

# 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						
Canoeing—Flowing Water				Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Kayaking—Flat Water					Council/District Outdoor Programs Only	
Kayaking—Flowing Water						
Motorboating—Adult Operated				Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Motorboating—Youth Operated						
Rafting—Flat Water				Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Rafting—Flowing Water						
Rowing—Flat Water				Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
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 (floating in an inner tube)						
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						
Rappelling						
Snow and Ice Climbing						

A Few Low-Course and High-Course Activities