



BSA VIRTUAL NATIONAL AQUATICS CONFERENCE 2020

Overview of BSA Aquatics Since 2018



BSA Aquatics Guidance:

- Local Delivery
- High Adventure Bases
- National Aquatics Subcommittee (volunteers)
- Staff Advisor (professional)



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Content:

• Aquatics Updates



New Life Jacket Labels

- The traditional "Types" categories are going away.



Lifeguard Skill Assessment and Preservice Training

BSA Aquatics Programs in a COVID-19 Environment



• BSA Updates



Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and the community is our top priority. This checklist outlines several key areas that all council, chartered organization, and unit volunteers must consider before restarting in-person activities.

UPDATE: MOVING SOME CHURCHILL RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARD

NEWS Boy Scouts take a hit as LDS Church removes 400,000 youths from program

The Salt Lake Tribune

U.S. NEWS Boy Scouts Will Admit Girls, Add Eagle Scout Rank

COMING 2021 - "SHORT-TERM CAMP" NCAP CLASSIFICATION



CNN US Boy Scouts of America files for bankruptcy. Hundreds of sexual abuse lawsuits are now on hold

eNewsletters: <http://t.email.scouting.org/lp/subscribeoutdoorprograms>

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Nov 2019

Ap 2020

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special edition



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IN THIS ISSUE

1. Covid 19 – It's affecting us all

Uncertain times call for flexibility and communication.

2. BSA National Aquatics Conference

*This National Conference at The Summit Bechtel Reserve is packed with exciting and informative activities and sessions! **Registration is now open!***

3. 2021 National Scout Jamboree

Staff application is now on-line and ready for you.

4. The Swim Test – What are the options?

Local councils have more options than you might think.

5. Get on the list for the newsletter.

We've had many requests to be added to the list. Here's the link....

exciting and informative

Program Safety Updates:

Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name: _____
 Date of birth: _____

Part B1: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____
 Date of birth: _____
 Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Council Number: _____
 Health Record No.: _____

Part B2: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____
 Date of birth: _____
 Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Council Number: _____
 Health Record No.: _____

Part C: Pre-Participation Physical

This part must be completed by certified and licensed physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, or physician assistants.

Full name: _____
 Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:
 Expedition code to: _____
 or staff position: _____

Allergies:
 Do you have any allergies? Yes No



Prohibited Activities

The Scouting program incorporates common activities such as swimming, climbing, cycling, etc. The details, may include both real and perceived risks to participants. Those risks are managed by setting limits and incorporating specific features such as safety equipment or qualified supervision. In addition to the [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#), [Safe Swim Defense](#), [Safety Afloat](#), and [Shooting Sports](#) program. Activity components outside of BSA program guidelines are prohibited.

1. Nonadherence to the [Scouter Code of Conduct](#)
2. Any activity that is not aligned with the current [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)
3. Aquatic activities that fail to comply with [Safe Swim Defense](#) and/or [Safety Afloat](#)



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As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.

Supervision
Assessment
Fitness & Skill
Equipment & Environment

• AHMR

• Unauthorized & Restricted

• SAFE

Merit Badge Updates:

- 2 year review cycle
- No set schedule for pamphlet revision
- Churchill: transition to digital
- Images



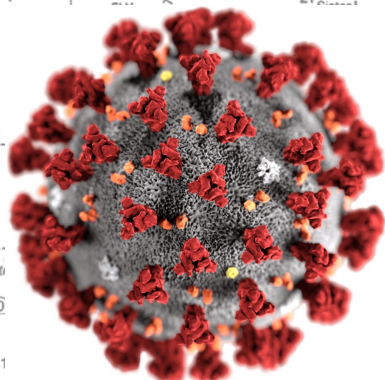
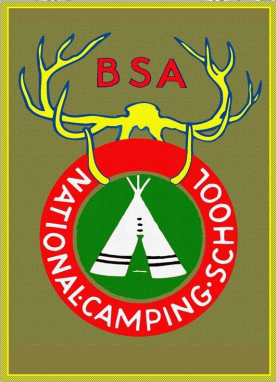
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NATIONAL
On-Water Standards
PROGRAM



BSA Aquatics Instructor (NCS):

- Revised lesson plan
- 2020 season begins at Sea Base



BSA Aquatics Programs in a COVID-19 Environment

A photograph showing a group of people, including children and adults, sitting in a green canoe on a body of water. They appear to be participating in an outdoor activity.

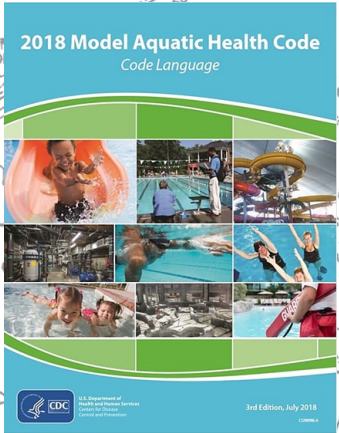
National Camp Accreditation Program:

- **AQUATICS: GENERAL PS-201 C**

... equipment ... provided as specified in CDC MAHC

- **AQUATICS: STAFF SQ-406 C 1**

Lifeguard competency tested & documented:



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Home > Outdoor Programs > Trail To Adventure > Lifeguard Skill Assessment and Preservice Training

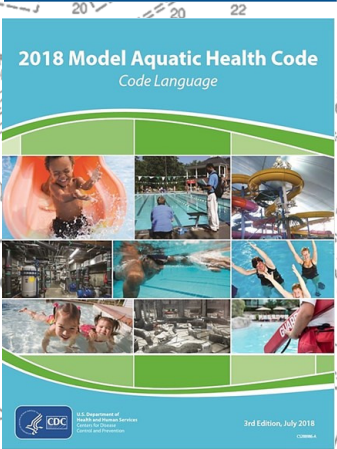
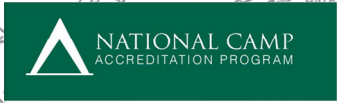
Lifeguard Skill Assessment and Preservice Training

Outdoor Programs

- Outdoor Programs/Properties
- Trail to Adventure Blog
- The BSA Family Adventure Camp
- ATV Safety Program
- Aquatics
- Awards
- Biking

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/trail-to-adventure/lifeguard-skill-assessment-and-preservice-training/>

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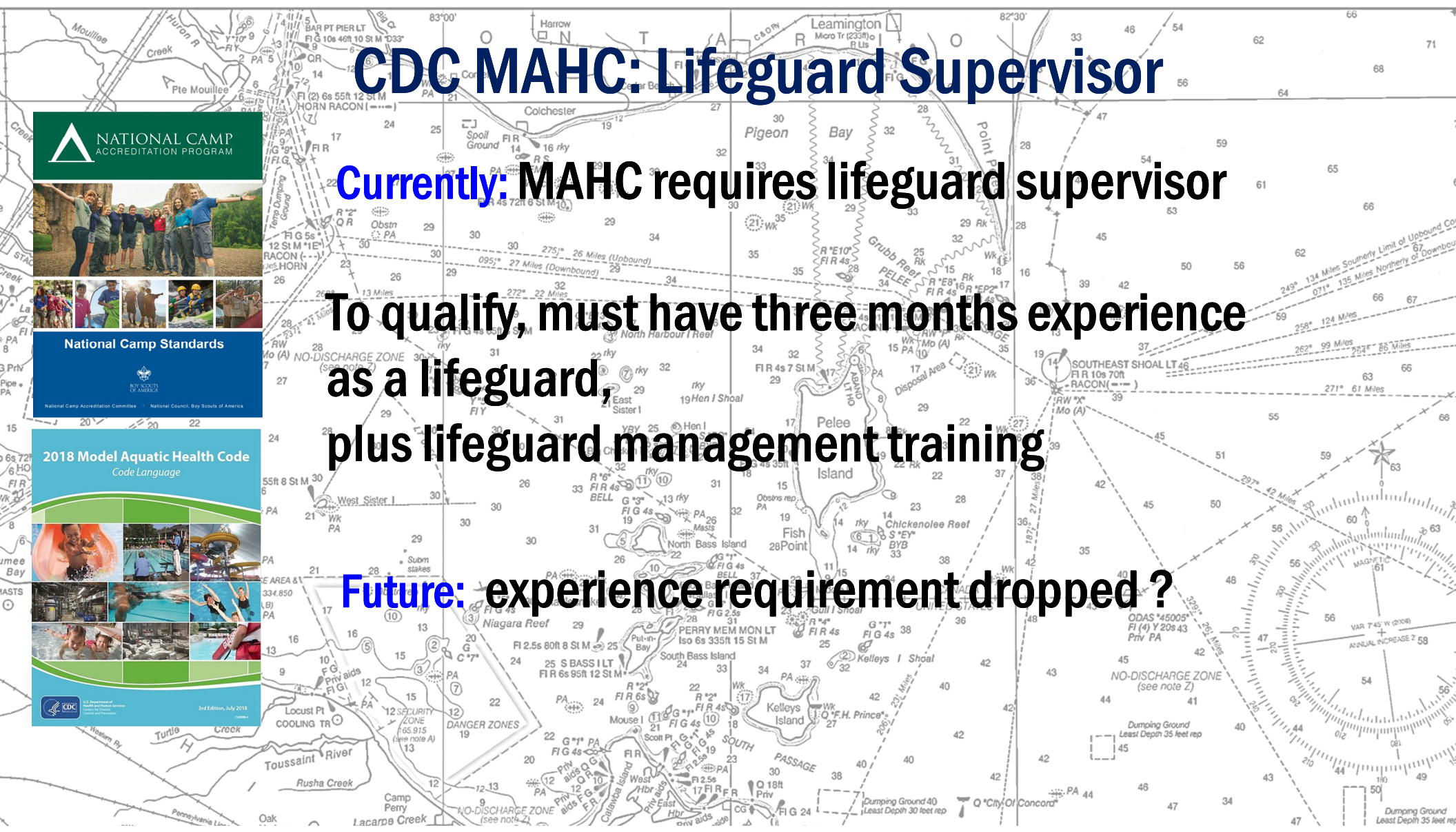
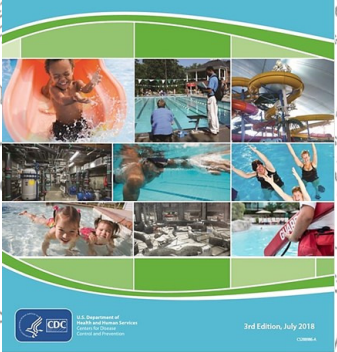
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- **AQUATICS: STAFF SQ-406 B**
Each aquatics area ... supervised by person (18+) who holds...
 - *Lifeguard certification*
 - *BSA AI or ARC Lifeguard Management (for swimming)*
 - *BSA AI, Paddle Craft Safety, or... (for boating)*

CDC MAHC: Lifeguard Supervisor

Currently: MAHC requires lifeguard supervisor

To qualify, must have three months experience as a lifeguard, plus lifeguard management training

Future: experience requirement dropped?



National Camp Accreditation Program:



PS-201

AQUATICS: GENERAL

(Revised January 1, 2020)

Applies to:

Day camp

Family camp

Long-term camp

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- I. Proper trainin whitewater ac are not allow
- J. If a swimming operated by a spray park, w council and th respective res training may buddies and li approved life of the activity. Safe Swim De council-staffe

Short-term Camp

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AQUATICS STAFF

(Revised January 1, 2020)

Applies to:

Camp properties

Day camp

Family camp

Long-term camp

1 to 3 nights:

Camporees, Cub Scout & OA events, Training



Scuba:



Recreational Diving Medical Screening System

In 2020, the international Diver Medical Screen Committee (DMSC) released a new diver medical screening system and guidance to the physician. The following is an overview of that system.

• Stay tuned for updates to
BSA Scuba Policy

Jamborees:

• **WSJ 2019**

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THE WORLD'S LATEST PADDLESPORT CRAZE

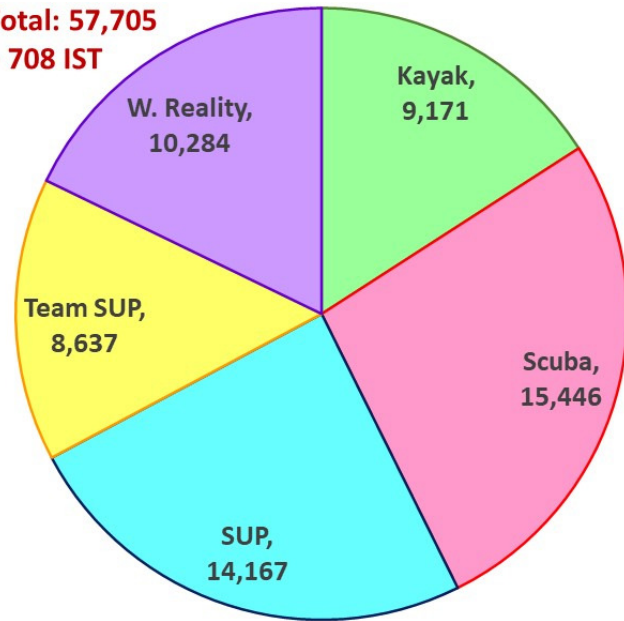
KAYAKING
FLY ON THE WATER WITH NEW FRIENDS

THE POOLS
BREATHE UNDERWATER!

WATER CHALLENGE
USE TEAMWORK TO BETTER YOUR TIME

- > 40,000 participants
- 152 nations
- 436 aquatics service team members
- 15,354 river rafters

**Total: 57,705
+ 708 IST**



■ Kayak ■ Scuba ■ SUP ■ Team SUP ■ W. Reality

• **NSJ 2021**
postponed



Aquatics Supervision:



2019 BSA Aquatics Supervision Book

Item: 648224
\$32.99

BE THE FIRST TO WRITE A REVIEW!

Use this guide as a reference for all camp swimming and boating activities within Boy Scouts of America.

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The screenshot shows the BSA website's 'Aquatics Resources' page. The page has a blue header with the BSA logo and navigation links like 'Join', 'Give', 'Shop', and 'My.Scouting Login'. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'Aquatics Resources' and includes a sidebar with a menu of 'Outdoor Programs' such as 'Outdoor Programs/Properties', 'Trail to Adventure Blog', 'The BSA Family Adventure Camp', 'ATV Safety Program', and 'Aquatics'. The main text area contains a section for 'Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense Training' and a link to the 'Aquatics Supervision Guide' with a 'New' badge. The background of the screenshot is a nautical chart with various depth soundings and geographical markers.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/Aquatics_34346.pdf

Life Jacket Designations:

CHOOSE THE DEVICE YOU WILL WANT TO WEAR

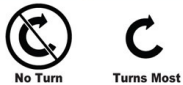
SIZE & FIT

- Check label for user weight and chest size.
- Different body types float differently.
- Try your device on in the water to ensure your airway is clear.
- A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable.

TRY IT ON

PERFORMANCE

- Lower level number generally offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation for most people.
- Higher level number generally offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water.



CONSIDER YOUR ACTIVITY & ENVIRONMENT

WATER SAFETY INFO

- In over 80% of boating fatalities the person was not wearing flotation.
- Most of these are sudden falls overboard or capsizing of a small boat.
- The first moments in the water are critical, even for experienced swimmers.
- Cold water shock causes involuntary gasping, loss of muscle control and swim failure.
- Long term immersion in cold water causes hypothermia and requires thermal protection and flotation in the HELP position to conserve energy.

FLOTATION DEVICES SAVE LIVES

DESIGN TYPES

- **INHERENT** – built-in flotation (always buoyant).
- **INFLATABLE** – activated gas canister inflates chamber(s) (no buoyancy until time of inflation, requires canister replacement, may be manual, may require secondary action to don).
- **HYBRID** – combination of flotation and inflation (some immediate buoyancy and supplemental when inflated, may require canister replacement).
- **SPECIAL PURPOSE** – your activity may require special features (safety color, harness, straps, etc.) and accessories (whistle, lights, reflectors, etc.) for certain conditions.

YOUR DEVICE ONLY WORKS WHEN WORN

MAINTENANCE

- Over time, exposure to sun, salt, fuel, and mildew can damage device.
- Allow to air dry. Inspect and test regularly.
- Inflatables require replacement rearming, repacking and regular servicing.

READ, SAVE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

WARNINGS

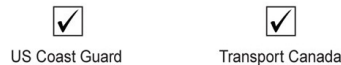
- Children should have adult supervision when on or near the water.
- Devices must be fastened correctly and securely.
- Some devices were not designed for certain activities or conditions such as water skiing, towed sports, personal watercraft (PWC), or whitewater paddling.



CHECK LABEL FOR LIMITATIONS OF USE

APPROVAL

- Some devices are approved only when worn.
- Check federal, state/provincial and local requirements for carriage, use and wear.



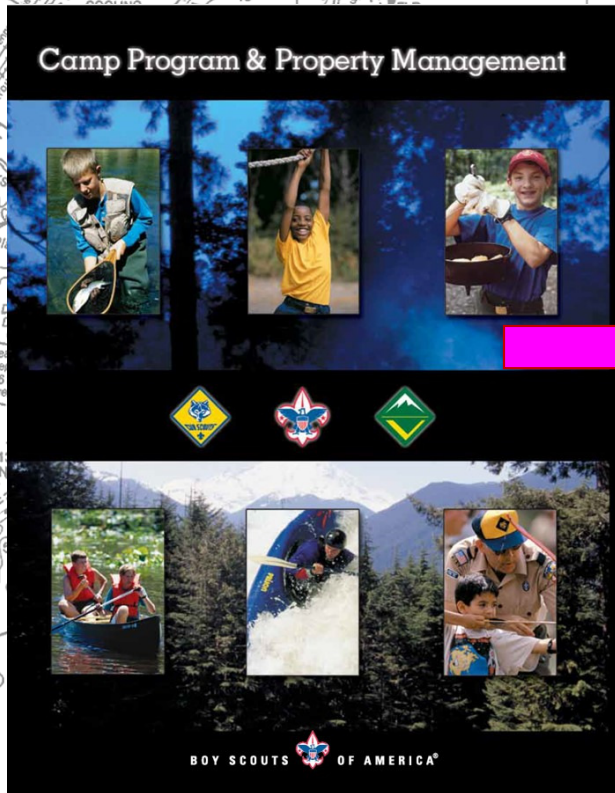
WEAR IT

For more info on the right choices for yourself, your family and friends.

Visit www.wearitlifejacket.org



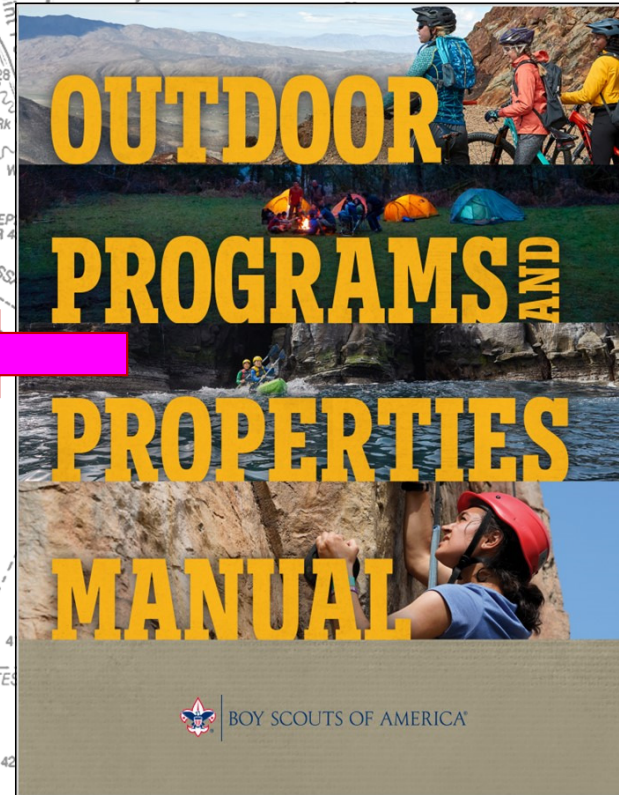
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Defunct



Current



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Camp Aquatics Guides:

Council Aquatics Management



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DESIGN CONCEPT

Camp Aquatics Staff Guide



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Coming Soon — Session 5, Oct 8th



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