

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

Request for Proposal

Please complete this Request for Proposal (RFP) and submit it, along with any other pertinent information, to Merrill Davis, merril.davis@scouting.org, of the Innovation and Strategy Group no later than November 30, 2009.

Council name: _____ Council No.: _____

Region (check one) Central Northeast Southern Western

Contact name: _____ Title: _____

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Council telephone: _____

Please answer each of the following sections as completely as possible. You may provide your responses on a separate document and attach if necessary.

Objectives (Please describe the specific goals and objectives that participation in the Personal Watercraft Pilot will achieve.)

Timetable (What is the expected launch timing and duration of the pilot?)

Promotion (Please detail how the program will be marketed.)

Delivery (How will the pilot be executed? Is there any state-mandated training/certification and/or age requirements?)

- What is the location (e.g., summer camp) for the pilot? Please be specific.
- How will instruction for program participants be developed and who will deliver it? What are the key elements of the training?
- How many program participants do you anticipate?
- What are the specifications of the proposed equipment being used (e.g., make, model, engine size) and how will it be sourced?

Controls (What controls will be implemented to minimize risk?)

Personal Watercraft (PWC) Pilot Requirements:

For a council to participate in the pilot, it must agree to do the following:

- Comply with the most conservative standards published, whether state, federal, or BSA.
- Follow the age restrictions sanctioned by the state and recommended by the manufacturer.
- Develop qualified supervision and rider training, following the manufacturers' suggested guidelines as offered by the United States Power Squadrons®.
- Comply with the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety.
- Comply with the swimming and first aid requirements of the current Water Sports merit badge.
- Adhere to all local, state, and federal guidelines, including vehicle registration and age restrictions, licensing and/or certification courses.
- Follow the council's conservation plan to minimize the environmental impact and concerns.
- Follow appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) standards.
- Adhere to all manufacturer recommendations, including the number of riders.
- Define the type(s) of PWC being used (1-person, 2, 3, etc.).
- Report all near misses, incidents, and accidents that occur.
- Document and retain all PWC usage and maintenance records in an effort to determine total operational costs.
- Report the utilization rate (how often running) of personal watercraft throughout the duration of the pilot.
- Have all participants complete a satisfaction survey to assess the impact of including PWC as a program option.
- Agree to market the addition of the PWC programs far enough in advance to build awareness and allow Scouts to sign up after seeing the marketing materials.