Alpha lot is reserved for vehicles with trailers/boats/gear/handicap. Drop off at Alpha is permitted. The Bravo lot will be for all other vehicles. It is a 1/4mi walk from Bravo to Alpha. Parking will be limited, so take care to minimize cars brought out. See the map in the appendix for parking arrangements.

Emergency Response:

In the event of an emergency, all boaters will be called into port. Staff will pull the affected party(s) to shore and provide first aid until EMS arrives.

Safeguarding Youth:

Two (2) adult leaders, at least twenty-one (21) years old, must always be present at any event. In addition, there must be at least one (1) female adult over twenty-one (21) must be present where there are female youth. As always, drugs, alcohol, fireworks, etc. are not allowed.

Questions/Staff Interest:

Please reach out to: cart3rc00p@gmail.com

Unit Swim Classification Record

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e., nonswimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer) would require a reclassification test performed by an approved test administrator. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

Unit Number _____

Date of Swim Test _____

	Full Name (Print) <small>(Draw lines through blank spaces.)</small>	Medical Recheck	Swim Classification		
			Nonswimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
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NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE TEST:

Print Name

Signature

Qualification

Council/Agency (Red Cross, YMCA, etc.)

UNIT LEADER:

Print Name

Signature

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Talent Release

Yes No

Swimming Classification
Swimmer

Swimming Classification Date
4/22/26

Medical A/B Date

Medical C Date

*Swimming and medical fields editable by admin only.

