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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			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				A Few Low-Course and High-Course Activities	■
Rappelling				■	■
Snow and Ice Climbing					■

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