

**Council Swimming Facilities Use Form**  
**(to be used for any unit/group reserving the Pool or Lake)**

BSA's Safe Swim Defense policies and procedures shall apply and must be followed when using council swimming 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 four hour periods. In the event of conflicting reservations, absent agreement among the different Swim Supervisors, units may only reserve for four hours per day.
2. Each unit must provide "Qualified Supervision"— a Swim Supervisor adult at least 21 years old, who has completed BSA Safe Swim Defense Training, has a current commitment card on file with the council office, and presented to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster upon arrival at camp. The Swim Supervisor shall be present at the pool or waterfront at all times whenever youth/adults are in the water including unit swims and merit badge training. The Swim Supervisor shall oversee the swim and assure compliance with BSA Safe Swim Defense guidelines (latest version can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Aquatics/safe-swim.aspx>)
3. The Swim Supervisor shall assure at least one rescue person (lifeguard) be present for each ten boys in the water and a minimum of two rescue personnel (lifeguards) for each swim. While BSA Safe Swim Defense guidelines permit any strong swimmer to serve as a rescue person, it is recommended that at least one rescue person be a currently certified BSA Lifeguard. In the event the rescue personnel are not BSA certified lifeguards, the Swim Supervisor shall review the Safe Swim Defense guidelines with the rescue personnel prior to the swim and assure that they enforce the same.

It is also *strongly recommended* that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue.

4. Additionally, the Swim Supervisor shall assure at least one lookout is present during the swim. The lookout(s) will assist the lifeguards by performing the duties outlined in the Safe Swim Defense guidelines. The Swim Supervisor may serve as a lookout.
5. All swimmers and rescue personnel (lifeguards) must complete the appropriate swimming test before being permitted in the Beginner or Swimmer area of the pool or waterfront.
6. The buddy system shall be used at all times.
7. The Swim Supervisor shall inspect the facility prior to permitting boys in the water and shall immediately notify the Camp Ranger or Campmaster of any safety related concerns.
8. The Swim Supervisor shall make sure all persons using the swimming facility abide by all posted rules.
9. The unit is responsible for all 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 for costs of repair or replacement. Failure to follow the above requirements or misuse of Council facilities will result in the loss of the privilege to use the facilities.

The Swim Supervisor who will be in charge of the swimming activity \_\_\_\_\_

Safe Swim Defense Card Date \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Type and Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I possess a current Safe Swim Defense card, I have read the above requirements and the current BSA Safe Swim Defense Guidelines and agree to follow and enforce the same at all swim activities at council facilities.

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Swim Supervisor Signature /Print Name