Unit Swim Classification Record

This is an individual swim classification <u>as of the date the test was administered</u>. It is good for ONE year; however any change in status after this date (i.e., health, change from beginner to swimmer) would require a NEW swim test form to be filed. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

When Swim tests are conducted away from camp, the aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants.

Test administrator MUST ATTACH a current certification to this form or testing will be **INVALID** and require a retest. Qualifying certificates are BSA Aquatics Director, Lifeguard, and BSA Aquatics Supervision.

UNIT Number: _____

Date of Swim Test: _____

Full Name (Print)	Youth	Swim Classification			
	or Adult	Nonswimmer	Beginner	Swimmer	

Name of Person Conducting the Test:

Print Name Signature							
Circle Qualification: BSA Aquat	tics Directo	r Lifeguar	d I	BSA Aquati	cs Supervi	sion (the 8 hours class)	
Circle Qualifying Agency: BSA	YMCA	Red Cross	Ellis	Starfish	NASCO	other	
UNIT Leader Name			Signa	ature			

SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season. Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this be the only place the test can be conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification prior to a unit going to summer camp. All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water (e.g., the swimmer's test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth).

ADMINISTRATION OF SWIM CLASSIFICATION TEST (THE LOCAL COUNCIL CHOOSES ONE OF THESE OPTIONS):

OPTION A (at camp): The swim classification test is completed the first day by camp aquatics personnel. OPTION B (Council conducted/council controlled): The council controls the swim classification process by predetermined dates, locations, and approved personnel to serve as test administrators. When the unit goes to summer camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the camp aquatics director for use at the camp. OPTION C (At unit level with council-approved aquatics resource people): The swim classification test done at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following councilapproved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; Aquatics Cub Supervisor; BSA Lifeguard; BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. When the unit goes to summer camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the camp aquatics director for use at the camp.

TO THE TEST ADMINISTRATOR

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:

<u>SWIMMER'S TEST:</u> Jump <u>feet first</u> 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, but the stroke may change. The strokes must be RECOGNIZABLE as a stroke. Front strokes (such as the crawl) should be done with face in the water and preferably with rhythmic breathing. After completing the swim, rest by floating. NO DOG PADDLING ALLOWED. A resting backstroke is either the elementary backstroke or a RESTING backstroke.

<u>BEGINNER'S TEST</u>: 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.

<u>NONSWIMMER</u>: A nonswimmer must get in the water and demonstrate their ability to stay calm, and demonstrate knowledge of the buddy system.