

SWIMMING



Introduction

Your challenge as a summer camp merit badge counselor is to see that the Scouts who attend your session have the best opportunity to learn about swimming. It is important that they have a positive experience. This lesson plan is designed to help you plan a logical, high-quality program. You may have to use a slightly different approach in presenting the material based on your camp resources and facilities. Sign off Scouts as they complete their requirements.

Resources

Be sure to utilize all the resources available to you. There are several organizations that can help you demonstrate proper swimming techniques. Utilize these resources.

DAY	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1	Greet Scouts	A. Examine all merit badge cards for the Scoutmaster's signature. Make a roster of the Scouts.
	Review	B. Review Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat with the group, then do a Safe Swim Defense exercise.
	Review	C. Review requirement 2. Let Scouts know when the training will be given, and remind them that this requirement is mandatory.
	Complete	D. Have each Scout successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.
	Demonstrate	E. Demonstrate requirement 5, then allow Scouts to practice and complete the requirement.
	Instruction	F. Discuss and demonstrate Second Class rank requirements 7b and 7c. Have Scouts practice and complete the requirements.
2	Instruction	A. Discuss and demonstrate requirement 8, then permit Scouts to practice and complete the requirement.
	Demonstrate	B. Demonstrate requirement 7, then allow Scouts to practice and complete the requirement.
	Demonstrate	C. Demonstrate requirement 9, then allow Scouts to practice and complete the requirement.
3	Practice	A. Continue work on requirements 7, 8, and 9.
	Demonstrate	B. Demonstrate requirement 6 and have Scouts practice and complete the requirement.
	Demonstrate	C. Demonstrate a line rescue as described in First Class rank requirement 9c. Have Scouts practice and complete this requirement.

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| 4 | Demonstrate | A. | Demonstrate requirement 4, then permit Scouts to practice and complete it. |
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Demonstrate | B. | Discuss and demonstrate requirement 2, then have Scouts practice and complete this requirement. |
| | Discuss/Do | C. | Discuss requirements 1 and 10, then allow Scouts to complete these requirements. |
| | Practice | D. | Continue work on all requirements. |
| | Note | E. | Inform the Scoutmaster of any Scout who might not complete the merit badge. |

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| 5 | Wrap up | A. | Wrap up all the requirements. Prepare the merit badge cards for the proper signatures. If any Scout does not complete all the requirements, make sure that his records properly indicate the requirements that he has completed and that the Scout knows why he did not complete the badge requirements. |
| | | B. | Sign all merit badge applications for Scouts who completed requirements. |
| | | C. | Submit necessary records to the camp program director. |