

**BSA Troop 114**  
**Permission & Liability Release Form**

Activity: Swimming Merit Badge  
When: April 1, April 22 and April 29 from 8pm-9pm  
Where: Lilly Gulch Recreation Center

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Water oriented phases of the swimming merit badge will start 4/1/2016 at the Lilly Gulch Recreation Center. Classroom portions, including first aid and CPR will be conducted at the Scout Hut on regular meeting nights in April and May. Due to the number of scouts involved, we will only work on certain segments of the merit badge each pool night and we may not repeat these segments, therefore it is imperative that each scout attend all sessions in order to earn the merit badge. We will also offer the BSA swim test which is required for both scouts and adults planning on attending summer camp and the Northern Tier High Adventure. Please note that this test is required every year even if previously taken. Each scout must bring a swimsuit and towel. Adults needing the swim test for summer camp need to bring a towel and swimsuit. **Successful completion of this merit badge and/or the summer camp swim test requires swimming 100+ yards non-stop in a strong stroke. Beginners and non-swimmers may choose to work on swimming skills instead of the merit badge.** but may attempt the summer camp swim test if desired.

We will use the buddy system at all times and safety will be paramount. Running, horseplay, failure to follow instructions, or other unacceptable activity will not be allowed in the locker room, on the pool deck, or in the water. Use of the diving board is prohibited except under direct adult supervision. Anyone unwilling to comply with basic pool safety requirements will be removed from the pool and will not be allowed further participation in the merit badge or summer camp swim test.

While a safe environment will be maintained there is no guarantee of absolute safety against injury or drowning. I acknowledge that I understand the risks associated with participating in the swimming merit badge, whether outlined above or not, and do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, Troop #114, and any of its adult leaders from any and all liability, claims and demands for personal injury, sickness, or death as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me or my child while participating in the swimming merit badge training. I have read the above and understand the risks associated with this training and agree to follow instructions of the instructors, leaders, pool employees, or other adults present.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Permission and Acknowledgement:**

I/we are the parents or legal guardian(s) of this participant and hereby grant permission for him to participate fully in the swimming merit badge training and/or summer camp swim test, and hereby give our permission to take him to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment and hereby assume full responsibility for any medical bills, if any. Further, should it become necessary for our son to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary actions, or other reasons, we hereby assume transportation costs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_