

# Early Swim Check: A Great Improvement to Sunday Check In

Troop Leaders,

**Enclosed are your buddy tags for your troop. There should be one for each registered scout and scouter attending camp. I would encourage your troop to take advantage of conducting your swim checks before arriving to camp.**

This is our effort to speed up your Sunday arrival process. Below are the guidelines for conducting a swim check. Please keep in mind that our camp is located at an elevation of 5,300 ft above sea level and the water is cold. Any borderline swimmers should be classed in the classification below. Below is a picture of the correct way to have the buddy tags filled out. **The aquatic staff also may retest a person if they feel this is necessary. If your troop is planning on a Monday arrival, it is mandatory that your troop conduct swim checks before camp at your home city.**

The swim classification test done at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; Aquatics Cub Supervisor; BSA Lifeguard; BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

## SWIMMER'S 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: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

## BEGINNER'S TEST:

Jump feetfirst 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.

## Properly filling out a buddy tag:

The swimmer's name is put on the front in the middle section. On the backside is written their Troop Number and Campsite.

**Non Swimmer** (did not pass to the Beginner level): Buddy Tag left without color

**Beginner** (passed Beginner level but did not complete full swim test, or did not complete test to the satisfaction of the test administrator): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker.

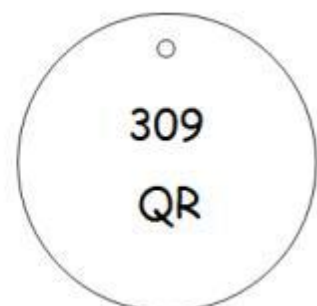
**Swimmer** (satisfactorily completed the full swim test): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker and color the bottom half circle with a blue permanent marker.

I hope that all of you take advantage of this opportunity, and I look forward to your troop attending Camp Chawanakee this summer.

Greg Ferguson

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2017 Camp Director



# 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) (Draw lines through blank spaces.)	Medical Recheck	Swim Classification		
			No swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
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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