Scouting America

Aquatics

Changing Lives. Saving Lives.

The Purpose of the Council Aquatics Committee

The Committee's purpose and responsibility is to oversee and support all year-round aquatic activities within the Council for all levels of Scouting:

Safety Training

- Promote Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat at the district and unit levels.
- Review council and district safety training and procedures for aquatics activities, including day and resident camps

Aquatic Leadership

- Develop and maintain enough qualified instructors to meet all local aquatics training needs in a timely manner.
- Establish a program to train, develop, and retain younger aquatics staff members to become aquatics leaders in the future. This includes staff for summer camp and year-round council- and district-led aquatics activities.

Provide Program Opportunities

- Advancement, aquatics skills training and recreational events for youth and adults.

• Provide Updates to Aquatics Policies & Programs

- Post all new information in a timely manner using a variety of media methods to reach a broad audience.

Please take these information fliers to your unit leadership.

Also fill out and leave an Aquatics Committee Application if you wish to share your skills with us!

Aquatics Has Been an Integral Part of Scouting Since it's Inception!

"Swimming has its educational value - mental, moral, and physical - in giving you a sense of mastery over an element, and of power of saving life, and in the development of wind and limb."

– Lord Robert Baden Powell
Founder of World Scouting

Aquatics Resources

- *"Guide to Safe Scouting"* (Revised Online Quarterly)
- *"Aquatics Supervision Guide"* (Newly Revised for 2025! Download Full PDF for Free)
- US Coast Guard
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- American Canoe Association
- American Whitewater Association
- Carolina Canoe Club
- NC Wildlife Boating Education Courses
- Local pools, lakes, beaches
- Scout camps
- Council Aquatics Committee

Training that Every Scout and Leader Needs!

- Swimming skills
- Water rescue and self-preservation skills
- CPR & first aid skills
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Hazardous Weather

Additional Training for Leaders and Older Scouts

- Swimming & Water Rescue
- Paddle Craft Safety
- Red Cross Lifeguard / Lifeguard Instructor
- Aquatics Instructor BSA

American Red Cross Lifeguard / Lifeguard Instructor

Aquatics High Adventure

- Florida Sea Base
- Northern Tier Canoe Base

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PROGRAM INFORMATION