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PD-101	<b>General Program Design.</b> The overall program supports Scouting's aims and methods.	√		
PD-104	<b>Venturer/Sea Scout Program Design.</b> Programs for Venturers are exciting, dynamic, and appealing to today's youth; meet the needs of the youth and units attending camp; and are fun and safe.	√		
PD-106	<b>Skill Progression and Advancement.</b> Advancement opportunities are appropriate for the age group and facility, emphasize that Scouting is "fun with a purpose," are presented by qualified personnel, and are consistent with BSA advancement policies.	√		
PD-107	<b>Outdoor Ethics.</b> The camp practices, teaches, and demonstrates BSA outdoor ethics.	√		
PD-108	<b>Communication With Units, Participants, and Parents.</b> The council provides sufficient information to unit leaders, participants, and parents to help them plan for and participate in the program.	√		
PD-109	<b>Outside Providers of Program/Activities.</b> If a council uses public or private outside (non-BSA) providers of programs or activities, the council has a written agreement with each provider that outlines the responsibilities of both parties.	√		
PD-110	<b>Accessibility for Persons With Special Needs.</b> The council has a plan for making the camp's programs accessible to Scouts and leaders with special needs to the extent feasible.	√		
PD-111	<b>New Programs and Activities.</b> When a camp develops a new activity not addressed by these Standards, it must develop the program following the guidelines of the <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> , BSA Youth Protection policies, the BSA Program Hazard Analysis process, and the Age-Appropriate Guidelines.	√		
PD-112	<b>Council Program Design, Safety, and Risk Review.</b> Council standing committees review camp program design and activities to ensure they support the council program, conform to BSA and council risk management and health and safety policies, and meet council quality objectives. The camp director is responsible for implementing the program and supervising staff and program activities in accordance with approved policies during camp.	√		
RP-151	Pre-Camp Marketing	*		
RP-152	Service Projects	*		
RP-153	Adult Participant Training Opportunities	*		
RP-157	Inspirational Ceremonies	*		
RP-159	Trading Post	*		
RP-160	Camper Recognition and Retention	*		
RP-161	Alumni Association Program	*		
RP-162	Exposure to BSA Programs	*		
RP-163	Fellowship Opportunities	*		
PS-201	<b>Aquatics: General.</b> If provided, swimming pools, waterfront facilities, and aquatics equipment, including watercraft, are safe, neat, clean, and operated in compliance with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, U.S. Coast Guard, and other governing jurisdiction regulations.	*		
PS-203	<b>Aquatics: Scuba.</b> Scuba programs are conducted in a safe manner and in accordance with the <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> scuba policy and applicable industry requirements.	*		
PS-205	<b>All-Terrain Vehicle Programs.</b> The camp offers a safe introductory program into all-terrain vehicle use and operation following the safety training program of the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute.	*		
PS-206	<b>COPE and/or Climbing Programs.</b> A Project COPE or climbing course must comply with the Project COPE or climbing standards, as appropriate, set forth as an Appendix A to these standards.	*		
PS-207	<b>Fishing Programs.</b> If fishing is offered, the camp provides appropriate instruction and safe equipment and facilities.	*		
PS-208	<b>Handicraft Programs.</b> If offered, handicraft programs focus on typical camper learning opportunities, are properly supervised, and equipment is used in a safe manner.	*		
PS-209	<b>Horse and Stock Programs.</b> If a horseback riding or stock program is offered, all aspects of the program are safe, fun, and learning-based for campers while providing proper care and recordkeeping for horses and stock.	*		
PS-210	<b>Mountain Biking and Boarding Programs.</b> If offered, mountain bike and/or mountain board programs must be operated with appropriate training, supervision, safety procedures, and consideration of site-specific conditions.	*		
PS-211	<b>Nature and Conservation.</b> Qualified staff provide hands-on opportunities for conservation and ecological learning projects and provide opportunities for observation of the natural world. Instruction is provided on proper tool use and safety, when needed.	*		
PS-212	<b>Scoutcraft, Woodcraft, and Outdoor Skills.</b> Qualified staff provide hands-on opportunities for conservation and ecological learning projects and provide opportunities for observation of the natural world. Instruction is provided on proper tool use and safety, when needed.	*		
PS-213	<b>Shooting Sports: Archery.</b> The camp operates a safe, age-appropriate archery program.	*		
PS-214	<b>Shooting Sports: Firearms.</b> The camp operates a safe, age-appropriate firearms shooting sports program.	*		
PS-215	<b>Tot Lots.</b> If a tot lot is offered for children and dependents of camp staff (including volunteer staff) at no additional fee, then adult supervision and guidance are provided by two-deep leadership. Preschool-age children in the tot lot are covered by accident/sickness insurance.	*		
PS-216	<b>Transportation Services.</b> If a camp provides transportation service to its participants, it does so in a safe fashion, complying with applicable law.	*		
RP-251	Conservation Projects	*		
RP-252	Nature Trail or Exhibit	*		
RP-253	Outdoor Ethics Training	*		
RP-254	Aquatics Supervision Courses	*		
RP-255	Enhanced Horsemanship Program	*		

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RP-256	The CHECK Program	*		
PT-301	<b>Trek Programs: General.</b> The council administers and operates a trek camp that is properly supervised and conducted in a safe manner.	*		
SQ-401	<b>General Camp Staff Qualifications.</b> A. All camp personnel, paid and volunteer, are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. B. Resident camp employees must be 15 years of age or older, except lifeguards for swimming activities in natural bodies of water must be 16 years of age. Trek, high-adventure, and specialty-adventure employees must be 16 years of age or older. Resident camp counselors-in-training (CITs) and day camp staff must be 14 years of age or older. C. The camp complies with all federal and state child labor laws. (Federal child labor laws set a limit of 8 hours per day that a paid worker 15 years of age or younger may work. Minors (14 or 15 years of age) cannot perform hazardous duty, such as working on or operating a motor vehicle and maintenance and operation of power driven equipment.) D. All camp personnel – employees, volunteers, CITs, or den chiefs – complete a camp staff application and receive a letter of agreement along with a written position description and camp staff manual prior to starting work. E. If present, international camp staff members must be 18 years of age or older, have been processed and approved by the BSA's International Department, and may not hold any camp staff position for which National Camping School training is mandatory. International youth visitors/guests or volunteers may not serve on camp staff. F. The complete, official uniform is worn by camp staff during formal ceremonies such as campfires, evening meals, retreats, etc., as determined by the council. A staff shirt with uniform shorts/pants may be approved informal staff attire. G. The camp has a staff organization chart and a policy specifying minimum staff requirements.	v		
SQ-402	<b>General Camp Staff Training.</b> The camp staff has received training commensurate with its responsibilities in accordance with a written training plan approved by the appropriate council committees.	v		
SQ-403	<b>Camp Management.</b> Camp managers meet current BSA qualification criteria.	v		
SQ-405	<b>Camp Health Officer.</b> Medical care is under the direction of the council health supervisor, who is a currently licensed physician practicing medicine in the state in which the camp is located. The camp health officer is at least 18 years of age, lives on-site, is on property and on call at all times, and holds qualifications appropriate for the nature of the camp and its proximity to emergency medical care.	v		
SQ-406	<b>Aquatics Staff: If Offered.</b> The aquatics program is properly staffed and supervised by qualified individuals.	*		
SQ-407	<b>Firearms Range Staff.</b> The firearm range must be adequately supervised by a qualified person(s).	*		
SQ-408	<b>Archery Range Staff.</b> The archery range must be supervised by trained and qualified persons at least 18 years of age. A National Camping School-trained Shooting Sports director or National Archery Association instructor must train the archery range officer and issue a training course pocket certificate. The certificate must be renewed every two years.	*		
SQ-409	<b>COPE and/or Climbing Staff.</b> The Project COPE course must be adequately supervised by qualified persons.	*		
SQ-412	<b>Other Program Staff Qualifications.</b> All camp activity leadership staff is qualified by age and training or acceptable experience to safely lead a quality program. Supporting staff meets age and training requirements as necessary.	*		
RP-451	Reservation, Camp, or Base Director Experience	*		
RP-453	Camp Health Officer Experience	*		
RP-454	Business Manager	*		
RP-455	Chaplain Qualifications	*		
RP-456	Shooting Sports Staffing	*		
RP-457	Camp Staff Age	*		
RP-458	Camp Leadership Experience	*		
RP-459	Counselor-in-Training Program	*		
RP-462	National Camping School Certified staff	*		
RP-463	National Camping School Certified staff	*		
HS-501	<b>Youth Protection.</b> Each camp will ensure that it meets the Youth Protection policies set forth in the current edition of the <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> and applicable state regulations.	v		
HS-502	<b>Unit Leadership.</b> Each camp will ensure that units participating in its program have adequate adult supervision.	v		
HS-503	<b>Medical Information.</b> The camp requires and maintains the current BSA medical forms for all staff and participants and has parent/guardian authorizations for emergency treatment for all minors.	v		
HS-504	<b>Medical Screening and Follow-Up.</b> As part of the check-in process, each participant is given an individual medical screening by a qualified adult. Reasonable steps are taken to maintain privacy.	v		
HS-505	<b>Medical Care Policies (Camp and Council).</b> Clearly written council/camp medical care policies and procedures shall be available, shared for all council camps (day camp, family camp, resident, or trek), and reviewed annually by the council's health supervisor in conjunction with the enterprise risk management committee.	v		
HS-506	<b>On-Site Treatment Procedures.</b> Written policies for medical care services must be approved annually by the council's health supervisor in conjunction with the enterprise risk management committee.	v		

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HS-507	<b>Medical Recordkeeping and Reporting.</b> All health-related interactions and incidents are promptly and appropriately recorded and reported.	A.1, 2.B-E		
HS-508	<b>Medication Control and Recordkeeping.</b> The camp has policies and procedures to ensure the proper storage, administration, and dispensing of medications.	✓		
HS-509	<b>Medical Care Area.</b> The camp shall provide a clearly marked health care area that is appropriately equipped and includes: A. For resident camps, automated external defibrillator (AED). B. Lockable medical storage system (dry and cold). C. Available toilets, washing water, and drinking water. D. Space for medical treatment. E. Protection from outside elements. F. Medical care staff continuously on call to meet routine medical needs, special medical needs (per council written health care procedures), and to maintain health and medication logs.	✓		
HS-510	<b>First-Aid Kits.</b> The camp supplies or ensures that adequate first-aid kits are available.	Part A		
HS-511	<b>Buddy System.</b> All programs stress the use of the buddy system, whereby campers engage in activities with at least one other person so that they can monitor and help each other. Using a formalized buddy system is mandated in certain adventurous or potentially dangerous activities.	✓		
FS-601	<b>Food Planning.</b> The camp or outdoor program that provides food to staff or participants has a food plan that provides for safe and nutritious food.	✓		
FS-602	<b>Kitchen, Dining Hall, and Commissary Facilities.</b> Kitchen, dining hall, and commissary facilities and equipment are clean and sanitary. Insect and pest control are satisfactory.	✓		
FS-603	<b>Food Preparation and Sanitation.</b> A camp that provides food shall ensure that its food service personnel meet health and sanitation requirements and that food preparation, serving and dining areas are clean and sanitary.	✓		
FS-604	<b>Food Storage.</b> Food is stored safely.	✓		
FS-605	<b>Food Disposal.</b> The camp provides for timely, safe and sanitary food disposal.	✓		
FS-606	<b>Dishwashing.</b> All dishes, silverware, cookware, and cooking utensils are properly cleaned and sanitized in accordance with state and local regulations.	✓		
FA-701	<b>Post-Camp/Pre-Camp Inspection.</b> The council conducts a post-camp/pre-camp review.	✓		
FA-702	<b>Drinking Water.</b> Adequate access to safe drinking water is provided to all participants.	✓		
FA-703	<b>Fire Detection and Prevention.</b> Adequate provision is made for fire detection and protection.	✓		
FA-705	<b>Utility Emergency Shutoff.</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. Key staff have access to and know how to operate the shutoffs.	✓		
FA-706	<b>Stationary Fuel-Fired and Electromechanical Equipment.</b> All stationary fuel-fired or electromechanical equipment is maintained in good condition and is properly secured.	✓		
FA-707	<b>Toilets and Latrines.</b> Toilets and latrines are clean, well-ventilated, in good repair with adequate insect and pest control, and located throughout camp and/or in each campsite. Procedures for separate use of restroom facilities by males and females and by youth and adults are in effect.	✓		
FA-708	<b>Showers.</b> 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 one operable showerhead is provided for each 20 participants (including staff). Procedures for separate use of shower facilities by males and females and by youth and adults are in effect.	✓		
FA-709	<b>Refrigeration Unit Maintenance and Temperature Control.</b> All camp refrigeration units are clean, sanitary, and able to achieve required temperatures.	✓		
FA-710	<b>Garbage and Sewage Removal.</b> Disposal of garbage, refuse, and sewage meets the demand of the maximum number of campers in attendance. Garbage storage facilities are clean, and pest control is adequate.	✓		
FA-711	<b>Motor Vehicles.</b> All council-owned or operated motor vehicles used in camp are kept in safe mechanical order and operated in a safe and legal manner. Vehicles are maintained to state inspection standards, whether licensed or not. Policies are in place to address motor vehicle use.	✓		
FA-712	<b>Tree Removal and Chain Saws.</b> Trees must be felled and chain saws used in a safe manner.	✓		
FA-713	<b>Hazardous Materials.</b> All hazardous materials are used under prescribed methods and stored under correct methods.	✓		
FA-714	<b>Shelter in Inclement Weather.</b> The council provides adequate shelter and has a plan for continuing program in inclement weather and adjusts activities as needed.	✓		
FA-715	<b>COPE and Climbing Facilities</b>	✓		
RP-751	Campsite Fire and Safety	*		
RP-752	Invasive Species Control	*		
RP-753	COPE Facility Inspection	*		
AO-801	<b>Permits and Compliance.</b> The council has all necessary federal, state, and local permits, certificates, licenses, and agreements to lawfully operate a camp at this location during this time period and has completed a review of legal requirements for operation within the past three years.	✓		
AO-802	<b>BSA Authorization to Operate.</b> The council has a current BSA Authorization to Operate its camp properties and camps, has complied with the terms of the Authorization to Operate, and has met the following notification and corrective action requirements: Notification of Intent to Operate; Declaration of Readiness; Corrective Action Plan and Resolution Report (if applicable); Publication of Accreditation status in leader's guide; website (if any); and registration materials.	✓		

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<b>AO-803</b>	<b>Insurance.</b> The camp or outdoor program should have insurance meeting BSA or governing jurisdiction minimum requirements, whichever is more stringent.	√		
<b>AO-804</b>	<b>Camper Security.</b> The camp or outdoor program uses adequate written security procedures to ensure camper security from reasonably foreseeable risks.	√		
<b>AO-805</b>	<b>Emergency Procedures.</b> The camp or outdoor program has completed an assessment of risks to its participants and staff and uses written emergency procedures that address them.	√		
<b>AO-806</b>	<b>Camp Budgeting, Analysis, Financial Control.</b> The council annually prepares a year-round camp budget and conducts an annual camp analysis based on year-round data on all camp operations and properties.	√		
<b>AO-807</b>	<b>Communication Systems.</b> Operating telephones or other reliable communication system must be accessible to designated staff members at all times. Information and procedures must be in place for emergency communications with medical providers, police, fire, and other rescue personnel; Scout executive and other key professional staff; and parents of campers.	√		
<b>AO-808</b>	<b>BSA Reporting.</b> The camp or outdoor program has completed required BSA reports in a timely manner. Reports include: A. Annual National Camping Report B. National BSA incident report(s), as necessary.	√		
<b>AO-809</b>	<b>Customer Survey.</b> The camp surveys its customers to assess satisfaction.	√		
<b>AO-810</b>	<b>Continuous Camp Improvement.</b> The camp participates in the BSA Continuous Camp Improvement program that addresses program, facilities, finances, staff, attendees, and participation.	√		
<b>RP-851</b>	Council Committee/Volunteer Support	*		
<b>RP-852</b>	On-site Contract Personnel Background Check	*		
<b>RP-853</b>	Camp Long Range Plan	*		
<b>RP-854</b>	Funding Depreciation	*		
<b>RP-855</b>	Opening and Closing Procedures	*		
<b>Key:</b>				
*	Potentially applicable, depending upon program offered			
√	Applies to camp or camp property			
PD	Program Design Standards and Recommended Practices			
PS	Program Substantive Standards and Recommended Practices			
PT	Trek Program Standards			
SQ	Staff Qualification and Training Standards and Recommended Practices			
HS	Health and Safety Standards			
FS	Commissary and Food Service Standards			
FA	Facility Standards and Recommended Practices			
AO	Administration and Operational Management Standards and Recommended Practices			