

Council Waterfront Facilities Use Form
(to be used by any unit/group reserving Rowboats/Canoes)

Rowboats/Canoes:

BSA's Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense policies and procedures shall apply when using council waterfront facilities. Additionally, the following rules shall be followed:

1. Reservations must be made at the council office prior to the event. Reservations may be made for ninety minute periods. In the event of conflicting reservations, absent agreement among the different Safety Afloat Supervisors, units may only reserve one period per day.
2. Each unit must provide "Qualified Supervision"— a Safety Afloat Supervisor at least 21 years old, who has completed BSA Safety Afloat Training, who has a current commitment card on file with the council office, and who has presented a copy to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster upon arrival at camp (the "Supervisor"). The Supervisor must be skilled in the safe operation of the craft for the specific activity, knowledgeable in accident prevention, and prepared for emergency situations. If the Supervisor lacks the necessary boat operating and safety skills, then he or she may serve as the Supervisor only if assisted by other adults, camp staff personnel, or professional tour guides who have the appropriate skills. The Supervisor shall be present at the waterfront at all times whenever youth/adults are on the water. The Supervisor shall oversee the activity and assure compliance with the BSA Safety Afloat Guidelines, and these rules.

If swimming is to be done in conjunction with the activity afloat, the Supervisor must also have completed the Safe Swim Defense Training, have a copy of his/her card on file with the council office, and have presented a copy to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster.

(latest version of Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Aquatics/safe-swim.aspx>)

3. Additionally, a second adult, who is at least 18 years old, who has completed BSA Safety Afloat training, who has a current commitment card on file with the council office, and who has presented a copy to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster upon arrival at camp, must also be present when ever youth/adults are on the water. Further, additional adults who have completed BSA Safety Afloat, who have current commitment cards on file with the council office, and who have presented a copy to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster upon arrival at camp, must be present to maintain a ratio of one adult to ten boy scouts/adults on the water. The ratio of one trained adult to five cub scouts shall be maintained if Cub Scouts are on the water. Further, a minimum of one of these adults must be trained in First Aid and CPR.

It is also *strongly recommended* that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Paddle Craft Safety to assist in the planning and conduct of all activities afloat.

4. All boating participants must possess the proper swim test for the craft to be used.
5. The buddy system shall be used, both boat occupants and buddy boats.
6. The Supervisor shall inspect all water craft, equipment, life jackets, and rescue equipment prior to use. The Supervisor shall assure all equipment is present and in proper working order before allowing a craft on the water. The Supervisor shall notify the Camp Ranger or Campmaster of any missing or defective equipment or of any safety related concerns.
7. All boat occupants must wear a proper life jacket (PFD)

8. In the event of high/low water conditions, weather or other factors, the Camp Ranger and/or Campmaster has the authority to limit or prohibit the use of watercraft.
9. Prior to departing the waterfront, the Supervisor shall assure that all watercraft, and equipment (paddles, life jackets, oars, rescue equipment, etc.) are properly secured and stored. The Supervisor shall report any missing, broken or defective equipment to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster prior to departing camp.
10. Only council owned watercraft are permitted unless prior approval is obtained and noted here on this form. In which event, the Supervisor and craft owner shall inspect the craft and equipment to assure that it is in proper working order and shall be solely responsible for operation of the craft and for any injuries or damage arising out of the use of the craft on council property.
11. Watercraft may be used by non-Scout groups only in connection with camp rental. The group shall comply with all of the requirements herein and shall provide Qualified Supervision and Certified as required herein. The group shall be solely responsible for conducting and supervising the activity and shall be responsible for claims for injury or damage arising out of the use of the watercraft and/or waterfront or rescue equipment.
12. The unit is responsible for all watercraft, rescue and other waterfront equipment. Any missing or damaged equipment will be noted by the Camp Ranger or Campmaster, and the unit will be charged repair or replacement costs for damaged or missing equipment. Failure to follow the above requirements or misuse of Council facilities will result in the loss of the privilege to use the facilities.

Qualified supervision:

_____ shall be the Safety Afloat Supervisor (minimum 21 years old) for this activity and shall be responsible for assuring compliance with the above policies. Safe Swim Defense Certificate _____(date), Safety Afloat Certificate _____(date), CPR Certificate _____(date).*

_____ shall be the second qualified adult supervisor (minimum 18 years old) for this activity. Safe Swim Defense Certificate _____(date), Safety Afloat Certificate _____(date), CPR Certificate _____(date).*

*All certificates must be presented to Camp Ranger or Campmaster upon request.

I have read and understood the above policy and rules and assure that the same will be followed in connection with the use of the Golden Spread Council's waterfront facilities and equipment.

Unit or group

Date(s) of reservation

Printed name and date

Signature