

Cub Open Water Swimmer Badge

Badge requirements



(Open water is defined as dams, reservoirs and lakes; not flowing water nor a swimming pool)

1. Hold the [Swimmer badge](#).
2. Swim 250m using any stroke in open water.
3. Explain the key differences between pool swimming and open water swimming with regard to:
 - Temperature
 - Visibility
 - Weather conditions
 - Support and Safety
 - Entering and exiting the water safely.
4. Know the importance of:
 - The [buddy system](#).
 - Footwear when entering a dam, reservoir or lake.
 - The risk of swimming where boating activities take place.
 - The purpose of wearing a swimming cap.

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