Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: Blue-Bordered Merit

ROWING

1. Demonstrate your ability to swim twenty-five yards.

2. Demonstrate your ability to adjust and use a personal floatation device.

3. Demonstrate to a leader each of the following, with or without a passenger:
   a. Properly get into and out of a moored boat.
   b. Properly help a passenger in and out of a moored boat.
   c. Row in a straight line for fifty yards. Stop, make a pivot turn, and return to the starting point.
   d. Properly moor or rack your craft. Demonstrate your ability to tie the following mooring knots: clove hitch, round turn with two half hitches.

4. Demonstrate to a leader any TWO of the following:
   a. In a fixed-seat rowboat, come alongside a dock and help a passenger into the boat. Pull away from the dock, change positions with your passenger, and scull in good form over the stern for ten yards, including at least one 180-degree turn. Resume your rowing position, return alongside the pier, and help your passenger out of the boat.
   b. Alone, or with one other person who is a swimmer, tip over a rowboat. Tell why you should stay with a swamped boat.
   c. Alone in a rowboat, push off from the shore or dock or a swimming pool. Row ten yards to a swimmer. While giving instructions to the swimmer, turn the boat so that the swimmer can hold onto the stern. Tow him to shore.
   d. Show or explain the proper use of anchors for rowboats.
   e. Explain the types of oarlocks used in recreational rowboats.

5. In written form, explain the following:
   a. Why is it necessary to pay attention to the weather before and while boating?
   b. Why is it necessary that your parent or an adult know when and where you are boating?
   c. Why should you never boat alone?
   d. Is it always safe to boat in a river? Why or why not?
   e. What equipment should always be available in a boat before launching?
   f. What safety checks should you do on a boat prior to launching?
   g. What respect or courtesies should you show other boaters who are near you?