






Swimming and Boating						
		Tiger Cubs (with adult partner)	Wolf/Bear Cub Scouts	Webelos Scouts	Boy Scouts	Older Scouts, Varsity & Venturers
Age-Appropriate Guidelines (see text for complete criteria)						
Learn-to-swim programs						
Recreational swimming		Divided by ability groups, only <i>Swimmers</i> in deep water				
Snorkeling in confined area		Divided by ability groups, only <i>Swimmers</i> in deep water				
Snorkeling in open water		⊘	⊘	⊘	Snorkeling BSA required	
Scuba BSA		⊘	⊘	⊘	Swimmers only	
Scuba diving in open water		⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	Certification required
Open-water distance swims		⊘	⊘	⊘	Swimmers only—Mile Swim safety criteria	
Triathlon (races in open water)		⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	Sanctioned events only
Surfing		⊘	⊘	⊘	Swimmers only	
High board, platform, cliff diving		⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘
Commercial marine transport (ferries, cruise ships, etc.)						
Day rides on large private craft		Qualified adult operation, calm water, capacity of four or more. All ability groups.				
Crew member, overnight cruise		⊘	⊘	⊘		
Youth-operated small craft on calm, flat water:	Stable, fixed-seat rowboats	Council/district events only. <i>Nonswimmers</i> and <i>beginners</i> must have adult <i>swimmer</i> on board.			<i>Nonswimmers</i> and <i>beginners</i> with <i>swimmer</i> as buddy.	
	Canoes	Council/district events, <i>swimmers</i> only			<i>Swimmers</i> only	
	Kayaks	Council/district events, <i>swimmers</i> only			<i>Swimmers</i> only	
	Rafts	⊘	⊘	Council/district events	<i>Swimmers</i> only	
	Rowing shells	⊘	⊘	⊘	<i>Swimmers</i> only	
	Sailboats	⊘	⊘	⊘	<i>Swimmers</i> only	
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	Powerboats (subject to state regulations)	⊘	⊘	⊘	Approved supervision on board, <i>swimmers</i> only	
 tubing on gently flowing water		⊘	⊘	<i>Swimmers</i> only		
Commercial trips on whitewater		⊘	⊘	⊘	Professional operator on board, <i>swimmers</i> only	
Small craft, youth-operated on whitewater: Class I and II		⊘	⊘	⊘	<i>Swimmers</i> only	
Small craft, youth-operated on whitewater: Class III or above		⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	Only trained <i>swimmers</i>
Towed activities (water skis, wakeboards, floats)		⊘	⊘	⊘	Approved towboat operator, <i>swimmers</i> only	
Aerial towed activities (kites, parasails, etc.)		⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘
Personal watercraft (PWC)		⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘