Dog Scouts of America

**Activity check-off sheet**

**Flat Water Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Boarding:**

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

**\_\_\_ Dog and handler have earned both the Puppy Paddler Badge and the Boating Safety Badge.**

**\_\_\_ Handler certifies that he/she can swim well enough to handle a SUP and understands the risks involved in SUP.**

**\_\_\_ Dog and handler wear lifejackets. Handler has a marine whistle on board so that help can be called quickly if needed.**

\_\_\_ Dog will get on board the SUP on cue (boogie board can be substituted) without assistance from dry land.

\_\_\_ Dog will dismount the SUP/boogie board on cue without assistance from dry land.

\_\_\_ Dog will balance on a wobble board

\_\_\_ Dog will get on board the SUP on cue without assistance from shallow water.

\_\_\_ Dog will dismount the SUP on cue without assistance from shallow water.

\_\_\_ Dog will balance (sitting or standing) while alone on the SUP, while floating in shallow water.

**\_\_\_ Dog will get on board** **the SUP on cue without assistance from shallow water with the handler sitting/kneeling on the board.**

**\_\_\_ Dog will dismount** **the SUP on cue without assistance from shallow water with the handler sitting/kneeling on the board.**

\_\_\_ Handler will balance on a wobble board

\_\_\_ Handler will balance (kneeling or sitting) on the SUP by themselves in deep water.

\_\_\_ Handler will stand up, balance and paddle on the SUP by themselves in deep water.

\_\_\_ Handler will stand up, balance and paddle on the SUP in deep water with left and right hand turns.

\_\_\_ Dog will demonstrate a sit-, down- or stand-stay on the SUP/boogie board on dry land.

\_\_\_ Dog will demonstrate a sit-, down- or stand-stay on the SUP while floating in shallow water.

\_\_\_ Dog will demonstrate a sit-, down- or stand-stay on the SUP while floating in shallow water, with the handler sitting on the board.

**\_\_\_ Handler will get on the board in deep water.**

\_\_\_ Handler will assist the dog onto the SUP from swimming depth for the dog (handler standing in the water)

\_\_\_ Handler will assist the dog onto the SUP from swimming depth for the dog (handler is sitting or kneeling).

**\_\_\_ Handler will lift the dog onto the SUP from deep water while the handler is on the SUP (handler is sitting or kneeling). The dog should swim to their Primary Handler when called, to be rescued. This simulates rescuing the dog after falling off the SUP.**

**OR**

**\_\_\_ If handler is unable to lift the dog from deep water, either because of the dog’s size or the handler’s abilities, the dog must have the Beach Buddies badge indicating that the dog can swim to shore from deep water as directed by the handler. Additionally, if the dog cannot be lifted the handler must not go further than 100 yards from shore with the dog on the board.**

**\_\_\_ Dog and Handler can paddle around in flat water, with the handler standing for 10 minutes (only three minutes needs to be shown if submitting by video) with both a right and left hand turn.**