Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities

Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on the mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of Boy Scommembers. These guidelines apply to Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews.









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OUTDOOR	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
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				
Map and Compass	Map Only			
Mountain Bike Day Rides				
Mountaineering/Scrambling/ Cross-Country Travel				
Orienteering				
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Rope Bridges*				
Survival Training				
Winter Camping				
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SPORTS	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
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	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
Axes				
Bow Saws				
Hand Ax				
Hand Tools				
Pocketknife				
Power Tools				
TREKKING	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
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				
VEHICLES	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
Driving Derbies				
Motorized Off-Road Bikes				
Snowmobiles				
AIRCRAFT	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
Commercial Flight Experience				
Ground School				
Hands-On Flying Experience				
Orientation Flight				
SHOOTING	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
.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	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
Canoeing—Flat Water	Council/District Outdoor Programs Only			
Canoeing—Flowing Water				
Kayaking—Flat Water			Council/District Outdoor Programs	

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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				
Rowing—Flowing Water				
Sailboarding				
Sailing—Adult Operated	Council/	District Outdoor Progra	ams Only	
Sailing—Youth Operated				
Discover Scuba Training				
Scuba				
Snorkeling (For swimmers only)				
Surfing				
Swimming				
Tubing				
Waterskiing				
CLIMBING	TIGER CUBS (with Adult Partner)	WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS
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				

