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(WITH ADULT PARTNER)



**WOLF/BEAR CUB SCOUTS**



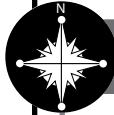
**WEBELOS SCOUTS**



**BOY SCOUTS**



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



## OUTDOOR SKILLS

Camporees			Visit Only		
Conservation Projects					
Cooking Outdoors					
Fire Building					
Fishing					
Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns)					
Hiking—Day					
Hiking—Multiple Day					
Horseback Riding					
Hunting					Venturers Only
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					



## 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					



## 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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## VEHICLES

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)

Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use

Dirt Bikes

Venturers Only

Driving Derbies



Personal Watercraft (PWC)

Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use

Snowmobiles

## SHOOTING

.22 Rifle

Air Rifle (Pellet Guns)

Webelos Resident Camp Only

Archery—Field

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Archery—Target, Action (Moving targets)

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

BB Guns

Catapults

Large-Bore Rifles

Venturers Only

Muzzleloaders

Pistols\*

Venturers Only

Shotguns

Slingshots

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only



## CLIMBING

Belaying

Bouldering

Canopy Tours

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



## AQUATICS

Canoeing—Flat Water

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Canoeing—Flowing Water

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

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Rafting—Flowing Water

Rowing—Flat Water

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Rowing—Flowing Water

Sailboarding

Sailing—Adult Operated

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Sailing—Youth Operated

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)

Council/District Flat Water Events

Tow Sports (including waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, and tubing)



## CAMPING

Day Camp

Den Overnights

Camporees

Family Camping

High Adventure

Jamboree

Parent/Son Overnights

Resident Camp

Weekend Overnights