



Activities on the water have been popular in Scouting since the founding of our organization. In this program feature your Scouts will have an opportunity to pursue several forms of aquatic activities.

New Scouts can work on their swimming requirements for Second and First Class. If possible, conduct all troop activities at a waterfront or swimming pool. If your troop does not have access to a waterfront or pool, ask your commissioner or district executive for help in finding one. Always enforce the Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat programs.

SCOUTING OUTCOMES

This month's patrol and troop activities should give your Scouts:

- A greater understanding of physical fitness.
- Improved swimming skills.
- Stronger boating and canoeing skills.
- Enhanced self-confidence.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By the end of the month, all Scouts should have met the majority of their physical fitness requirements through First Class. Depending on the activities, they may also complete all or part of the following rank requirements.

Tenderfoot

- Patrol/troop participation—Patrol identification
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law
- Physical fitness—Health, conditioning, swimming

Second Class

- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law
- Physical fitness—Health, conditioning, swimming

First Class

- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law
- Physical fitness—Health, conditioning, swimming

Merit Badges. Older Scouts can concentrate on the Canoeing and Rowing merit badges this month; they should be able to complete many of the requirements. Depending on activities planned for the campout, they may also cover requirements in Athletics, Swimming, and Small-Boat Sailing.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

The patrol leaders' council can involve parents in the program feature this month by:

- Asking those qualified to assist in aquatics instruction.
- Inviting them on a canoe trip.
- Asking them to provide transportation.