

AquatiCon 2021 Leader Guide

Chattahoochee Council

To: Senior Patrol Leaders, Unit Leaders & Parents

From: Aquatics Committee Chattahoochee Council

RE: AquatiCon Weekend, Friday Sept 3th through Monday Sept 6th 2020

Dear SPLs & Scout Masters,

Thank you for your interest in AquatiCon weekend 2021. We are once again excited about offering a weekend full of Aquatics fun to your Unit's year-round program. In this compendium, you will find important material to help you and your unit prepare for this weekend event. The days are planned to make sure that every Scout, volunteer, and leader gets the most out of the day, so make sure your unit adheres to the schedule. We do; however, ask that you be flexible in case changes are made to better suit the flow of the weekend.

Everyone participating in a paddle sport, lifesaving, or motorized craft activity must pass the BSA swimmers test. If a Unit has tested prior to or during summer camp, please be prepared to show proof of swim test classification per youth and adult (***must be signed off by a BSA or Red Cross lifeguard and provide proof of lifeguard certification***) or be prepared to take said assessment. Furthermore, any scout taking a merit badge must bring their MB worksheets with the "classroom portion" completed. If the worksheets are not complete, they will need to finish the notated sections before they will be allowed to participate in the water competencies.

This year's cost is \$40 per person (scout/leader/adult), which includes the opportunity for scouts to earn 2 merit badges, attend open boating or open swimming in the afternoon, attend the campfire and allows leaders to take part in the Phunni Boat Races, Beavershark Burger Competition, and the Ice cream competition.

Please be aware there will be a fuel surcharge of \$10 for 30 minutes of open boating practice during afternoon open boating.

Waverunners will be available for leaders to rent all day at the cost of \$20 for 30 minutes. As the PWC option is a fundraiser, and the connectivity at the boathouse is almost nonexistent, renting the PWCs will be cash option only. Anyone renting a PWC during the day or Open boating, must show proof of a Ga. Boater Safety Course or Alabama boating license and must go through our safety briefing before they are allowed use (no matter of age).

Early registration will be from August 2nd to August 20th at noon (for the T shirt) and normal registration is August 21st to September 2nd (no T Shirt). There will be no onsite registration and or registration payments accepted the day of the event. Food will not be provided for this event, so please make appropriate menus and cooking arrangements to save time and energy

AquatiCon Schedule

Friday Sept 3rd

4pm to 8pm: check in at Admin & swim check at the pool *PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE 7PM*

- Review Medical Forms
- Class Changes/Class Registration
- Swim Checks if needed
- Camp set up
- Dinner on your own

9pm: Leaders Meeting (Dining Hall)

11pm: Lights Out (this mean pavilion lights are out and everyone is quiet)

Saturday (4th) Schedule

7am: Reveille & Breakfast (On Your Own)

9am-12pm: Merit Badge Classes

12:15-1:45 Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00pm-4:00pm: Merit Badge Classes

4:00pm-5:00pm: Open Boating & Free Swim

5:30pm: Dinner (On Your Own), Troop Activities & Burger Competition

8:00pm Chill Out Social Hour (Home-Made Ice cream contest)

11:00pm: Lights out

Sunday Schedule

7am: Reveille & Breakfast (On Your Own)

8:30am-9:15am Sunday Morning Worship Service Amphitheater (subject to change)

9:30a-12:30p Merit Badge Classes & Open Boating

12:45pm-1:45pm: Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00pm-4:00pm Merit Badge Classes & Open Boating

4:00pm-6:00pm: Phunni Boat Races & Free Swim

6:15pm: Dinner (On Your Own), Troop Activities

8:00pm Campfire Amphitheater - Luau/Ocean Island theme, make sure to wear your island/luau attire!

Awards ceremony (if winner is not present, they will forfeit, and the award will go to the next available team)

11:00pm: Lights out

Monday

7:00am: Reveille & Breakfast (On Your Own)

7:00am-11:00am: break camp, check & clean bathrooms etc.

11am-12pm: Check out

What to Bring

- ✓ Merit badge worksheets
- ✓ Proof of swim test
- ✓ PFD/Life Preserver if you have one
- ✓ Fishing Gear (if you own)
- ✓ Georgia Fishing license if you plan on fishing (16 years of age or older)
- ✓ Boating license or safety card if you plan on operating a motorized vessel
- ✓ Bathing Suit (females wear 1 piece and/or rash guards)
- ✓ Uniform (A-Sunday, B's all weekend)
- ✓ Water shoes/sandals for waterfront (no slides or flip flops)
- ✓ Sunglasses (polarized)
- ✓ Competition items/equipment
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Parental consent form
- ✓ Medical form (A/B/C)
- ✓ Comfortable walking/hiking shoes
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Tent (camp tents not available)
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Towel (x2)
- ✓ Camp chair
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Sleeping bag/sheets/pillow
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Cooking equipment
- ✓ Bug Spray

What We Provide

- Merit Badge Counselors
- Kayaks
- Canoes
- Row Boats
- Sail Boats
- Motorboats
- Stand Up Paddle Boards
- Limited PFDs
- Paddles
- Oars
- Trained Personal
- Waverunners
- Climbing gear
- FUN!

Weekend Fees:

- **\$40** – Scouts have an option to take 2 merit badges and attend open boating & open swimming sessions.
- **\$40** – Adult leaders are encouraged to participate in all adult competitions designed for them.

Additional Fees:

- **\$20** for 30-minute Waverunner Rentals.
- Cold drinks & Ice Cream sold at the boathouse (**Cash Only**)
- If we have extra T-shirts, we will sell them (\$20 - \$25) – No Promises.

There will be no refunds for participants who cancel after early registration closes on 8/20/21 at midnight or do not show up for the event. Substitutions are allowed but they will have to take the same classes and same T-shirt size as the person who they are replacing. If you know ahead of time that a Scout will not be able to attend, we would appreciate being told so the class slots may be open to someone else. Rain check will be issued only for a severe ACT OF MOTHER NATURE.

Swim Check Requirements

Swimmer Rank:

- Jump in feet first
- Surface & Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of these techniques: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or overhand crawl (anything that looks like a doggy paddle, stopping or hanging on to the walls will disqualify the swimmer).
- Finish with a 25-yard back crawl.
- Briefly float on their back motionless

This swim rank enables the scout to paddle or pilot a boat and is requirement #2 for every aquatic merit badge.

Beginner Rank:

- Jump feet first into the water
- Surface and swim at least 50 feet in a strong manner using one or more of these techniques: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or overhand crawl.

A scout with this swimming rank may not paddle or pilot a boat, they will be a passenger only.

Learner Rank: If scouts cannot swim 50 feet and/or does not demonstrate the above techniques, they will not be allowed to participate in boating activities.

Merit Badge Programs

You scout **MUST** print off the corresponding worksheet for the Merit Badge he or she will be participating in. They are to **finish the “classroom” portion** of the MB worksheet notated under each of the offered merit badges below. Scouts will bring the completed worksheets and show proof of its completion to the MB instructor before they will be allowed to participate in the practical water competencies.

Most aquatics merit badge courses require the use of or demonstration of CPR as taught by the America Red Cross or the America Heart Association. Scouts should have participated in either a training course or a certification course. Scoutmasters will be responsible for this requirement before coming to camp. Please keep in mind, CPR training is not offered at AquatiCon. First Aid requirements will be reviewed but there is little time to demonstrate one-on-one. Please have these requirements finished before camp as well.

Leaders and Scouts of age, are strongly encouraged to take Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Hazardous Weather training classes online. These certifications are important, especially for adults, for use while on scout aquatics outings. Please review this information before attending. The more TRAINED individuals we have, the safer all Scouts will be!

Merit Badge Pre Requisites:

- > **Canoeing:** To earn the Canoeing Merit Badge scouts must: have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR, should pass the swimmers test and have the classroom portion of their worksheet finished before arrival (1-a/b, 2, 3-a/b/c, 4-a/b, 5-a/b, 6, 13-a/b/c/d/e/f/g).

Worksheets can be found at: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Canoeing.pdf>

- > **Kayak:** To earn the Kayaking Merit Badge, Scouts should: have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR, should pass the swimmers test and have the classroom portion of their worksheet finished before arrival (1-a/b/c, 2, 3-a/b, 4-a/b/c/d, 5-a/b).
Worksheets can be found at: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Kayaking.pdf>
- > **Small Boat Sailing:** To earn the Sailing Merit Badge, Scouts should: have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR, should pass the swimmers test and have the classroom portion of their worksheet finished before arrival (1-a/b/c, 2, 3, 4-a/b/c/d/e/f, 5, 8, 9). *all knots on #7 will need to be demonstrated to counselor.
Worksheet can be found at: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Small-Boat-Sailing.pdf>
- > **Rowing:** To earn the Rowing Merit Badge, Scouts should have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR, should pass the swimmers test and have the classroom portion of their worksheet (1-a/b/c, 2, 3, 8-a/b/c, 9-a/b/c/d/e/f/g) finished before arrival.
Worksheet can be found at: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Rowing.pdf>
- > **Fishing:** To earn the Fishing Merit badge but MUST HAVE a valid Georgia fishing license if 16 years of age or older to participate and must have the classroom portion (1-a/b/c/d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) of the merit badge workbook completed. The merit badge counselor also suggests attendees bring their own pole, bait and tackle. Practice fishing knots beforehand as they will be used in the class
Worksheet can be found at: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/fishing.pdf>
- > **Motor-boating:** To participate in the Motor-boating merit badge: Alabama residents born after 1954 must have a boating license and Georgia residents born after 1997 must show proof of a boater's safety course. Scouts should have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR, should pass the swimmers test and have the classroom portion (1-a/b/c, 2-a/b, 3-a/b/c/d, 4-a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/i) of their worksheet finished before arrival.
Worksheet can be found at: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Motorboating.pdf>
- > **Lifesaving:** To earn the Lifesaving Merit Badge, Scouts should: 1) show proof of passing the online Safe Swim Defense certification, 2) earn the swimming merit badge & have currently passed the BSA swimmers test, 3) must swim 400 yards (see 2b), 4) complete the following workbook sections (3 a/b/c/d/e, 7, 9, 10, 14, 17)
<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Lifesaving.pdf> *This is a 2 day class and only 10 slots are available.*
- > **Climbing:** To participate in this activity scouts must be in proper physical condition to climb for 2 days and have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR. In addition they must complete the following portions of the merit badge workbook (1a/b, 2, 4 a/b/c, 6 a/c/d, 9a)
<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/climbing.pdf> *This is a 2 day class and only 10 slots are available.*
- > **SUP Award:** **This award is for scouts and adults** and will be offered to 8 participants per class. Prerequisite for earning the award is passing the BSA Swimmers test, attendees must have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR and show proof of passing Safety Afloat online.

- > **BSA Lifeguarding:** **Available to both Scouts & Unit leaders/Adults**. For a course description, please go to <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifeguard/> for prerequisites and more information. ***This class will be held all day on the the 4th, 5th and half of the day on the 6th. Only 10 seats available. This class will cost and additional \$60 (normally \$120) for the certification processing fee to the Red Cross.*** If an individual cannot pass they will be given the opportunity to complete the *Swimming & Water Rescue* certification; **S&WR Prerequisites:** 1. Age and Physical Fitness: A. Be 15 years old or older prior to training B. Submit written evidence of physical fitness C. Complete Safe Swim Defense training & bring evidence of completion. 2. Swimming Ability: A. Complete the BSA Swimmer Test. B. Recover a 10-pound weight from 8 feet of water, must pass written exam with an 80% or better.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION CONCERNING MERIT BADGES

Counselors will check that the classroom portions of the worksheets are completed. They will then be asking questions during the class to check for competency. Any knots listed for a merit badge will be used in class, so it is imperative the scout practices before they come.

General Information:

- ***Anyone in control of a boat must pass the swimmers test. Beginners may be passengers in boats. Learners are not allowed in watercraft, paddle craft, or on docks.***
- ***PFDs must be worn by all when on docks, when operating water/paddle craft or as a passenger.***
- Scouts may sign up for merit badges and open boating using the web links provided.
- Cars must be parked in the ADMIN parking lot, **NO CARS** in camp during program times.
- Personal paddle craft are welcome, please drop them off Friday afternoon/evening and pick them up Monday morning before departure.
- PWC's (jet ski, Waverunner, sea doo, etc.) and personal boats **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at this event. The only motorized vessels allowed will be for staff use only.
- Campsites are preassigned and there is a possibility Troops will need to share. Female scouts will utilize campsites 1 & 3, male scouts will use campsites 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7.
- Burger contest guidelines and a sample of scoring rubric will be furnished upon competition registration.
- Phunni Boat Races will be furnished upon completion of registration.
- If youth or leaders are planning on open boating, they must sign up for time slots via the sign up genius link.
- Camp Gallant is available to use if troops want to camp by themselves. Anyone coming from Gallant may park in the admin parking lot or in front of the dining hall.
- If your troop has had a swim check within the past year, bring the swim check and a copy of the certifying lifeguard's BSA or Red Cross credentials to registration. Without a copy of the proper credentials units or individuals will have to retake the swim test.
- OA will be selling cold drinks at the Boathouse and there will be a first aid kit fundraiser. All sales are CASH ONLY.

Troop Adult Contact (TAC)

Troop adult contacts are the conduit between the AquatiCon staff and Scouts. At least one TAC per troop must be present throughout the entire event. The TAC may be Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, or YPT trained Adult Volunteers that the Scoutmaster trusts to respond to problems or issues that may arise with troop members attending AquatiCon.

The TAC(s) will be responsible for:

- Signing in for their Troop
- Carrying a cell phone that can be reached all day by AquatiCon Staff (provide the cell phone number, as well as the names, times of relief and cell phone number of any other adults that are taking over the TAC responsibility later that day when signing in. (Note that there must be at least one TAC per troop throughout the entire event).
- Supporting and enforcing *Leave no Trace*, as well as the principles of the *Scout Oath and Law*
- Having *Medical Forms* for each member of the troop that is on site accessible should the need arise.
- Ensuring that their Scouts know who the Troop Adult Contact is for AquatiCon Staff to avoid confusion.
- Make sure their Troop/Unit has access to worksheets and are the appropriate portions are filled out prior to their Scouts after checking in;
- Maintaining presence at AquatiCon and being able to assist with problems or issues while troop members are in attendance.
- Monitoring attendance and early departure of Scouts

AquatiCon Evening Competitions

Beavershark Burger Competition Information

Burger patties may be made of a variety of meat including but not limited to venison, pork, beef, lamb, seafood and may include plant protein. Only raw ground form will be allowed upon check in. ***No precooked, pre-pattied or store-bought burgers of any kind are allowed.*** Burgers may be cooked over fire, coals, gas or in cast iron. [Download Beavershark Competition Rules Here!](#)

Phunni Boat Races

This is a chance for the adult leaders to show off their skill! Adults are encouraged to build a seaworthy craft out of recycled items or reused parts and pit themselves against one another in a race to the finish. If you are interested in competing make sure you download a copy of the Rules and Regs ASAP, so you can have enough time to build your craft. [Download Phunni Boat Race Guide Here!](#)

Chill Out (Ice Cream) Competition

Units are invited to make homemade ice cream while at camp and bring it to Saturday night's social event. Units will offer samples of their ice cream to the Troops and the camp will judge for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, staff will nominate honorable mention. [Download Ice Cream Competition Rules Here!](#)

Conduct and Discipline

At AquatiCon, we expect all guests to abide by the following:

- Observe the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
- Observe Leave No Trace
- Leave all areas cleaner than you find it
- Bring plenty of water to drink
- Attend the classes assigned. No partial credit for leaving class early.
- Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of FGL property. Please tell the Campmaster or Quartermasters if there is an issue Remember a scout is Trustworthy.
- Be courteous to other students, counselors, and staff.
- Clean up trash if scouts bring snacks to waterfront areas (even if it's not yours!)
- Have a great time.

Health Safety & First Aid

There will be a First Aid Officer on property at FGL located at the waterfront or in the First Aid station. In case of immediate emergency, a First Aid kit can be found in the boathouse, and it is suggested scouts and leaders carry a personal kit as well. It is leadership & parent responsibility to check on scouts who have underlying medical issues such as diabetes, asthma and/or who take medications for their conditions.

In the case of a major disaster or severe weather, all Scouts will be directed to take shelter in the Boathouse or Chow Hall depending on the severity. Instructors will perform head counts and report to admin who will reach out to the TAC for any discrepancies.

Check in/out Procedures

All campers (Scouts and Adult Leaders) who wish to leave camp during the week must sign out at the Administration Building. When returning, all campers must sign in at the Administration Building. Visitors should also sign in and out at the Admin building.

Bike Rules

Campers are encouraged to bring bikes to camp. All campers are expected to observe the following Camp FGL rules regarding bikes:

1. Always wear a helmet;
2. Do not ride or park on sidewalks
3. Walk your bike up and down the steep hills in camp
4. Do not ride after 8pm (even with a headlight) as it is too dark for a rider to see pedestrians.

Insurance

The Chattahoochee Council provides accident and sickness insurance for all its' Troops. Troops outside of Chattahoochee Council must provide certification of Troop and/or Council accident and sickness coverage.

Pets

No pets of any kind may be brought into camp.

Firearms

No firearms or ammunition will be permitted at camp.

Camp supplied firearms and ammunition will be permitted at the Shooting Sports Extravaganza program area only. The Shooting Range will not be in use during this event.

Restricted Areas

There are some areas throughout the camp that are restrict-ed. Other Troop campsites and staff campsites are off limits and should only be visited with permission from those Troops. Program Areas and other facilities are off limits when not in operation.

Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco

The use of alcohol and illegal drugs are expressly prohibited while at Camp FGL or on the Chattahoochee Scout Reservation. Any use will result in immediate dismissal from camp property. Adult Leaders are prohibited from using tobacco products around Scouts. Persons under the age of 18 are not allowed to use tobacco products. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all camp buildings and tents and will be limited to designated areas only.

Lost and Found

The AquatiCon Lost and Found is located at the Boathouse down by the Waterfront. The return of lost items after the end of AquatiCon is not guaranteed, so be sure to check before you leave. Put your name on EVERYTHING: books, papers, lunch boxes, water bottles, coats, hats – EVERYTHING. After Labor Day weekend all lost and found items will be moved to Admin.

Questions

Thanks so much for enduring all this info! Your willingness to follow the above steps is MUCH appreciated and really helps share the load of such an amazing event. I am so thankful you are all participating, and I look forward to seeing you on Labor Day Weekend 2021!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions that weren't answered above. Austin Scott Aquatics Committee Chair Chattahoochee Council: kayakchef.bsa@gmail.com.

COVID CAVEAT

The AquatiCon staff is aware that we will still be under some level of Covid-19 guidelines. No matter the current conditions, it is imperative that leaders train their Troop/Unit in the following precautions and procedures to ensure everyone have a safe, healthy, and fun experience.

Known Sickness

- If you feel sick stay home:
- If you have tested positive for COVID stay home
- If you have had physical contact with some who has tested positive for COVID, stay home

Personal Hygiene

- Wash your hands with soap and water before a new task, when switching tasks and after every task
- Sanitize your hands when wash stations are not available to you
- If you cough or sneeze, please do so in tissue and wash or disinfect your hands within 20 seconds of doing so
- If you are in close proximity to other people wear a mask (they must adequately cover mouth and nose)
- Clean and sanitize restrooms after your Troop/Unit is done using them.

Camping/Sleeping arrangements

- If sharing tents, campers belongings should be separated from one another
- If campers are comfortable sleeping alone, they are encouraged to do so & they may keep their gear in their tent.
- Limit the use of communal equipment and clean and sanitize between uses
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys (passing around a football), books or anything that can be passed from one person to another.

Food service

- Have campers bring their own meals if applicable
- If food is being prepared on site, one person should prep, cook, and serve the food to the campers to minimize human contact.
- When done eating campers must wash dirty kitchen equipment, utensils and plates with 110F soapy water, rinse with 110F clean water and sanitize using a quat/ammonia 200ppm, iodine 25ppm, or bleach 50ppm disinfectant within its proper concentration ratio to water.
- Do not share food, utensils, or plates (half eaten/uneaten food should be discarded)
- Avoid buffet style service where multiple people help themselves.
- Cooks should wash, rinse, and sanitize their hands before beginning a task, when switching tasks and when ending tasks.

As always, there is a chance that COVID numbers will spike again after students return to school. Therefore, the staff would like the leaders to stay aware of current Covid guidelines from CDC and local municipalities, to prepare attendees for a possible cancellation or required testing due to state and federal mandates. We thank you for your understanding.

Please finish your troop roster and submit it upon registration

Roster

Troop/Crew Unit No. _____ District _____
Council _____ No. of Scouts _____

SPL Name _____ ASPL Name _____
SPL Phone # _____ ASPL Phone # _____

Please have the Unit Roster filled out and ready to turn in at the SPL meeting Friday night.

Scout Name	Swimming Ability	Emergency contact	Emergency Phone

Scout Master: _____
Scout Master # _____

ASPL Name: _____
ASPL (Leader) # _____