

Guidelines for Use of Beach Facilities and Canoes
At Ross Rhodes Scout Reservation
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Remember that the safety of our Scouts is the most important part of our jobs as Scouters. It is not in anyone's best interest to seek technicalities by which we can 'bend the rules'. Water activities cause more deaths in Scouting than any other type of activity. All use of Scouting aquatic facilities must at minimum conform to the standard of the following:

1. Health & Safety Guide, BSA #33415B 2000 Printing
2. Guide to Safe Scouting, BSA #34416C c.1998 2002 revision

The SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN and SAFETY AFLOAT procedures must be followed at all times. Any aquatic activity must be indicated on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

Beach Front

Swimming is permitted only at the beach area.

At least two (2) adults, 21 years of age or older, will be at the waterfront at all times while in use.

At least one adult at the water front site must be certified in CPR with type of certification and expiration date indicated on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

At least one adult at the water front site must have current certification in the SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN. Course attendance dates as well as certification expiration dates must be on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

Some form of 'buddy tag' system must be used to insure that all swimmers have a buddy and that everyone that enters the waterfront area leaves the waterfront area.

Watercraft

Anytime there is a watercraft activity, the SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN and SAFETY AFLOAT procedures must be followed regardless of ownership of the craft. This activity must be indicated on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

At least two (2) adults, 21 or older, will participate in any watercraft activity.

At least one adult participating in the watercraft activity must have current certification in the SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN and SAFETY AFLOAT. Attendance dates of the courses as well as certification expiration dates must be on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

At least one adult participating in the watercraft activity must be certified in CPR with type of certification and expiration date indicated on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

No Camp Owned Canoe may be used without prior Council Office approval. All charges and deposits for Camp Owned Canoe use must be taken care at the Council office prior to arriving at camp. Following inspection of canoes, deposits will be refunded from the Council office by mail.

Camp Owned Canoes will be returned to the storage area following the activity.