



Stonewall Jackson Area Council Neptune Society Award for Excellence in Scout Aquatics

The Stonewall Jackson Area Council Aquatics Committee is pleased to announce a new council-wide award called the Neptune Society Award recognizing outstanding accomplishments in Scout Aquatics by youth and adult members. For youth to qualify for the award a Scout must complete the following:

Merit Badges (6)

1. Swimming
2. Lifesaving
3. Canoeing
4. Rowing
5. Kayaking
6. Whitewater

Physical Fitness

1. Mile Swim

Complete **three** of the following

1. SCUBA BSA **or** SCUBA MB
2. Snorkeling BSA
3. Stand Up Paddleboard BSA
4. Board Sailing BSA
5. WW Rafting BSA
6. Small Boat Sailing MB
7. Motorboating MB
8. Water Sports MB
9. Attend either Sea Base or Northern Tier High Adventure Camps

OR

1. Earn BSA Lifeguard or ARC Lifeguard

OR

1. Earn Aquatics Supervision Swimming and Water Rescue and Paddle Craft Safety

Service Project

Complete an Aquatics Project (minimum 2h) **preapproved by the SJAC Aquatics Committee**. Examples would include: 1) Helping guard at Camp Shenandoah waterfront; 2) Waterfront improvement project; 3) Assisting your unit to conduct a unit swim; 4) Assisting your unit leader in the planning a float trip, writing up a float plan and going on the trip; 5) Assist in Winter Swim Program.

Adult Leaders Must Complete:

Training Programs

1. Swimming and Water Rescue
2. Paddle Craft Safety

Physical Fitness

1. Mile Swim

Complete three of the following

1. SCUBA BSA
2. Snorkeling BSA
3. Stand Up Paddleboard BSA
4. Kayaking BSA
5. Board Sailing BSA
6. WW Rafting BSA
7. Attend either Sea Base or Northern Tier High Adventure Camps

Or:

1. Complete BSA Aquatics Instructor or BSA Lifeguard or ARC Lifeguard training.

Youth and adults must complete:

Service Project

Complete an Aquatics Project (minimum 2h) preapproved by the Aquatics Committee. Examples would include: 1) Guarding/assisting at Camp Shenandoah waterfront; 2) Waterfront improvement project; 3) Conduct a unit swim as per Safe Swim Defense; 4) Plan a float trip, writing up a float plan as per Safety Afloat and lead your unit on the float trip; 5) Assist in Winter Swim Program.

Recognition

The recognition for successfully completing the award will be a certificate recognizing the Scout or adult leader as a member of the Neptune Society and a Neptune Society belt buckle available to only those who have earned the award.

Details for applying for the award are found on the application that is available on the SJAC Website under forms. For additional information contact Jay Fox (jayfox8x@gmail.com).