

**Owasippe Scout Reservation | Pathway to Adventure Council, BSA**  
**FLOAT PLAN FOR AQUATICS ACTIVITIES**

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Owasippe Scout Reservation's 4800 acres encompasses many small bodies of water as well as Lake Wolverine. Camp Blackhawk sits on Big Blue Lake, and High Adventure runs several programs on the White River in the neighboring Manistee National Forest. **To participate in *any independent Aquatics activity* a float plan must be filed and approved by the Aquatics Director** to ensure that BSA Policy for [Distance Swimming in Open Water](#) and [BSA Safety Afloat](#) are maintained. This includes programs outside of the designated aquatics areas, or troop based activities not staffed by OSR Camp Staff.

**DISTANCE SWIM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Swimmers: must have Swimmer Classification and show proficiency in swim strokes. Lap swimming is available during open swim if needed.
- Guiding rowboat: Each swimmer needs their own guiding rowboat, leading within rescue distance. Two people onboard each with their Swimmer Classification, each with a life jacket, - one skilled in controlling the boat and the other equipped with a reach pole and flotation aid, continuously watching the swimmer.
- Qualified Supervision: The Aquatics Director's approval of this float plan meets the BSA's requirements for Qualified Supervision for

most Swim Trips during summer camp program.

**PADDLE CRAFT TRIP REQUIREMENTS:**

- Qualified Supervision: The Aquatics Director's approval of this float plan meets the BSA's requirements for Qualified Supervision for most Paddle Craft Trips in the summer camp program.
- Adult participants certified in [BSA Safety Afloat](#) are also qualified to lead independent trips in ratios of one trained adult per 10 participants.
- Swimmer Classification: Can take any paddle craft out individually
- Non-Swimmer and Beginner Classification: Can Canoe, Row, or Sail in a boat with two Adult Swimmers.

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EVENT DATE:       : \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP LOCATION   : \_\_\_\_\_

TROOP               : \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPSITE         : \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

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FORM SUBMITTED BY

NAME

ROLE

TODAY'S DATE

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## DETAILS OF FLOAT PLAN

START POINT

START DATE / TIME

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NOTEWORTHY WAYPOINTS *(IF APPLICABLE)*

ESTIMATED TIME

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PULL OUT POINT

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL

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## PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR ROLES:

NAME

ROLE

QUALIFICATIONS

*(ROWER, SWIMMER, GUARD...  
ADULT/YOUTH...)*

*(SWIMMER, BEGINNER, NON-SWIMMER, BSA LIFEGUARD,  
SAFE SWIM DEFENCE, PADDLE CRAFT SAFETY...)*

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EQUIPMENT NEEDS: *(BOATS, OARS/PADDLES, FLOTATION DEVICES, GUARD DEVICES, TROLLING MOTOR, TRAILER, ETC)*

## IN CAMP EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME

ROLE

PHONE

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FLOAT PLAN APPROVED BY: *(AQUATICS DIRECTOR)*

NAME

ROLE

SIGNATURE

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