AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

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TIGER CUBS (WITH ADULT PARTNER)



WOLF/BEAR CUB SCOUTS



WEBELOS **SCOUTS**



BOY SCOUTS



VARSITY SCOUTS, AND VENTURERS

Venturers Only

	OUTDOOR SKILLS	T	Vioit Only	
	Camporees		Visit Only	
	Conservation Projects			
	Cooking Outdoors			
	Fire Building			
	Fishing			
	Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns)			
	Hiking—Day			
	Hiking—Multiple Day			
	Horseback Riding			
	Hunting			
	Map and Compass	Map Only		
	Mountain Boards			
	Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel			
	Orienteering			
	Pioneering			
	Rope Bridges/Pioneering Towers (Check requirements for height restrictions.)			
	Survival Training			
	Winter Camping			

Field/Wide Games

Flag Football

Gymnastics

Ice Hockey

Ice Skating

Martial Arts—Defensive

Roller Blades/Skates

Scooters-Nonmotorized

Skateboarding

Skiing/Snowboarding

Sledding/Tubing

Soccer

Street Hockey



Axes

Bow Saws

Hand Ax **Hand Tools**

Pocketknife



TREKKING

Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry Bike Treks—Day Ride

Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights

BMX Biking

Day Hikes

Horse Treks

Mountain Biking

Search and Rescue Missions

Search and Rescue Practice

Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear



AIRCRAFT

Commercial Flight Experience

Ground School

Hands-On Flying Experience

Hot-Air Balloons (Tethered only)

Orientation Flight

Soaring (Orientation flights only)

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Weekend Overnights

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BOY SCOUTS



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	VEHICLES					
	Dirt Bikes					Venturers Only
	Driving Derbies					
	Snowmobiles					
	SHOOTING					
	.22 Rifle Air Rifle (Pellet Guns)			Webelos Resident Camp Only		
	Archery—Field			webelos flesident camp only		
	Archery—Target, Action (Moving targets)	Council	/District Outdoor Program	l ns Onlv		
	BB Guns		Council/District Outdoor Programs Only			
	Catapults					
	Large-Bore Rifles					Venturers Only
	Muzzleloaders					
\perp	Pistols					Venturers Only
	Shotguns					
	Slingshots	Council	/District Outdoor Program	ns Only		
	CLIMBING					
	Belaying					
	Bouldering					
	Canopy Tours					
	Caving (Other than simple novice activities)					
	Climbing—Commercial or Horizontal Wall					
	Climbing—Rock					
\perp	Climbing—Vertical Wall or Tower					
	Initiative Games					
-	Lead Climbing				A Few Low-Course and	
	Project COPE				High-Course Activities	
	Rappelling Snow and Ice Climbing					
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	AQUATICS					
	Canoeing—Flat Water	Council	/District Outdoor Program	ns Only		
	Canoeing—Flowing Water			Council/District		
	Kayaking—Flat Water			Outdoor Programs Only		
	Kayaking—Flowing Water Motorboating—Adult Operated	Council	/District Outdoor Program	o Only		
	Motorboating—Youth Operated	Council	/DISTRICT OUTDOOR PROGRAM			
	Rafting—Flat Water	Council	/District Outdoor Program	l ns Onlv		
т	Rafting—Flowing Water		,			
	Rowing—Flat Water	Council	/District Outdoor Program	ns Only		
Т	Rowing—Flowing Water					
	Sailboarding					
	Sailing—Adult Operated	Council	/District Outdoor Program	ns Only		
	Sailing—Youth Operated					
\perp	Scuba					
	Snorkeling (In clear, confined waters, all ages and abilities can use snorkeling equipment. Snorkeling in open water is limited to Boy Scouts with Snorkeling BSA or equivalent.)					
_	Surfing					
	Swimming					
	Tubing (Floating in an inner tube)					
7	Tow Sports (including waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, and tubing)		_			
	CAMPING					
	Day Camp					
	Den Overnights					
	Camporees					
	Family Camping					
	High Adventure					
	Jamboree					
	Parent/Son Overnights					
	Resident Camp					
	Waakand Overnights					