

# AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

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**TIGER CUBS**  
(WITH ADULT PARTNER)



**WOLF/BEAR CUB SCOUTS**



**WEBELOS SCOUTS**



**BOY SCOUTS**



**OLDER BOY SCOUTS, VARSITY SCOUTS, AND VENTURERS**



## OUTDOOR SKILLS

Camping—Day					
Camping—Family					
Camping—Resident					
Camporees			Visit Only		
Conservation Projects					
Cooking Outdoors					
Fire Building					
Fishing					
Fueled Devices					
Hiking—Day					
Hiking—Multiple Day					
Horseback Riding					
Hunting					Venturers Only
Map and Compass	Map Only				
Mountain Bike Day Rides					
Mountaineering/Scrambling/ Cross-Country Travel					
Orienteering					
Pioneering					
Rope Bridges (Check requirements for height restrictions.)					
Survival Training					
Winter Camping					



## SPORTS

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					



## TOOLS

Axes					
Bow Saws					
Hand Ax					
Hand Tools					
Pocketknife					
Power Tools					



## TREKKING

Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry					
Bike Treks—Day Ride					
Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights					
Horse Treks					
Search and Rescue Missions					
Search and Rescue Practice					
Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear					

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## VEHICLES

Driving Derbies

Motorized Off-Road Bikes

(ATVs are banned from program use and unit activities.)

Snowmobiles



## AIRCRAFT

Commercial Flight Experience

Ground School

Hands-On Flying Experience

Orientation Flight



## SHOOTING

.22 Rifle

Archery—Field

Archery—Target, Action (Moving targets)

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

BB Guns

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Catapults

Shotgun

Slingshots

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only



## AQUATICS

Canoeing—Flat Water

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Canoeing—Flowing Water

Kayaking—Flat Water

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Kayaking—Flowing Water

Motorboating—Adult Operated

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Motorboating—Youth Operated

Rafting—Flat Water

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Rafting—Flowing Water

Rowing—Flat Water

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Rowing—Flowing Water

Sailboarding

Sailing—Adult Operated

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Sailing—Youth Operated

Discover Scuba Training

Scuba

Snorkeling (For swimmers only)

Surfing

Swimming

Tubing

Waterskiing



## CLIMBING

Belaying

Bouldering

Caving (Other than simple novice activities)

Climbing—Commercial or Horizontal Wall

Climbing—Rock

Climbing—Vertical Wall or Tower

Initiative Games

Lead Climbing

Project COPE

A Few Low-Course and High-Course Activities

Rappelling

Snow and Ice Climbing