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# **Council Policies**



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## **Policy for Top Unit Leader Trained**

- Three Rivers Council requires the “Top Unit Leader” named on the recharter roster must completed the “Trainings Required” before processing the annual recharter.
- Top Unit Leaders are currently defined as:
  - Cubmaster
  - Scoutmaster
  - Advisor
  - Skipper
- Current Trainings Required:
  - Youth Protection Training
  - Position-Specific Training
    - Most position-specific training can now be completed online at my. Scouting.org.
  - IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) for Scoutmasters has to be completed at an in-person training.
- Internet Rechartering does NOT check this requirement, so you will need to make sure “Top Unit Leader Training” is completed for your unit.

## Policy for Appropriate Attire for Youth and Adults when participating in Aquatics Activities:

- Lycra and Nylon are the best non-absorbent material for swimming and are the best fabrics for proper swim attire.
- Appropriate swimwear for girls includes:
  - Full coverage 2 piece tankini bathing suit
    - All swim suits must cover your entire bottom
  - Full coverage 1 piece bathing suit
    - All swim suits must cover your entire bottom
  - Swim/Surf Shirts with Swim Shorts/Bottoms or over a bathing suit
  - Religious Swimwear
  - Swimmers Diapers if needed
- Appropriate swimwear for boys includes:
  - Swim trunks
  - Swim/Surf Shirts with Swim Trunks
  - Religious Swimwear
  - Swimmers Diapers if needed
- Examples of Appropriate Swimwear:



- Inappropriate swimwear includes:
  - Bikinis
  - Low cut tops, both front and back of suit
  - String tie bottoms
  - Swim suits that show your rear end
  - Speedos
- No Undergarments can be worn as bathing suits. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Bras
  - Panties
  - Boxers
  - Briefs
  - Any type of Underwear
- No cotton based clothing are allowed.
  - Cotton and similar materials can absorb the water, which will hamper the swimmer
- No street clothes, including blue jeans, cut offs, t-shirts, socks, shoes, are allowed.

## **Policy for Unit Aquatics Activities**

- One adult leader, age 21 or older, with Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense trainings (taken online) for every ten participants (Source: Guide to Safe Scouting: Aquatics Safety).
  - If the adult with Safety Afloat training lacks the necessary boat operating and safety skills, then they may serve as the supervisor only if assisted by other adults, camp staff personnel, or professional tour guides who have the appropriate skills.
- One adult leader, age 21 or older, who is certified in First Aid and CPR/AED (Source: Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346 chapter 12; SSD #1).
- One adult leader, age 21 or older, who is skilled in the safe operation of the craft for the specific activity, knowledgeable in accident prevention, and prepared for emergency situations.
- One adult leader, age 21 or older, acting as a look out (Source: Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346 chapter 6; SSD #5).
- Additional leadership is provided in ratios of one trained adult, staff member, or guide per 10 participants (Source: Guide to Safe Scouting: Aquatics Safety).
  - For Cub Scouts, the leadership ratio is one trained adult, staff member, or guide per five participants.
- Qualified supervision strongly recommends that all units have at least one adult leader or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue or BSA Lifeguard (Source: Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346 chapter 6; SA #1).
- If Boating:
  - One leader, age 21 or older, with Paddle Craft Safety training is strongly recommended.
- If Swimming:
  - Any swimming done in conjunction with the activity afloat must be supervised in accordance with BSA Safe Swim Defense standards.

### **Resources:**

- Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346, is the primary resource for aquatics at the unit level.
- Guide to Safe Scouting: Aquatics Safety
- Swim classifications tests renewed annually at the beginning of the season (Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346, SA#3)