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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					
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					■
Orientation Flight	■	■	■	■	■
Soaring (Orientation flights only)	■	■	■	■	■

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VEHICLES					
Dirt Bikes					■
Driving Derbies					■
Snowmobiles					■
SHOOTING					
.22 Rifle				■	■
Air Rifle (Pellet Guns)			Webelos Resident Camp Only	■	■
Archery—Field				■	■
Archery—Target, Action (Moving targets)	Council/District Outdoor Programs Only			■	■
BB Guns	Council/District Outdoor Programs Only			■	■
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	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				■	■
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)			■	■	■
Tow Sports (including waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, and tubing)				■	■
CAMPING					
Day Camp	■	■	■		
Den Overnights			■		
Camporees				■	■
Family Camping	■	■	■	■	■
High Adventure					■
Jamboree				Boy Scouts Only	
Parent/Son Overnights	■	■	■		
Resident Camp		■	■	■	■
Weekend Overnights				■	■

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