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Methods and Procedures

Purpose of Standards

The National Standards for Council High-Adventure and Specialty-Adventure Programs were developed to assist councils in conducting a high-quality program in a safe manner. These standards must be met to receive national accreditation. Accredited programs also are eligible for inclusion in the national directory of high-adventure and specialty-adventure programs on the BSA website: www.scouting.org/applications/highadventuresearch.aspx.

Applicability

These standards apply to any programs that meet the following criteria:

1. The council administers and operates the program.
2. The program can be based on a BSA property but shall not be conducted in the traditional framework of a Boy Scout/Venturing resident camp.
3. Participation must be limited to older Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers who are at least age 13 by September 1 of the year they take part. (See standard M-3.) The program should be designed and conducted to meet their needs, desires, and expectations.
4. The staff must be trained in the outdoor specialties offered in the program as specified in these standards.
5. An outdoor trek or trek-like program should include action, adventure, challenge, a risk factor for excitement, and vigorous activity. **A traditional resident camp or static outpost camp program does not qualify.** Participants should have an opportunity to reflect on personal goals and to apply what they have learned as a result of their experience.

Programs that meet these criteria are subject to these standards and, if they include any of the activities mentioned in program standard 20, are eligible for accreditation as a specialty adventure program. Programs that meet the following additional criteria are eligible for accreditation as a high-adventure program:

6. Participants should undergo advanced preparation and training prior to a program that is a high-adventure experience, such as climbing a mountain, rather than a training experience, such as practicing rock-climbing.
7. The program must be at least five nights and six days in length.

Programs that operate a high-adventure or specialty-adventure base camp also will be subject to the 2012 National Standards for Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Venturing Resident Camps, No. 430-111, as set forth below. Council-sponsored programs that do not meet these criteria are not eligible for accreditation as a specialty or high-adventure program.

These standards represent the *minimum* level of care expected. Some states might require and councils might elect to impose an even higher standard in some areas. Make certain that your program is in compliance with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and equivalent state rules and regulations and child labor laws.

Procedure and Scope

The National Council establishes national standards that are reviewed annually. Each local council operating a program subject to these standards is responsible for implementing and maintaining all applicable national standards in its program. It is the responsibility of the region or area to verify that the standards are attained and to accredit the program.

The standards are divided into two parts:

1. **Program standards**, which set forth minimum standards that all specialty and high-adventure programs must meet, regardless of whether they take place on or off council property in whole or part;
2. **Facility standards**, which apply to facilities of a permanent nature over which the council exercises control and which are typically staffed by council employees or volunteers. The facility standards distinguish between (1) frontcountry or resident camp facilities that are central base areas at which participants are received and/or dispatched and at which they reside for at least part of their program experience, and (2) backcountry facilities that are remote and more primitive facilities through which participants may pass as part of their program experience.

All programs are subject to the program standards. Some programs will be subject to the facility standards. It is the responsibility of the region, upon the recommendation of the council, to determine which standards apply to particular facilities. Accreditation is granted to programs and facilities that are shown to be in compliance with these national standards.

The region, acting on behalf of the National Council, is responsible for accrediting programs and facilities. It is the responsibility of the region, upon the recommendation of the council, to determine which standards apply to particular programs and facilities in case of doubt. Accreditation is granted to programs and facilities that are shown to be in compliance with these national standards.

Accreditation Process

1. **Preoperation inspection.** Preoperation inspection is held by designated council officials, including the Scout executive or a designee, using these standards as a guide.
2. **Preopening council meeting.** For most councils, this meeting has been eliminated and is scheduled at the discretion of the area or region if the program was conditionally accredited the previous year. This meeting is held in the council with council leadership, including the Scout executive, to review preopening inspection and mandatory program and facility standards and to discuss circled items in the standards. The meeting is called and conducted by the area vice president or area officer and the area director. It is held 60 to 120 days before program opening. At this meeting, any questions about which standards apply should be preliminarily resolved.
3. **On-site program visitation.** This on-site visit to the program and its facilities, if any, is scheduled by the area director for the first week of sessions. The visitation is conducted by the region or area. Appropriate council officers and the Scout executive also attend.

The National Standard Rating Score Sheet for Council High-Adventure and Specialty-Adventure Programs is filled out and copies are sent to the council and Outdoor Programs. A copy is kept on file at the program's headquarters so that the regional representative may see that the on-site visitation took place.

Nationally Accredited Program

For a council specialty or high-adventure program to be nationally accredited:

1. The program must be in compliance with the preoperation certification requirements for both program standards and any applicable backcountry facility or resident camp standards.
2. The answers to at least 25 of the quality standards, and all of the mandatory standards, must be "Yes." **Recognition:** A "Nationally Accredited" banner.

Conditionally Accredited Program

When a mandatory standard requires corrective action, the region or area representatives shall draw up an agreement with the operating councils in writing that shall include a compliance date by which the mandatory standard shall be attained. The region is notified for any follow-up verification that may be required.

If a program is conditionally accredited for two consecutive years, the deficiencies must be corrected and permission to operate must be granted by the regional director or the accreditation will be withdrawn.

Scoring of Standards

Score as a "Yes" any standard that has been excused in writing by the region.

Each standard is to be marked in the appropriate column. A standard not in compliance at the time of the on-site visit must be scored as a "No" by placing an "X" in the No column.

A standard that is in compliance shall be recorded by placing an "X" in the Yes column.

The Comments column may be used for notes or reference to a written recommendation for improvement.

There are two classifications of standards:

1. **Mandatory.** Standards that are *critical* to the health and welfare of crew members are designated by bold type and the letter M. Each mandatory standard is required in order to conduct a council adventure program.
2. **Quality.** These standards represent the quality of care, management, and ideals that the public has come to expect of the Boy Scouts of America. They represent desirable practices essential to a quality high-adventure program.

Interpretation of Standards and Resources

The word "adult(s)" as used in these standards refers to someone who is at least 18 years of age unless otherwise specified.

If a question arises regarding a particular standard, authority for its interpretation is available through the region.

Current editions of the following publications are to be used as reference in support of these standards.

- *Guide to Safe Scouting*, No. 34416
- *Camp Health and Safety*, No. 19-308
- *Camp Program and Property Management*, No. 20-920B
- *Fieldbook*, No. 33104
- *Passport to High Adventure*, No. 34245
- *Health and Safety Guide*, No. 34415E
- *Project COPE*, No. 34371
- *Strategic Planning for Council Camp Properties*, No. 20-940
- *Topping Out: A BSA Climbing/Rappelling Manual*, No. 32007
- OSHA Written Plans, No. 19-431A
- OSHA Laws That Affect Camps and Conference Centers, No. 19-450A
- Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, www.LNT.org or 800-332-4100

Action to Close a Program or Part of a Program—Procedure

A council that ignores or fails to take corrective action on one or more of the mandatory standards will be requested to close the affected program area or facility until corrective action is complete. If one or more of these standards are not met, the council may be advised to close the program or facility until corrective action is taken.

When a violation presents an immediate hazard to safety or health, the visitation team has authority and responsibility to order immediate shutdown of the portion of the program that is in violation.

If the program (council) fails to take immediate corrective action, measures will be taken by the regional service center as follows.

1. The regional director or regional representative arranges immediately for a meeting of council officers (including the Scout executive and chairman of the camping and health and safety committees) and a regional staff member to identify the area or areas not in compliance and agree on corrective action, if possible, or to act on closing the program. This meeting is to take place at termination of the compliance date.
2. Corrective action is taken and approved by the region, or the program is closed.

Program Standards

The program standards represent the minimum requirements for any council-sponsored specialty or high-adventure program. The program standards apply to all programs, regardless of whether based on or off council property in whole or part. The program standards are designed to ensure a quality program and a safe experience for participants. The program standards require that the council thoroughly review any trail camps or program areas, whether staffed or not, for safety and appropriateness for the age and experience of program participants.

Facility Standards

The facility standards represent the minimum requirements expected for council-owned and -controlled facilities supporting the high-adventure or specialty adventure program. The facility standards recognize two types of facilities and distinguish between them.

Frontcountry facilities are areas that receive or discharge participants and at which participants will reside for at least part of their stay in the program. Such frontcountry facilities are subject to the 2012 National Standards for Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Venturing Resident Camps, No. 430-111. Standards for frontcountry facilities are noted with an “F” before the applicable paragraphs.

Backcountry facilities are program areas, supply points, and similar backcountry camps controlled by the council and staffed during the program’s season. The backcountry facility standards do not apply to trail camps or program activities that the participants manage on their own initiative, with or without a staff guide. However, all councils are expected to thoroughly review all trail camps and program activity areas, staffed or unstaffed, to ensure safety and appropriateness for the age and experience level of program participants. Standards for backcountry facilities are noted with a “B” before the appropriate paragraphs.

The council may propose, and the region may waive, any requirements that are not applicable during the preopening council meeting or equivalent meeting prior to the start of the program’s season.

Summary of Changes in 2012 National Standards for Council High-Adventure and Specialty-Adventure Programs

Note the changes made in the following standards from the 2011 edition. You will need to make the appropriate adjustments in your planning, preparation, and execution for 2012.

Standard M-15 changed the certification needed to be a camp director.

Standard M-18 changed the certification needed to be a health officer.

Standard M-30 changed PFD references to life jacket.

Standard M-50 changed the date to 2012.

Standard M-56 clarified what helmets are required for equestrian activities.

Standard RM-52A clarified uses for maintenance ATVs and ROHVs.

Standard RM-52B is a new standard about the use of ATVs.

Standard RM-62 was merged with standard M-56.

Standard RM-85 is a new standard about AED use.

The BSA expects that programs and facilities will adhere to accreditation standards throughout the year.

2012 Program Standards

Administration		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-1A	<p>The Scout executive attests to the compliance with the Postcamp/Precamp Inspection Checklist, No. 430-310, and that corrective action has been taken on any deficiencies identified.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Scout executive</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-1B	<p>All necessary and required permits, including an application to operate a high-adventure/specialty program, written permission to cross private property, certificates, licenses, and agreements to lawfully operate a high-adventure program and/or base at this location, are displayed or on file.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-2	<p>Written plans for dealing with general health and safety concerns, specified measures to reduce or prevent accidents, and handling major emergencies are reviewed and practiced with camp staff. These plans are kept on file in the camp and council offices, must be shared weekly with leaders and youth in camp, and include specific safety measures applicable to the camp location. Plans include specific safety measures for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost or missing persons • Limitation on physical activity in extreme conditions (high temperatures, high humidity, or low temperatures) • Limitation on physical activity during smog alerts • Limitation of aquatics and other activities as indicated by the threat of lightning, small-craft warnings, or high water • Written plans for communicable diseases and infections • Natural hazards specific to the site (floods, lightning, severe storms, earthquakes, fires, cliffs, swift water, sinkholes, off-limit areas, wildlife) • Man-made hazards specific to the site (hazardous chemical spills, construction areas, highway crossings) • Safe operation of facilities and/or equipment <p>Environmental compliance: See standard RM-18.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-3	<p>Every participant must be a registered Boy Scout or Varsity Scout and must have attained the age of 13 by September 1 of the year of participation, or be a registered Venturer. Programs requiring greater physical strain, mental stress, or higher levels of skills may be limited to older Boy Scouts or Varsity Scouts (age 14 by September 1 of the year of participation), and Venturers. Experience levels and preadventure training are considered in determining age standards higher than the minimum.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-4	<p>Promotional literature that accurately describes the experience offered is available, and the program delivers fully what is promised in the literature. The high-adventure program director or trek staff member discusses the group's plans with the adult leaders. Literature must describe the conditioning, training, and experience required to successfully complete the program and must include a risk advisory statement. Parent/guardian approval is required if the participant is under age 18.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Administration		YES	NO	COMMENTS
5	There are written plans and procedures for opening and closing the program. Copies are maintained at the council service center and the program headquarters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-7	<p>Health histories and records of required physical examinations for all staff members, leaders, and campers are on file while in attendance.</p> <p>A current Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months, is required for all staff, leaders, and campers in attendance.</p> <p>Medical forms are shared only on a need-to-know basis.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-9A	<p>The council has a written exposure control plan, reviewed and updated annually, for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSHA's bloodborne pathogens standard, including disposal of biohazardous waste. • All incidents, accidents, and injuries that recur should be documented and a written action plan developed with the steps to be taken to reduce the potential for recurrence. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-9B	<p>First Aid Log and incident reports. A daily record of all first-aid and medical treatment is written in ink. Use First Aid Log, No. 33681. A separate first-aid log book for camp staff members and council employees is maintained. Logs are retained in the local council service center for a minimum of 18 years, and any additional forms are posted and kept on file if required by local, state, or federal regulations.</p> <p>All injuries, illnesses, and incidents requiring the intervention of a medical provider beyond basic Scout-rendered first aid shall be reported using MyBSA/Resources/Incident reporting. Fatalities or other catastrophic incidents, including multiple serious injuries or illness, should be reported immediately following guidance in the crisis communication plan and reporting folder.</p> <p>Medical emergency transportation appropriate for the terrain is available in every camp at all times.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-10	If animals are used in the program, the council has a written agreement with a local veterinarian for treating injured or ill animals unless the animals are leased. Every animal is well cared for. Ill or injured animals receive appropriate treatment and are not used in the program until they have recovered or healed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11	<p>Where feasible, the program is made available to Scouts with disabilities. A physician licensed to practice medicine must approve the participation of such an individual. Qualified adult leadership, sensitive to the needs of these youth, must accompany the crew.</p> <p>The council has a plan for making the base programs, campsites, and other physical facilities accessible to Scouts, Venturers, and leaders who are disabled.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	A method has been established to meet the religious needs of trek participants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Administration		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-13	The program has a written plan to periodically review all trail camps and program activity areas, staffed or unstaffed, to ensure safety and appropriateness for the age and experience level of program participants. The program maintains written documentation that the review was completed and any necessary changes or revisions to the program or its facilities made.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14	The council has a current strategic plan, adopted by the council executive board, that addresses the quality program, promotional plans, and land used for the council camping properties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staffing and Leadership		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-15	The base director is at least 21 years old (preferably 25 or older) and holds a current certificate of training from a National Camping School in Management or Resident Camp Administration, with at least two seasons of prior administrative or supervisory experience recommended. Name: _____ Age: _____ Certificate of training date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-16	The trek director must be at least 21 years of age and hold a current certificate of training from the Trek Leader section of National Camping School. Name: _____ Age: _____ Certificate of training date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17	Trek guides must be at least 18 years old and successfully complete training specific to the camp operation. The guide is encouraged but not required (unless required by state authorities) to hold Wilderness First Aid and/or Leave No Trace Trainer certificates of training. Name: _____ Age: _____ Certificate of training date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>M-18 The council has engaged a currently licensed physician practicing medicine in the state in which the camp is located as a health supervisor to approve and oversee the health care practices of this camp. Current written operating procedures are approved annually by the licensed physician.</p> <p>The on-site camp health officer is a responsible adult currently licensed and practicing in the state in which the camp is located or training as required for the position. Check one:</p> <p>_____ Licensed physician</p> <p>_____ Licensed nurse practitioner (Check state laws.)</p> <p>_____ Nurse (RN, LPN, or LVN); nurse's aides, CNAs, and assistants do not qualify</p> <p>_____ Licensed physician's assistant</p> <p>_____ Paramedic</p> <p>_____ Emergency medical technician (Basic, Intermediate, Paramedic)</p> <p>_____ First responder/EMR program with CPR for health-care providers/responders (a minimum requirement as long as a current letter of agreement states that an advanced life-support system's response time to the camp health lodge is less than 10 minutes)</p> <p>The camp health officer also must be certified in CPR/AED by an ACA-approved agency.</p> <p>CPR/AED training agency: _____</p> <p>Expiration date: _____</p> <p>Verification of credentials: _____</p> <p>License number (if applicable): _____</p> <p>State: _____ Expiration date: _____</p> <p>The camp health officer has completed the one-time self-study Camp Health Officer's Training Course conducted under the direction of the council health and safety committee. The course slide presentation is available at www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety.aspx.</p> <p>Date of completion: _____</p> <p>There is an established location for contacting the on-site camp health officer.</p> <p>When the health officer is unavailable, another adult with a current and appropriate level of first-aid training (including CPR/AED) is available, or nearby emergency coverage is provided.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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M-19	At least one staff member accompanying a crew must hold a current Wilderness First Aid certification approved by the ACA, as well as CPR certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																																					
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Staffing and Leadership		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-21	All staff personnel are registered members of the BSA, or are international camp staff counselors approved by the BSA International Department. International staff may not hold any staff position that requires a certificate of training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-22	All staff personnel are at least 16 years of age. The camp must be in compliance with all child labor laws. At least 50 percent of the staff personnel are 18 years old or older (not including counselors-in-training [CITs] and food service staff members).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-23	At least 3½ days (a minimum of 28 hours) of staff training are conducted by key personnel trained at a National Camping School. This training must be over and above any physical setup of camp, e.g., tents for campsites, cleaning of buildings, etc. A minimum of 10 more hours of staff training is required for each additional type of resident camp. A written outline that is program-specific (Boy Scout or Venturing) is used and conducted by key camp personnel and/or council personnel. Presentations include the required Camp Leadership—Youth Protection Begins With You, No. 623-127, or evidence of completion of the online Youth Protection training. Training includes the aims, purposes, and methods of Boy Scouting and/or Venturing, and appropriate advancement opportunities. It includes training for universal precautions and first-aid kit contents to implement OSHA's bloodborne pathogens standards. All staff members complete Weather Hazard training (valid for two years). Proof of training is required for staff completing the course in advance. Training is available at the Online Learning Center at http://olc.scouting.org (through MyScouting). Training sessions for the development of outdoor skills, leadership, teaching, trek guiding, and other position-related skills are included in the written staff training plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-24	All crews will have a minimum of four people and a maximum of 12, or the number specified by the administering land management agency. Crews must comply with the BSA leadership requirements for trips and outings. All adult leaders have completed Youth Protection training. Larger crew sizes are acceptable when the nature of the activity (e.g., crewing a ship) requires a larger crew.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
25	All staff personnel—employees or volunteers—complete a staff application and receive a letter of agreement along with a written job description and staff manual. The staff manual includes such items as staff chart, job descriptions, purpose and philosophy of the base, policies and regulations, unacceptable behavior, dress code, and other expectations of the base director.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26	The complete official Scouting uniform is worn by the camp staff while in program headquarters. Staff members wear the trek uniform prescribed by the base. Staff attire (both formal and informal) must be consistent for all staff members on base. Scouts and leaders are encouraged to comply with this standard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

2012 Program Standards

Equipment		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-27	Every crew carries a prescribed first-aid kit on the trail. The supplies and equipment included in this kit must be geared to the type of injury or illness most likely to occur in the area and include means for protection from contact with bloodborne pathogens. For basic first-aid kit contents, see <i>Passport to High Adventure</i> , No. 34245. Crews shall document all first-aid performed during the trek to be recorded in the First Aid Log at the completion of the trek.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-28	Properly sized, U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jackets are worn by all people engaged in boating activities (rowing, canoeing, etc.) in accordance with federal, state, and BSA regulations. See <i>Safety Afloat</i> , No. 34368. Helmets must be worn by each participant for rafting, kayaking, or canoeing in class 3 or higher whitewater.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-29	If the program involves aquatics, crews are provided with aquatics equipment that is properly sized for participants and meets or exceeds local, state, and federal requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-30	Specialized equipment, such as rope, life jackets, carabiners, and figure eights, is acquired new and is carefully inspected for defects prior to and after each session of use. Defective and severely worn equipment is retired from service. All climbing/rappelling ropes must be retired according to manufacturer's recommendations but no more than five years from the date of purchase, or sooner if conditions warrant. Appropriate safety equipment, staff training, and supervision is provided for activities where risk should be managed, e.g., mountain biking, climbing/rappelling, and kayaking/whitewater canoeing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
31	Specialized equipment needed for a safe and healthy experience is provided for participants, including items such as canoes, rock-climbing gear, snowshoes, riding gear, etc. A list of personal equipment needed is sent to leaders. Crew equipment necessary for a successful experience is provided by the council. Program equipment must be appropriate for the activity, in good repair, and be readily available for use by crew members and leaders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-32	Crews are trained in the proper use of specialized outdoor equipment, particularly items with which they are not familiar, such as climbing ropes, ice axes, crampons, carabiners, watercraft, mountain bikes, and other specialized equipment. An opportunity is provided for each crew member to practice using these items under the supervision of a qualified instructor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Training		YES	NO	COMMENTS
33	At least one staff member is a Leave No Trace Master Educator (weeklong course) or Trainer (two-day course) and conducts training for all high-adventure staff members with program responsibilities (support and administrative staff are exempt). <input type="checkbox"/> Master Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Trainer Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Training		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-34	The buddy system of having two or more crew members together is used in all program activities. Staff and leaders are required to enforce this rule.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-35	Written safety rules and guidelines that establish the parameters for each activity and the reasons for the rules are reviewed with participants by a qualified staff member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-36	At least one member of each crew, preferably two or more, must hold a current Wilderness First Aid certification approved by the ACA, as well as CPR certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-37	Participants are instructed in the proper use, refueling, and packing of all chemical fuel devices and fuels, if used in the program. Youth participants may use chemical fuel devices when supervised by an adult knowledgeable in their use. Flames or chemical fuel devices are not permitted in or near tents. Empty cartridges are safely disposed of upon returning from the trek. Fuel is carried in designated fuel bottles. Fuel bottles are clearly distinguishable from water bottles so that both can be safely identified even in darkness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38	Crews that will participate in a trek are trained in the use of map and compass and/or global positioning system (GPS).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-39	A staff member shall conduct a shakedown for each crew and accompany the crew for at least three days to assure that the crew has the necessary expertise to successfully complete the experience. If not, the staff member shall accompany the crew for the duration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
40	A staff member accompanies every crew throughout its entire experience, or until the crew demonstrates proficiency, to review knowledge and skills, teach advanced techniques, identify hazards, and see that the crew has a successful experience. A sufficient number of staff members is employed to do this during the period of highest attendance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
41	A staff member shall review the principles of Trek Safely with the crew prior to its departing for the backcountry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-42	If swim classifications are conducted at the base, a currently trained BSA Lifeguard or BSA Aquatics Instructor must supervise the activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-43	If the crew will conduct aquatic activities off council property, at least one of the adult leaders and/or trek staff members must hold a current certificate of training in BSA Aquatics Supervision. Paddle Craft Safety or Swimming and Water Rescue is required for the respective aquatic activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-44	Crews are instructed in how to select a safe campsite that is protected from dead trees or limbs, wind, falling rock, excessive sun, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Training		YES	NO	COMMENTS
M-45	All untreated sources of water must be disinfected with either an approved water filter and/or appropriate chemical treatment with adequate contact time. Crews are instructed to ensure that everyone consumes adequate liquid and to carry enough water disinfectant and containers to maintain proper hydration based upon available water sources.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
46	A pretrek leader's orientation is conducted by a key member of the high-adventure program staff who is knowledgeable with the high-adventure program and facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-47	All participants and leaders are given a pretrek skill test by the high-adventure program staff to determine the crew's level of skill proficiency. If necessary, additional training is conducted by the staff before the crew departs on the trek. See <i>Passport to High Adventure</i>, No. 34245.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
48	Written trek health, safety, and sanitation practices are posted, are carried by crew leaders, adult leaders, and trek staff, and are included in pretrek training. They are also kept on file in base camp. See <i>Passport to High Adventure</i> , No. 34245, or <i>Fieldbook</i> , No. 33104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-49	An adult leader is aware of and monitors the dispensing of crew members' prescription medications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-50	If a camp operates a climbing/rappelling program, it must meet all mandatory 2012 Project Cope and Climbing/Rappelling National Standards, No. 430-008.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51	Crews are oriented in local environmental safety precautions including terrain, weather, insects, poisonous plants, animals, etc., and how to respond to adverse situations. Crews are trained in procedures for hanging "bear bags" for protection from animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
52	Crews are instructed to wash pots, pans, dishes, and utensils using warm water and biodegradable soap. All kitchenware must be rinsed in boiling water or an approved chemical must be added to rinse water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
53	Crews are instructed in personal hygiene including frequent washing, changing of clothes, laundering, and female hygiene. Clothing is changed frequently and laundered while on the trek. Facilities for washing and drying clothes after completion of a trek are highly desirable. See <i>Passport to High Adventure</i> , No. 34245.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
54	Crews are trained to dig and use cathole latrines in primitive areas. Latrines are located a minimum of 200 feet from the nearest water and are dug in the top layer of duff for rapid decomposition. If the land administering agency has another established procedure for human waste disposal, it should be used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
55	Crews are instructed in proper garbage and litter disposal. Unused food and garbage should be carried out for disposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Training	YES	NO	COMMENTS
<p>M-56 If the program includes riding or the use of pack animals, a staff member qualified in the care, riding, and/or packing of animals is employed to instruct participants in this program.</p> <p>If a horseback-riding program is conducted at camp, each of the following standards must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific instructions for the ongoing care, feeding, and maintenance of the horses are in writing. There are adequate arrangements for veterinary and farrier care. • A formal training plan is in place for horseback-riding staff. The rules and procedures for the horseback-riding activity must be in writing and clearly understood by staff and participants. • Before use by participants, each horse must be ridden by staff members and properly classified for appropriate activities. Records on each horse are kept in a bound book and show all problems, accidents, and activities. • Proper facilities and fenced areas (in good repair) are available for the care, feeding, and stabling of the animals. This includes adequate shelter for storing all equipment and feed. The horse corral is located away from central camp facilities and campsites. Adequate fresh water is available. The area is reasonably free of accumulated manure. Fencing is in good repair. • All riding equipment used in the program is in good repair, with a formal schedule of inspection and repair in place. Riders should wear suitable attire for the activity, including long pants, shirts, protective headgear, and riding boots or hiking boots with heels (if stirrups are not covered) that prevent the shoe or boot from sliding too deeply into the stirrups. Riders, including staff, are required to wear an equestrian helmet that meets or exceeds Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) certification. <p>Requirements must also be met if the horseback riding program is provided by or at off-site facilities.</p> <p>Refer to <i>Camp Health and Safety</i>, No. 19-308.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M-57 A staff member familiar with the program activity assists the adult leader and crew leader in developing a trek plan showing each campsite, intended routes, and difficult portions. The itinerary is planned to match the experience to the crew's ability. One copy of the itinerary and a list of the names, addresses, and home phone numbers of all leaders and crew members must be kept on file at the base of operations. See the <i>Fieldbook</i>, No. 33104.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M-58 A master map is maintained at the base and/or the trek leader knows the locations of difficult portions of treks such as rapids, steep trails, cliffs, portages, windswept ridges, areas without water, etc.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Training		YES	NO	COMMENTS
59	A regular program of pretrek conditioning and training is recommended in literature sent to participants and leaders. Crew equipment for a successful experience is provided by the high-adventure program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M-60	Crews are trained in ways to reduce impact on the environment and in the principles of Leave No Trace (see No. 430-105). The importance of Leave No Trace techniques is stressed in the materials distributed to crews prior to the experience. Crews must carry required permits and a copy of the rules prescribed by the permitting agency for the area(s) traveled on the trek. See the <i>Fieldbook</i>, No. 33104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
61	Each crew leader and adult leader is asked to evaluate the trek experience using a written questionnaire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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These standards are identical to the 2012 Resident Camp Standards, No. 430-111, and have been identified by the code "R" (resident) to distinguish between like-numbered standards in this document.

Standard Code Definition

RM = Resident Mandatory

F = Applicable to Frontcountry Facilities

R = Resident

B = Applicable to Backcountry Facilities

Number = Standard Number

		Frontcountry		Backcountry		
General Facility Standards		YES	NO	YES	NO	COMMENTS
RM-3 (F, B)	Certificates of inspections must verify that drinking water is from an approved source and is tested and treated in conformance with the authority that has jurisdiction. The type and frequency of tests will be determined by the authority having jurisdiction. A current record of monitoring, testing, and maintenance is kept in good order on the premises. States have the option to set standards stricter than those set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Boy Scouts of America.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-9 (F, B)	An operating telephone or other reliable communications system is in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(F)	Current telephone numbers for fire, police, rescue squad, hospital, camp physician, and Scout executive (home, mobile, and office) are posted near all camp business telephones. Alternate personnel may be designated for the camp physician and the Scout executive, with home, mobile, and office phone numbers posted for each. An alternate communications system, in case the main system fails, is desirable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-11 (F)	Fire and emergency plans. Score M-11 "Yes" only when "a" through "f" are answered "Yes" below. Note: All parts must be answered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	a. A camp fireguard plan is in effect. Fire tools and equipment as agreed upon with local fire authorities are neatly placed in designated areas throughout the camp. Camp staff training includes specific instructions related to the staff's role during a fire emergency. Campers and leaders are oriented in the fireguard plan. Each campsite has completed a Unit Fireguard Chart, No. 33691, and it is on display. A campwide emergency or fire drill is held within 24 hours of unit arrival in camp. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
	b. Fire extinguishers of an approved type with current inspection dates and tags should normally be mounted near a doorway and at approximately shoulder level. A local fire marshal, firefighter, or other approved person may be authorized to inspect fire extinguishers. Disposable fire extinguishers may be used if they have pressure gauges and are in the proper safety zone on the gauge. Refer to NFPA 10 and OSHA 1910.157. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
	c. Central firefighting equipment is in good condition and stored for immediate use. Examples of such equipment include hoses, back pumps, rakes, shovels, and mattocks. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

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		YES	NO	YES	NO	
<p>d. All doors on buildings where people gather or are housed should swing in the direction of escape travel when serving a room or area with an occupant load of 50 or more. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>e. Operating smoke detection is required in every enclosed permanent structure where people sleep. The quantity and location of detectors shall be in accordance with recognized national and local standards (NFPA, local fire codes). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>f. Operating carbon monoxide detection is required in enclosed structures that have rooms where people sleep and have any device fueled by an energy source that produces carbon monoxide. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>						
RM-13 (F, B)	There is a program-specific summer camp operating budget, with appropriate controls in evidence, approved by the council executive board and shared with key staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-17 (F, B)	Current drawings are available on-site showing all electric, gas, water, and sewer systems and lines, with locations of shutoff switches or valves to interrupt service, should the need arise. Latest update: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-18 (F, B)	<p>If hazardous materials such as pesticides (insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, herbicides, paints, and chlorine) are used, they are government-approved.</p> <p>Use and storage instructions on the labels of all hazardous materials must be strictly followed.</p> <p>Disposal of hazardous materials or their containers is done according to recommendations on the labels, by the state agricultural extension service, or by the county agent, in a manner that does not create a hazard to others or to the environment. The camp complies with all of OSHA's hazard communication standards.</p> <p>Biohazardous waste: See standard M-9A.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
R-19 (F, B)	There is a current inventory and annual maintenance plan for all facilities and electromechanical and program equipment. The annual maintenance plan and method for keeping maintenance records are reviewed by the visitation team. Utilization of Council Properties Management System (CPMS) is recommended.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-43 (F, B)	<p>All toilet, latrine, and sewage facilities meet federal, state, and local requirements. Toilets and latrines are in good repair and located throughout camp and/or in each campsite. At least one seat is provided for every 15 campers. Latrines are clean and well-ventilated with adequate insect and pest control.</p> <p>(F) Paper products are in good supply, and handwashing facilities are available at or near each toilet. Clean restroom facilities are conveniently available for visitors.</p> <p>A method for separate use of restroom facilities by males and females has been established.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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		YES	NO	YES	NO	
RM-44 (F)	Drinking water is provided at each campsite and at central locations via sanitary fountains or portable water coolers. Personal (individual use only) water bottles or disposable cups (no shared cups) may be used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-45 (F)	Each camper is provided with a minimum of 30 square feet of sheltered space for sleeping and storing personal gear. This does not apply to outpost or off-camp camping or unit-supplied tentage. All camp-provided and unit-provided tentage used in the camp meets or exceeds fire-retardant specifications by the manufacturer (CPAI-84) and “no flames in tent” is marked on, or adjacent to, each tent. All campers have clean quarters reasonably safe from inclement weather, and comfortable bedding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
R-46 (F)	All campers, leaders, and staff members have access to clean shower facilities and comfortably warm showers on a regular basis throughout the week. At least five operable showerheads are provided for each 100 campers. A method is established to provide privacy for both male and female shower use in camp. There are separate showers provided for camp staff members. An adequate scheduling system is established for separate use by adult unit leaders who are 18 years old or older in camp, or separate shower facilities are provided. In accordance with Youth Protection policies, adults and youth never shower at the same time. This also applies to youth and adult camp staff members who are 18 years old or older.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-49 (F, B)	Disposal of garbage, refuse, and sewage meets the demand of the maximum number of campers in attendance. All state and local regulations are met as well as the criteria defined in <i>Camp Health and Safety</i> , No. 19-308. The garbage storage facility is clean, and pest control is adequate. Daily pickup of raw garbage from campsites is desirable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-52A (F, B)	All motor vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROHVs), golf carts, and farm equipment, used by the camp for service or maintenance purposes are kept in safe mechanical order, operated in a safe and legal manner, and used for their intended purpose. All operators must be provided instructions on the proper operations of the vehicle, including braking, backing, and steering. State inspection standards are met by each vehicle, whether licensed or unlicensed. Brakes, wipers, lights, steering, horn, and tires are checked by a competent mechanic. Four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs, UTVs, or ROHVs) are prohibited for program use in the Boy Scouts of America except as specified in RM-52B. However, they may be used by maintenance personnel on camp property when the operator has been properly trained in their safe operation, the operator is over 18 years old, and the	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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		YES	NO	YES	NO	
<p>vehicle has been inspected by the camp ranger and found to be in good working order. Operators of ATVs must wear a DOT-approved helmet. Helmet use while operating a UTV or ROHV is recommended. In all cases, the operator must follow the manufacturer's recommendation. These vehicles should be clearly designated for maintenance or administrative support and on the camp property only. Golf carts may be used to transport disabled or other individuals only while they are seated on seats that are standard equipment of the vehicle. The maximum speed is 10 mph. Safety belts should be worn if the vehicle comes from the manufacturer equipped with them.</p> <p>Under no circumstances are passengers to be carried in the bed of or towed behind a pickup truck. Trailers must never be used for carrying passengers. Hayrides can be provided following the restrictions outlined in the <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i>. Safety belts are worn by all drivers and passengers in motor vehicles in camp. (This is not required in commercial and school buses.) A first-aid kit and a fire extinguisher are carried in all camp motor vehicles. Vehicles belonging to staff members, leaders, and visitors must be parked in designated camp parking areas. Roads through campsites and program areas are restricted to authorized vehicles only.</p>						
RM-52B (F, B)	<p>Four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) used for program must be owned or leased by the council. Personal ATVs are not authorized. The program must comply with local and state laws and adhere to manufacturer's instructions at all times. The use of ATVs for program must be approved in writing by Outdoor Programs using form 430-044, and a copy must be available for the visitation team. The staff must be certified by the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ASI) and follow the ASI safety training program in its entirety. No deviation is permitted from the course outline.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-53 (F, B)	<p>All boilers, pressure tanks, and water heaters are equipped with operating safety valves and vented to within 6 inches of the deck. There is no leaking of hot water or steam in the system.</p> <p>Every boiler, pressure tank, and heater is inspected by a qualified person during the current year before camp opens. A tag noting the date of inspection is affixed to the appliance.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-54 (F, B)	<p>Bulk containers of flammable liquids are properly located, vented, secured, and connected according to the supplier's recommendation or local codes. Gasoline pumps are locked. Other flammable fuels are stored safely in approved containers that are locked or located in a locked area or facility.</p> <p>"Danger—No Smoking" signs are posted as appropriate. Availability of firefighting equipment is determined by local codes or recommendations of local fire authorities.</p> <p>Under adult supervision, the use of liquid fuel stoves and lanterns in a campsite is permitted. An approved backpack-type fuel bottle is not considered to be a bulk container.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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		YES	NO	YES	NO	
RM-55 (F, B)	The camp's facilities and electromechanical equipment are in good repair and safe operating condition. All guards are in place and all hazardous areas properly secured from access by campers and visitors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
R-56 (F)	A vehicle in camp is designated to provide nonemergency medical transportation when needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
R-58 (F, B)	Campgrounds, program areas, and camp facilities are clean, neat, and free of hazards. Hazardous dead trees or limbs, especially those near inhabited areas, trails, and electric lines, have been removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissary and Food Service Facilities		Frontcountry		Backcountry		COMMENTS
		YES	NO	YES	NO	
R-15 (F, B)	<p>Menus and food inventories are adequate to meet the needs of campers, leaders, and staff. Adequate food supplies or scheduled deliveries provide fresh milk, meat, fruit, bread, vegetables, etc., as called for on the menus.</p> <p>Menus are approved by a dietitian. A copy of the week's menu is conspicuously posted.</p> <p>A campsite cooking menu, food list, and cooking instructions are provided for each patrol cooking-style meal.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-38 (F)	<p>All food-service personnel in the kitchen, dining hall, or commissary are clean and wear clean clothing. Aprons, hats, gloves, and other protective items are worn as needed or required. The camp also meets applicable state requirements.</p> <p>Personnel with cuts or sores on their hands or with colds or sickness must not be on duty unless the camp health officer gives approval.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-48 (F)	<p>All camp refrigeration units are clean and sanitary, and all food is covered. A temperature of not more than 40°F or 4°C must be maintained for refrigerators. A temperature of not more than 0°F or -18°C must be maintained for freezers. Keep It Cold Temperature chart, No. 34230, is posted and filled in daily at each refrigerator and freezer. A nonmercuric thermometer is used in each refrigeration unit. Walk-in refrigerators and/or freezers have an opening device on both sides of the door. Perishable foods requiring refrigeration are not kept at patrol/crew cooking sites.</p> <p>A Food Safety Cooking Chart, No. 34310, must be prominently displayed in each dining hall and used as a resource by all food preparers. Bimetallic or electronic stem thermometers must be used by all food preparers to check the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper cooking temperature of foods • Holding temperature of hot foods • Cooling time and temperature for cooked food to be refrigerated for future use <p>Temperature monitoring must be conducted on at least a weekly basis as outlined in the Food Safety Cooking Chart, No. 34310.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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Commissary and Food Service Facilities		Frontcountry		Backcountry		COMMENTS
		YES	NO	YES	NO	
RM-50 (F)	<p>All dishes, silverware, cookware, and cooking utensils are properly cleaned and sanitized in accordance with state and local regulations, and comply with criteria defined in <i>Camp Health and Safety</i>, No. 19-308.</p> <p>A Keep It Hot Temperature chart, No. 34231, is posted daily by dishwashers requiring high-temperature rinse water. Approved chemical additives for rinsing are used to properly disinfect and provide for drying when using low-temperature dishwashing equipment or when handwashing.</p> <p>Only air-drying is permitted, and the clean dishes, silverware, and utensils are neatly stored in a clean and sanitary facility with protection from insects and pests.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-51 (F)	<p>Kitchen, dining hall, and commissary facilities are clean and sanitary. Insect and pest control is satisfactory. See <i>Camp Health and Safety</i>, No. 19-308.</p> <p>All equipment and utensils used in the preparation and serving of food are clean and sanitary. Dining hall tables, benches, and serving facilities are clean and in good repair. The dining hall has a pleasant atmosphere, with good ventilation and adequate room to walk freely between tables.</p> <p>Smoking is not allowed in the dining hall, nor is it permitted in the kitchen. A smoking zone, away from any food preparation, serving, dining, and camping areas, may be designated if local ordinances permit.</p> <p>For patrol/unit cooking, the same standards are applied.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Program Facilities		Frontcountry		Backcountry		COMMENTS
		YES	NO	YES	NO	
RM-60 (F)	<p>Swimming pools, waterfront facilities, and aquatics equipment, including watercraft, are neat, clean, and operated in compliance with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America and local, state, and U.S. Coast Guard regulations, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat procedures are used for all on-site and off-site swimming and boating activities. All campers and staff adhere to the buddy system and restrictions based on swim classifications. Life jackets are worn by everyone aboard small craft. • Life jackets, paddles, and other equipment are properly sized for all participants. • Reach poles, rescue tubes, ring buoys, a backboard with straps and head restraint, and other emergency items such as radios or communication gear are present in sufficient numbers, in good repair, and easily accessible. • Aquatics amusement features, such as floats and water slides, are operated in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and local and state regulations. • Long-distance swimming in open water must follow Mile Swim BSA safety guidelines. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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		YES	NO	YES	NO	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pool and shower systems, including sanitation, are overseen by and documentation is maintained by personnel trained according to state regulations. (Note: The camp ranger may need pool operator certification in your state.) Campers may not operate motorboats without an adult or staff member on board who meets state requirements. Proper safety precautions are taken for fueling and fuel storage. Proper training and equipment, including helmets, are in place for whitewater (above Class II). 		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-61A (F)	<p>The following items have been reviewed jointly by the council aquatics committee or other council committee and the camp aquatics director and are available to the visitation team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic staff orientation and in-service training plans including aquatic skills development, effective teaching, and lifeguarding skills and other safety procedures. List of activities each aquatics staff member is qualified to supervise or teach. Staff assignment process to meet the needs of each aquatics program activity. Facility and equipment inspection and maintenance procedures. Emergency action plans including communication systems. <p>Date of review and approval: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
R-61B (F)	<p>The council utilizes an aquatics committee or other council committee to supervise aquatics activities.</p> <p>Committee: _____</p> <p>Name of chairman: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-69 (F, B)	<p>If the camp operates a Project COPE course (one high (F, B) or one low element constitutes a COPE course), it must meet all of the current mandatory standards in the Project COPE and Climbing/Rappelling National Standards, No. 430-008. (This standard is excused if the camp does not offer a Project COPE program.)</p> <p>If one or more Project COPE course activities do not meet the standards, it may be possible to close those activities until they can meet the standards, without closing the entire COPE course. The decision to affect the camp rating is jointly decided by the COPE visitation team and the camp visitation team chairman.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Program Facilities		Frontcountry		Backcountry		COMMENTS
		YES	NO	YES	NO	
RM-70 (F, B)	<p>Scout camp structures such as monkey bridges, obstacle courses, and pioneering towers are expected to meet safety standards in equipment and supervision comparable to COPE, but do not require the employment of a COPE-trained director or instructor.</p> <p>All high activities (shoulder height or more above ground) must have a reliable protection system and backup system to protect participants.</p> <p>Equipment is checked at least every week.</p> <p>Except for a COPE wall event or high beam activities, any time a camp participant is engaged in an activity that is shoulder height or more above ground level, the person is belayed. COPE wall events and high beam activities are heavily spotted.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RM-84 (F)	If a camp operates a climbing/rappelling program, it must meet all mandatory national standards in the Project COPE and Climbing/Rappelling National Standards, No. 430-008.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
RM-85 (F)	The camp has at least one automated external defibrillator (AED). Training on its use has been provided to those who may use it, and it is maintained per the manufacturer's schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

2012 NATIONAL STANDARD RATING SCORE SHEET FOR COUNCIL HIGH-ADVENTURE AND SPECIALTY-ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

This score sheet is for use in conjunction with the 2012 National Standards for Council High-Adventure and Specialty-Adventure Programs, No. 430-120, to record the results of the visitations. Send the results to the BSA local council and to Outdoor Programs within five days of completing the inspection.

Base name _____ Region _____ Area _____ Date _____

Council name _____ No. _____

Visitation team led by _____
Print name Signature

Scout executive _____
Print name Signature

MANDATORY STANDARDS. Failure to comply with any one of these standards is cause to close the program or a particular facet of the program. Circle items that do not comply.

M-1A	M-1B	M-2	M-3	M-4	M-7	M-9A	M-9B	M-10	M-13	M-15	M-16	M-18	M-19	M-21
M-22	M-23	M-24	M-27	M-28	M-29	M-30	M-32	M-34	M-35	M-36	M-37	M-39	M-42	M-43
M-44	M-45	M-47	M-49	M-50	M-56	M-57	M-58	M-60						

MANDATORY FACILITY STANDARDS.

RM-3	RM-9	RM-11	RM-13	RM-17	RM-18	RM-38	RM-43	RM-44	RM-45	RM-48	RM-49	RM-50
RM-51	RM-52A	RM-52B	RM-53	RM-54	RM-55	RM-60	RM-61A	RM-69	RM-70	RM-84	RM-85	

QUALITY PROGRAM STANDARDS. Circle items that do not comply.

5	11	12	14	17	20	25	26	31	33	38	40	41
46	48	51	52	53	54	55	59	61				

QUALITY FACILITY STANDARDS. R-15 R-19 R-46 R-56 R-58 R-61B

RATINGS

- Does the program comply with all mandatory standards (except those legitimately excused)? Answer YES or NO. _____
- How many of the 28 possible quality standards (including those legitimately excused) does the program comply with? Enter number. _____

Nationally Accredited rating may be awarded if the answer to question No. 1 is yes and the answer to question No. 2 is at least 25.

_____ This program (does/does not) qualify as a nationally accredited high-adventure program for the 2012 season.

_____ This program qualifies as a conditionally accredited high-adventure program for the 2012 season.

_____ This program is closed.

Visitation team chairman

Area director or regional/representative

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