



# Spring 2026 Aquatics Activities

Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat  
Commitment Training



**Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat Training** - Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat govern Scouting America swimming and boating activities. Both specify that the activities are supervised by an adult who is trained and committed to the nine points of Scouting America's Safety Afloat and/or the eight points of Safe Swim Defense. This training is available in person at GSLAC's University of Scouting. It is also available on-line at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

**Aquatics Supervision Swimming and Water Rescue** – This hands-on performance-based training covers the skills needed for Safe Swim Defense at the unit level. The course fee includes a copy of *Aquatics Supervision*, the required textbook. **When:** Saturday, Apr 18 9am-3pm **Where:** 5420 Oakland Ave, Saint Louis, MO **Who:** Must be able to complete BSA swimmer classification test, minimum age 15 **Cost:** \$45 **Registration deadline:** Apr 13



**Aquatics Supervision Paddle Craft Safety Basic** – This hands-on performance-based training covers the flatwater skills needed for Safety Afloat at the unit level. The course fee includes a copy of *Aquatics Supervision*, the required textbook and use of all equipment. **When:** Saturday, May 9 9am-4pm **Where:** Camp Lewallen, Silva MO. **Who:** Minimum age 15 **Cost:** \$40 **Registration deadline:** May 4

**Aquatics Supervision Paddle Craft Safety River** – This course builds on the Basic program to include moving water skills, as well as knowledge needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on moving water. Persons completing the training should be even better able to assess their preparation to supervise paddle craft activities in all water conditions. **When:** Sunday, May 10 8am-5pm **Where:** St. Francis River, Camp Lewallen, Silva MO. **Who:** Minimum age 15 **Cost:** \$40 **Registration deadline:** May 4

**Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests** – This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual swim classification check done under the supervision of GSLAC-approved aquatics personnel in a pool. A unit swim classification record will be issued by GSLAC Aquatics aquatic personnel to each unit showing the swim classification (swimmer, beginner, non-swimmer) of each participant.



**When:** Saturday, May 2 1-1:30pm; 1:30-2pm; 2-2:30pm; 2:30-3pm; 3-3:30pm; 3:30-4pm **Where:** 5420 Oakland Ave, Saint Louis, MO **Cost:** Registration by unit only, \$8 per participant **Registration deadline:** Apr 27. 20 participants can be scheduled for each 30 min session.

## American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Training



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**Do you need training for a Lifeguarding job for the summer?**

This is the American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding with CPR and First Aid certification course. Those who want to work the waterfront at any pool or Scouting America summer camp need this training. The course includes 7 ½ hours of online pre-work that must be completed before the first class session. Online pre-work details are provided at the orientation/pre-test session. **Where:** St. Louis Community College, 5420 Oakland Ave, Saint Louis, MO **Cost:** \$160. **Who:** Any older youth (minimum age 15) or registered adult with strong swimming skills. We need a minimum of 4 registrations to hold the course. The courses are limited to 10 participants per course. April 13 - Registration deadline; April 18 : 4-6pm Prerequisite swim test and orientation Sat/Sun Apr 25/26 9am-5pm. Sat/Sun May 2/3 9am-5pm You must attend ALL sessions of the course to complete the course and earn certification

**For more information or to register for any of these activities visit [stlbsa.org/training/aquatics](http://stlbsa.org/training/aquatics)**