

Greater Niagara Frontier Council

Swimming and Boating Regulations for Council Properties

Buddy System:

For all swimming and boating activities, the buddy system is used. All participants will check in and out of the areas with a buddy using a tag system.

Swim Test:

Each person attending camp must take a swim test. Adults and Boy Scouts may pre-test prior to camp in a pool. Dates and locations to be announced in early Spring. All Cub Scouts must test at camp in the lake.

BSA Swim Test Requirements

Swimmer (Blue)

- Jump feet first into water over the head, level off and begin swimming.
- Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side, breast, trudgen, or crawl.
- Swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke.
- The 100 yards must be completed without stops and must include at least one sharp turn
- Rest by floating...Long enough to demonstrate the ability to rest when exhausted.

Beginner (Red)

- Jump feet first into water over the head, level off and begin swimming.
- Swim 25 feet on the surface.
- Stop, turn, and resume swimming back to the starting place.

Non-Swimmer (White)

- Did not complete either of the swimming tests.

*Note- when swimming you must use only the areas that both swimmers are qualified to be in. Example: if blue and white swimmers are buddies they must remain in the white area.

Boating Regulations

Paddle Boats, John Boats, & Row Boats

A combination of red/blue swimmers, but must include at least one blue swimmer (any age) in the boat. One or more white (non-swimmers) may use any of these craft with at least one blue adult swimmer in the boat.

Canoes

All (minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 in a canoe) blue swimmers (any age) in the canoe. A red swimmer (or 2 red swimmers) may canoe with at least 1 adult blue swimmer in the canoe.

Kayaks/Sailboats

Blue swimmers only (any age). Kayaks have must have buddy boats – max of 3 kayaks in a buddy group. A blue Webelos II may be a passenger on a sailboat with a blue adult who has sailing knowledge.

Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) – SSR only

Blue swimmers only - One person per SUP with 2 or 3 SUP's in a buddy group.

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