

Swimming & Water Rescue & Paddle Craft Safety Courses

May 22nd (9 AM) to May 23rd (3:30 PM)
Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth, CT

Our Mission: To provide training in two new Adult Aquatic Supervision Courses that will provide the knowledge and skill set required to keep Scouts and Scouters safe when engaging in Swimming in otherwise unsupervised areas and when using canoes and kayaks.

Swimming & Water Rescue provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities. It expands the awareness instruction provided by Safe Swim Defense training to include basic water rescue skills. The unit leader completing the training will also feel confident in his or her ability to conduct the standard BSA swim classification tests.

Paddle Craft Safety expands on Safety Afloat training to include the basic skills and knowledge needed for a unit leader to confidently assess his or her ability to supervise float trips using canoes or kayaks. The material also reviews the additional training and experience needed for whitewater, how to gain that expertise, and when it is appropriate to utilize professional whitewater guides.

Who Should Go: Adult's from troops interested in using paddle craft or in swimming activities. Revised Safe Swim Defense guidelines will recommend that at least one person with this training is present to assist with supervision whenever a unit swims at a location that does not provide lifeguards.

Prerequisites:

Completion of the Medical Form

Completion of Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat courses (go to www.myscouting.org)

Once you have completed the courses, print out a copy of the completion certificate and bring it with you to the course.

There is a good amount of physical swimming and lifesaving ability required for this course. You must be a strong swimmer and in good cardio-vascular condition.

Cost: \$85 Includes the cost of the course as well as meals.

Expected Outcomes: Upon successful completion of these courses, you will have the knowledge and confidence to organize and lead unit activities involving swimming in otherwise unsupervised areas and when using kayaks and canoes. This training is good for three years.