

Safety

Developed more than 60 years ago, the procedures included in the Boy Scouts of America's water safety plan have earned Scouting what is believed to be the most commendable water safety record of any youth organization in the United States.

BSA Safe Swim Defense

All swimming activity in Scouting is conducted according to Safe Swim Defense standards. The eight points of Safe Swim Defense are as follows.

1. Qualified Supervision

All swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in his or her care, and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Swimming and Water Rescue or BSA Lifeguard to assist in the planning and conduct of all swimming activities.

