

## Fall Aquatics Training Weekend – 9/4-6/2026

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Fall Aquatics training this coming weekend **September 4-6, 2026**, at **Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation**.

Our **rough schedule** for this weekend, subject to minor changes, is as follows:

| Friday                                                                                             |
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| Arrival and check-in for full weekend or PCS only: <b>5-6:30 p.m.</b> , Wood Hall                  |
| Friday night classroom training, Paddle Craft Safety: <b>7-9 p.m.</b>                              |
| Cracker barrel: <b>9-10 p.m.</b>                                                                   |
| Saturday                                                                                           |
| Breakfast: <b>7 a.m.</b>                                                                           |
| Paddle Craft Safety On Water Skills Training: <b>8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b> with lunch break/exam review |
| Paddle Craft Safety exam: <b>5-6 p.m.</b> Paddle Craft Safety concludes                            |
| Dinner: <b>6:30 p.m.</b>                                                                           |
| Swimming and Water Rescue Classroom Training: <b>7-9 p.m.</b>                                      |
| Cracker barrel: <b>9-10 p.m.</b>                                                                   |
| Sunday                                                                                             |
| Breakfast: <b>7 a.m.</b>                                                                           |
| Swimming and Water Rescue On Water Skills Training: <b>8 a.m. to noon</b>                          |
| Snack lunch and exam review                                                                        |
| Swimming and Water Rescue Exam: <b>1:00 to 2:00 p.m.</b>                                           |

## Overview of Paddle Craft Safety Training

Paddle Craft Safety expands the Safety Afloat training to include skills and knowledge to prepare a unit leader to prevent, recognize, and respond to boating emergencies during unit activities. Although Safety Afloat training provides guidelines for conducting boating activities and is required of unit leaders, it does not provide the skills training mandated by those guidelines. This course supplements Safety Afloat by providing in-depth activity training. The course takes approximately **9 hours** and includes both Basic Canoeing and Basic Kayaking components. Participants should arrive between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. Successful participants receive PCS Training Cards after passing required skills and completing the test exam with a score of **80% or higher**. The training is valid for three years.

The course will cover the following outline:

- Applying Safety Afloat Principles
- General Boating Safety Skills
- Canoeing Equipment, Paddling and Rescue Skills
- Kayaking Equipment, Paddling and Rescue Skills
- Water Safety Skills
- Exam Review & Test



## Overview of Swimming and Water Rescue Training

Swimming and Water Rescue expands the Safe Swim Defense training to include skills and knowledge to prepare a unit leader to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swim activities. Although Safe Swim Defense training provides guidelines for conducting safe swimming activities and is required of unit leaders it does not provide the skills training mandated by those guidelines. This course supplements and provides in-depth training. Trained SWR Cards will be issued after passing required skills and completing the test exam with a score of **80% or higher**.

**The course will cover the following outline:**

- Swim Classification Tests & Administration Weight Recovery– Pre-requisite
- Revised Safe Swim Defense & Exercises
- Shore based Rescues
- Defenses
- Line & Tender Rescue
- In-line stabilization
- In-water non-contact rescues for
  - active & passive subjects
- Exam Review & Test



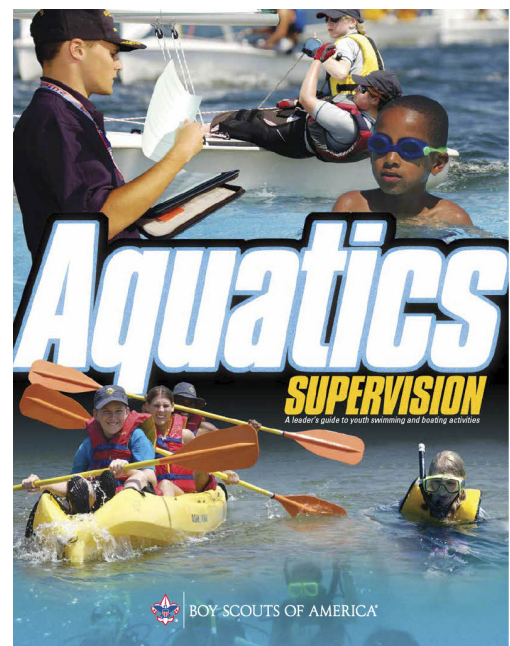
**Prerequisites:**

All participants must have **current BSA Swimmer test** in order to participate. Swimming and Water Rescue requires weight retrieval in **8+ feet of water**. Participants must be **15 years or older**. All participants must have and bring their current **Safety Afloat and/or Safe Swim Defense certification**.

Participants should download and study the BSA Aquatics Supervision Manual no. 621005 - available at

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/Aquatics\\_34346.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/Aquatics_34346.pdf).

The classes will cover and be tested on Sections I, II (SWR), and III (PCS) of the manual. Study exam review questions for all 3 sections if you are taking both PCS and SWR.



### Participants should bring:

- **Signed BSA Medical Form Part A & B**
- **Proof of Current Safety Afloat and/or Safe Swim Defense Training**
- Aquatics Supervision Manual (Digital is acceptable)
- For renewals **only**, proof of prior certifications (current or no more than 6 months expired)
- Pen/Notepad
- Changes of clothes for weekend. You will need both dry clothes and water wear for each day
- **Swim Suit required** for both classes as both will include in-water training
- **Sun protection top required for PCS** (rash guard or wicking shirt)
- Rash guard/swim top optional for SWR
- Towels
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sunglasses/Eyeglass strap, if needed for PCS. Swim goggles optional for SWR
- Water shoes or old shoes for paddling and walking on site. **No open-toe sandals**
- Water bottle
- Confirmation of Registration
- **OPTIONAL** - Participants may bring personal paddling equipment such as life jackets or paddles if desired, but all necessary equipment will be provided.