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WOLF/BEAR CUB SCOUTS



WEBELOS



BOY SCOUTS



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A .	OUTDOOR SKILLS					
	Camporees			Visit Only		
	Conservation Projects					
ш	Cooking Outdoors					
	Fire Building					
П	Fishing					
	Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns)					
	Hiking—Day					
	Hiking—Multiple Day					
	Horseback Riding					
	Hunting					Venturers Only
ш	Map and Compass	Map Only				
	Mountain Boards					
ш	Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel					
	Orienteering					
Н.	Pioneering (Check requirements					
	Rope Bridges/Pioneering Towers (Check requirements for height restrictions.) Survival Training					
Н-						
(75)	Winter Camping					
	SPORTS					
	Field/Wide Games					
	Flag Football					
	Gymnastics					
	Ice Hockey					
	Ice Skating					
Ш	Roller Blades/Skates					
	Scooters—Nonmotorized					
ш	Skateboarding					
	Skiing/Snowboarding					
ш	Sledding/Tubing					
	Soccer					
	Street Hockey					
	T00LS					
	Axes					
	Bow Saws					
П	Hand Ax					
	Hand Tools					
	Pocketknife		Bear Only			
	TREKKING					
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	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					
S.	AIRCRAFT					
8.8	Commercial Flight Experience					
	Ground School					
	Hands-On Flying Experience					
	Hot-Air Balloons (Tethered only)					
	Orientation Flight					
	Soaring (Orientation flights only)					

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-	VEHICLES					
	All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)				Approved Council I	Jse Only; No Unit Use
	Dirt Bikes					Venturers Only
П	Driving Derbies					
	Personal Watercraft (PWC)				Approved Council I	Jse Only; No Unit Use
	Snowmobiles					
$((\bullet))$	SHOOTING					
Y	.22 Rifle					
ш	Air Rifle (pellet guns)			Webelos Resident Camp Only		
ш	Archery—Field					
	Archery—Target, Action (moving targets)		il/District Outdoor Program			
	BB Guns	Counc	il/District Outdoor Program	is uniy		
	Catapults Large-Bore Rifles					Venturers Only
	Muzzleloaders					volturers only
	Pistols*					Venturers Only
	Shotguns					,
	Slingshots	Counc	 il/District Outdoor Program	s Only		
0	COPE AND CLIMBING					
	Belaying					
	Bouldering					
	Caving (other than simple novice activities)					
	Climbing (age-appropriate man-made facility)					
	Advanced Climbing					
ш	Climbing—Rock					
ш	Lead Climbing					
Н	Rappeling					
ш	Snow and Ice Climbing					
н	COPE (age-appropriate activities for younger Scouts) Aerial Adventure Parks					
	Canopy Tours					
	Zip Lines					
	AOUATICS					
	Canoeing—Flat Water	Counc	il/District Outdoor Program	s Only		
	Canoeing—Flowing Water					
	Kayaking—Flat Water			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
	Kayaking—Flowing Water					
	Motorboating—Adult Operated	Counc	il/District Outdoor Program	s Only		
	Motorboating—Youth Operated					
ш	Rafting—Flat Water	Counc	il/District Outdoor Program	s Only		
	Rafting—Flowing Water					
ш	Rowing—Flat Water	Counc	il/District Outdoor Program	s Only		
	Rowing—Flowing Water					
	Sailboarding Sailing—Adult Operated	Counc	 il/District Outdoor Program	s Only		
	Sailing—Youth Operated	Counc		o omy		
	Scuba					
П	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.)					
	equipment. Snorkeling in open water is limited to Boy Scouts with Snorkeling BSA or equivalent. Surfing					
	Swimming					
	Tubing (floating in an inner tube)			Council/District Flat Water Events		
	Tow Sports (including waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, and tubing)					
	CAMPING					
	Day Camp					
	Den Overnights					
	Camporees					
	Family Camping					
	High Adventure					
	Jamboree Perent/Sen Overnighte					
	Parent/Son Overnights Resident Camp					
	Weekend Overnights					