

## Guide to Safe Scouting Updates (January 2012)

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### I. Youth Protection and Adult Leadership

- Mandatory Report of Child Abuse
  - Clause in first sentence deleted
- How does the BSA help prevent child abuse in Scouting?
  - Changes throughout
- Leadership Selection
  - Change to last sentence in section
- Scouting's Barriers to Abuse
  - Section title change from Barriers to Abuse
  - Within Scouting
  - Changes throughout
- Frequently Asked Questions
  - What should I do if a child tells me that he has been sexually abused?
  - Insert clause "and the authorities"
  - New copy for last sentence

### II. Aquatics Safety

- Safe Swim Defense
  - New copy added at end of first paragraph

### III. Camping

- Venturing Camping
  - Venturing members can participate in the national jamboree

### VIII. Sports and Activities

- Climbing and Rappelling
  - Change "should" to "must;" "guidelines" to "requirements"
- Unauthorized and Restricted Activities
  - Changes in wording for Nos. 8 and 9

### Age-appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities (Insert)

- Vehicles
  - Under "Dirt Bikes," insert "Venturers Only" into the chart under "Older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers"
- Camping
  - Under "Jamboree," delete "Boy Scouts Only;" insert solid black rules in the chart under "Boy Scouts" and "Older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers"
- Aircraft
  - Insert category "Hot Air Balloons (tethered only)" and a solid black rule across each of the age levels in the chart

### Appendix

- Unit Money-Earning Application
  - Addition of second page of the application

## Updates (September 2012)

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### I. Youth Protection and Adult Leadership

- Change wording of "Mandatory Report of Child Abuse" to "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse"

### V. Medical Information and First Aid

- Under "Immunizations," add "Meningococcal" to the listing
- Under "Protection Consideration for Blood and Bodily Fluids (Universal Precautions)," delete "arterial" from "serious arterial bleeding" in the third bulleted item; delete "sterilize or" from "for use in sterilizing or cleaning" in the fourth bulleted item

### VIII. Sports and Activities

- Added new section "Slacklining," before "Unauthorized and Restricted Activities"

### XI. Transportation

- Under "Automobiles," added new paragraph on the commercial general liability policy information that includes bolded information, **Scouting youth (under age 18) are not insured under the Boy Scouts of America commercial general liability policy**

### XIII. Animal and Insect Hazards

- West Nile Virus
  - Updated web address at end of last paragraph

### XIV. Incident Reporting

- Added new section

### Appendix

- Tour Plan
  - Replaced by Tour and Activity Plan
- Flying Plan Application
  - Replaced with updated Flying Plan
- Added "Incident Descriptions and Reporting Instructions"
- Added "Incident Definitions"
- Added "Service Project Planning Guidelines"
- Added "Age Guidelines for Tool Use and Work at Elevations and Excavations"

### Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities (Insert)

- Vehicles
  - Add All-Terrain Vehicles and Personal Watercraft approved only for council-approved activities
- Shooting
  - Pistols approved for Venturers only; exception made for authorized pilot programs operated by a council under a formal memorandum of understanding
- Aquatics
  - Tubing (floating in an inner tube) approved for Webelos Scouts for council/district flat water events

## Updates (March 2013)

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### The BSA's Commitment to Safety

- This safety statement from the national Key 3 was added to page ii, before the preface.

### VII. Shooting Sports

- New section refers to the *BSA National Shooting Sports Manual* for policies on all shooting sports activities.

### Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities (Insert)

- Pocketknives (in Tools section) can be used by Bear Cub Scouts only, not Wolf and Bears Cub Scouts as previously indicated in second box.

## Updates (May 2013)

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### VII. Shooting Sports

- The BSA's longstanding policy on firearms was added.

### Appendix

- In the Age Guidelines for Tool Use and Work at Elevations or Excavations document, the maximum height for pioneering projects was changed from 5 feet to 6 feet on the third page.