



Unit Swim Classification Procedures

Swim classification is an essential part of Scouting America's Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat programs. Swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the start of each outdoor season.

To help reduce wait times and ease the busy Sunday check-in process, Camp Durant strongly encourages troops to complete a Unit Swim Classification before arriving at camp.

Conducting a Unit Swim Classification

Unit swim classification tests must be administered by one of the following qualified individuals:

- Scouting America Aquatics Instructor
- American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguard
- Scouting America Swimming & Water Rescue-trained individual
- Other council-approved lifeguard, swimming instructor, or qualified professional

Test administrators should follow Chapter 5 of the Scouting America Aquatics Supervision Guide. Record each Scout's swim classification on the Unit Swim Classification Record and provide a copy to the Aquatics Director during your Sunday tour.

The *Swimmer* classification is required for aquatic merit badges, including Swimming, Lifesaving, Kayaking, Rowing, and Small-Boat Sailing, as well as activities such as stand-up paddleboarding and the Mile Swim.

Scouts looking to improve their swimming skills can also participate in our afternoon Learn to Swim sessions.

Complete swim checks ahead of camp to help your troop spend less time waiting and more time enjoying the water!

Unit Swim Classification Procedures Prior to attending Camp Durant (2027):

Swimmers must pass the following test:

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: side stroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Beginners must pass the following test:

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-Swimmers are anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests. Non-swimmers are still able to enter shallow water in a specially designated area.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Aquatics Director shall, at all times, reserve the authority to review or retest all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

