

2009 Project COPE

NATIONAL STANDARDS
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2009 National Standards for Project COPE Courses

These standards are designed to ensure a high degree of health and safety for participants and staff engaged in Project COPE events and activities. Equipment, facilities, staff qualifications, and training, as well as operation of the program, should be reviewed during the annual summer camp visitation. A COPE course is defined as any activity listed in the high-course events or low-course activities portions of the Project COPE manual, No. 34371C. Qualified personnel should supervise all low-course and high-course activities listed in the guidebook.

The annual visitation must be conducted by a regional COPE visitation specialist. It is strongly recommended that the Project COPE visitation be conducted prior to or on the same day as the resident camp visitation and that the course be in operation at the time of inspection. Project COPE courses that are not part of a summer camp operation must also be inspected annually by a regional COPE visitation specialist.

All mandatory (“M”) standards in **boldface** must be met to operate Project COPE course elements. Any event or activity that does not meet all mandatory standards must be closed until compliance is achieved. If one or more Project COPE elements do not meet the standards, it may be possible—without closing the entire course—to close those elements until they can meet the standards and be reopened by the council COPE committee.

The following items must be available to the visitation team.

	No.	Type of Records or Documentation	Standard(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Results of last inspection of the facility/course	M14
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Corrective action taken in No. 1	M14
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Document verifying that trees used for COPE elements have been inspected by a certified arborist or professional forester	M3
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Written policy to protect the COPE site from environmental degradation	M7
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Documentation of pole inspection	M4, M8
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) standards available on the COPE site	M6
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Documentation of the most recent professional challenge course builder inspection	M6
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Written approval from Outdoor Programs of any new element not in the <i>Project COPE</i> manual	M9
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Log of the history of each rope used in the program	M25
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Equipment records and inventory, helmets, rope, webbing, and harnesses	M21, M22, M24, M26, M29
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Reports of injuries and close calls involving participation in the COPE program	M15
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Maintenance checklist of facilities and equipment, including new installation and reconfiguration	M14, M29
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Proof of training of each Project COPE director and instructor	M13, M17, M18, M19, M20, M39
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Project COPE staff training plan	M18
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Rules and safety procedures for each event	M40, M43
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Procedures for opening and concluding a COPE program session	M42
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Emergency plan and procedures	M47, M48
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Written checklist of safety orientation	M33

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A D V E N T U R E

Summary of Changes in 2009 National Standards for Project COPE

Several changes were made to these standards for 2009. They include the following.

Standard **M5**, formerly standard 7, is now mandatory. It states that a written policy is followed to protect the COPE site from environmental degradation. A well-planned, well-constructed, and well-maintained trail system is used. Staff members are knowledgeable in the principles of Leave No Trace where they are applicable to Project COPE.

Standard **M6**, formerly standard **M4**, now specifies the interval between minimum inspections to be two years. It reads: **Project COPE installations, including poles, are built to Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) installation standards and are inspected by a qualified professional challenge course builder before initial use; after any significant stress, such as lightning, high winds, falling objects, etc.; and at least once every two years.**

Standard **M10**, formerly standard 10, is now mandatory.

Standard **M12** defines COPE staff members as directors, low-course directors, instructors, and instructors-in-training.

Standard **M13** now specifies that a currently trained Project COPE director or climbing director chairs the council COPE/climbing committee. A National Camping School-trained counterpart also serves on the committee if both programs are offered. At least one member of the council COPE/climbing committee is a member of the ACCT.

Standard **M15** specifies that close call and accident documentation records must be maintained according to the council's retention policy.

Standard **M17** clarifies when a Project COPE director may supervise a tower. It reads: **A Project COPE director may supervise a tower only when it is being used as a COPE high-course element. All other tower activities are considered part of a climbing program and must comply with National Standards for Climbing/Rappelling, No. 20-120 (current year).** This standard also specifies that the Project COPE director has practiced the procedures for incident resolution for possible emergencies for the high-course events the director will supervise.

Standard **M20** now states that at least one person at the Project COPE site must be trained in first aid and CPR, and physically present when the COPE course is in use. At least one staff member will be required to meet this standard in 2010.

Standard **M21** specifies that only UIAA- or CE-approved rock climbing helmets are approved for participants and staff members in the fall zone of a high-course event.

Standard **M23** states that only trained Project COPE staff may enter into a leading-edge environment—using lobster claws (or other similar tether system) to self-belay above the anchor, such as during a staple climb, rope grab, or cable grab. A load-limiting or fall-arresting device must be used in a leading-edge environment.

Standard **M25** specifies that all cordage be retired no more than five years from the date of being placed into service or 10 years from the date of purchase.

Standard **M28** has changed. It states: **When in contact with steel cable, only locking steel carabiners, pulleys with steel sheaves, or steel rapid links suitable for climbing are used.**

Standard **M39** and **M40** have been combined.

Standard **M41**, formerly **M42**, has been revised. It reads: **For off-season (non-summer camp) activities, a medical health history/informed consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian is required for all participants. Non-Scout groups must also complete the hold-harmless section of the form. For summer camp programs, participants will follow the camp's established medical screening procedure. Participants should be asked to relate any recent injuries or illnesses to the COPE director/instructor before participating. The COPE director/instructor will accommodate needs based on the medical or physical situation. All supervision, discipline, and protections should be adjusted to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. For significant health concerns, an examination by a physician and consultation with parent/guardian is appropriate.**

Classes of Project COPE Practices and Procedures

Several levels of practices and procedures may apply in specific situations:

Required

The *Project COPE National Standards* are required for all council and district challenge course activities.

Recommended

The *Project COPE* manual, No. 34371C, contains recommended practices and procedures for council/district challenge course activities. These have been determined to have a high degree of safety and are commonly used.

Prohibited

A few challenge course practices and procedures are prohibited because they have been determined not to be safe; they are described in the *Project COPE National Standards* and the *Project COPE* manual.

Acceptable

Because there is such a variety of challenge course practices and procedures, some are simply acceptable—not required, recommended, or prohibited. Just because a practice is not described in *Project COPE* does not necessarily mean that it is not acceptable. The council's Project COPE committee chairman should be consulted regarding challenge course practices and procedures that may be questionable.

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Standard	Yes	No	Comments
I. PROGRAM SITE			
M1. The Project COPE course is located where access is controlled or monitored when the course is not in use. High-course elements must be disabled to a height of at least 12 feet, and low-course elements must be disabled as described in the <i>Project COPE</i> manual. (Trust Fall and similar events are excepted.) Warning signs must be posted at the Project COPE site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M2. Activity sites are free of distractions from other program areas and from potential hazards such as power lines, vehicular traffic, and exposed ridges. These sites are also free of other identifiable hazards that could endanger participants, staff members, or onlookers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M3. A document is on file verifying that trees used on the Project COPE course have been inspected within the past two years by a certified arborist or professional forester. This inspection will verify or assure that all trees used on the COPE course are appropriate for their use, sound, and free from disease or other conditions that might weaken them. Trees that are determined to be unsuitable are not used. Tree inspection was signed by: _____ Date of inspection of trees: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M4. All dead snags and limbs that could threaten any of the activity sites or trails are removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M5. A written policy is followed to protect the COPE site from environmental degradation. A well-planned, well-constructed, and well-maintained trail system is used. Staff members are knowledgeable in the principles of Leave No Trace where they are applicable to Project COPE.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
II. CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENT			
M6. Project COPE installations, including poles, are built to Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) installation standards and are inspected by a qualified professional challenge course builder before initial use; after any significant stress, such as lightning, high winds, falling objects, etc.; and at least once every two years. Closed elements must be inspected and approved by the council COPE committee and must conform to ACCT standards before being reopened for use. A copy of the current ACCT standards is available at the Project COPE site. Date of last inspection: _____ Professional challenge course builder: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M7. Trees used to anchor cables are at least 8 inches in diameter at the point of attachment of cable terminations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M8. Effective January 1, 2010, all poles used in critical applications must be class 1 or class 2. Other-class poles may be used in noncritical applications. Class 3 poles may be used through 2009 if they were installed prior to 1996 and are suitable in strength for the loads they support or where they are used in noncritical applications. For unmarked poles, the council has documentation indicating that these poles meet current American National Standards Institute (ANSI) specifications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Standard	Yes	No	Comments
<p>M9. Any high- or low-course event not described and explained in the <i>Project COPE</i> manual, No. 34371C, must be designed to provide spotting or belay access. Any new element proposed should serve an objective not being met in the <i>Project COPE</i> manual. A description of the event and a detailed sketch have been filed with Outdoor Programs, S230 at the national office, and a written record of approval has been received and is available for review by Project COPE visitors.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
III. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION			
<p>M10. If Project COPE is conducted for groups with special needs, adult leaders familiar with the conditions and abilities of the group are included in an appropriate ratio for the group size.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M11. A currently trained Project COPE director must be on the Project COPE program site during the operation of a high-course event. Either a currently National Camping School-trained Project COPE director or low-course director must be present on the COPE program site during the operation of a low-course activity.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M12. A minimum of two Project COPE staff members (directors, low-course directors, instructors) must be present while the course is in operation. A participant-staff ratio of 12:1 (low course) or 6:1 (high course) is maintained.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M13. A currently trained Project COPE director or climbing director chairs the council COPE/climbing committee. A National Camping School-trained counterpart also serves on the committee if both programs are offered. At least one member of the council COPE/climbing committee is a member of the ACCT.</p> <p>COPE/climbing committee chair: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COPE Director <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing director</p> <p>Date of training: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M14. A site-specific written maintenance checklist of facilities and equipment is used for the council COPE committee inspection and is available to the regional BSA COPE visitation team. A record of these inspections should be kept with the COPE records, the ranger's records, and the council's records.</p> <p>The COPE course is inspected twice a year by a trained Project COPE director and members of the council COPE committee that submits written recommendations to the council, and once by a BSA regional COPE visitation team. The council schedules, completes, and documents facility additions, repairs, and maintenance based on these recommendations.</p> <p>Council inspection dates:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M15. Close calls (incidents that do not result in injury, but that reveal a potential safety problem), accidents, or injuries that occur during Project COPE activities must be documented by staff members and periodically reviewed by the Project COPE director, program director, camp director, Project COPE committee, and council health and safety and/or risk management committees. These records must be maintained according to the council's retention policy. A written action plan is developed with steps to be taken to reduce the potential for recurrence. Complete reports should be available to the regional COPE visitation team.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>M16. Other organizations or groups are permitted to use the course and equipment only while under the supervision of a Project COPE director (or low-course director for low-course elements only). Outside groups must complete a hold-harmless agreement and a facility-use agreement, and must provide a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IV. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING			
<p>M17. The Project COPE program operates under the supervision of a National Camping School-trained Project COPE director (or low-course director if only low-course elements are to be utilized). A Project COPE director may supervise a tower only when it is being used as a COPE high-course element. All other tower activities are considered part of a climbing program and must comply with National Standards for Climbing/Rappelling, No. 20-120 (current year).</p> <p>The Project COPE director (or low-course director) is at least 21 years of age, is a currently registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, and holds a current (within five camping seasons) National Camping School certificate of training as a BSA Project COPE director (or low-course director).</p> <p>■ The Project COPE director has practiced the procedures for incident resolution for possible emergencies for the high-course events the director will supervise.</p> <p>■ The Project COPE low-course director may open and supervise any low-course COPE activity and is knowledgeable in all phases of Project COPE.</p> <p>Evidence of continuing active participation as a Project COPE facilitator at least once in the past six months or within the last camping season is available to the regional visitation specialist.</p> <p>Director: _____</p> <p>Level of training: <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Low-course director</p> <p>Date of training: _____ Age: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M18. A written Project COPE staff training plan has been implemented for the council's COPE program.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M19. All Project COPE instructors and instructors-in-training (IITs) are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and have current certificates of training appropriate for their position as described in the <i>Project COPE</i> manual, No. 34371C.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M20. At least one person at the Project COPE site must be currently trained in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and physically present whenever the Project COPE course is in use.</p> <p>CPR and first-aid trained staff member: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>(At least one staff member will be required to meet this standard in 2010.)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
V. PROGRAM EQUIPMENT			
<p>M21. Each participant and staff member in the fall zone of a high-course event must wear a UIAA- or CE-approved rock-climbing helmet. Each rappeller and belayer may wear appropriate gloves.</p> <p>All climbing helmets must be retired according to the manufacturer's recommendations or sooner if conditions warrant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>M22. All items of specialized equipment (carabiners, helmets, belay and rappel devices, webbing, ropes, etc.) needed for conducting a safe Project COPE program must be available to participants and staff members. Personal climbing helmets, harnesses, and shoes may be used if inspected and approved by the on-site director and if they meet COPE equipment standards. Personal climbing/rappelling ropes, hardware, and webbing are <i>not</i> allowed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M23. Only trained Project COPE staff may enter into a leading-edge environment—using lobster claws (or other similar tether system) to self-belay above the anchor, such as during a staple climb, rope grab, or cable grab. A load-limiting or fall-arresting device must be used in a leading-edge environment. Webbing or lanyards used for self-protection must have a breaking strength of at least 22.2 kiloNewtons (5,000 pounds) when new.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M24. All cordage used for climbing (climbing ropes, accessory cord, and webbing) must be designed for climbing and used according to the manufacturer's recommendations. All dynamic ropes must be UIAA- or CE-approved. All static ropes must have a tensile strength (breaking strength) rating of at least 22.2 kiloNewtons (5,000 pounds) when new. A diameter of $\frac{7}{16}$ inch or 11 millimeters is recommended for static rappelling ropes; every climbing rope must have a minimum diameter of 10.5 millimeters. All ropes and nylon webbing must be new when procured. Use of three-strand rope (gold line) for climbing or rappelling is prohibited. Three-strand (multiline) rope $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or larger in diameter may be used for lobster claws and hand lines on low- or high-course elements. Webbing must be designed for climbing and must have a minimum breaking strength of 15.6 kiloNewtons (3,500 pounds) when new.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M25. A written log of the history of each rope used in the program must be kept, indicating: (1) the date the rope was purchased, (2) the number and type of participant uses and (3) any environmental, severe, or unusual stresses that were placed on the rope. Each rope must be uniquely marked and permanently identified. All webbing must be marked with the date of purchase. All cordage (climbing ropes, accessory cord, and webbing) must be retired according to the manufacturer's recommendations, but no more than five years from the first date of service or 10 years from the date of purchase, or sooner if conditions warrant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M26. A properly sized commercial climbing harness or a tied-seat harness made from tubular webbing at least 1 inch wide is required on all belayed activities. In addition, a chest or full-body harness must be used for participants whose body shape could allow them to slip out of a seat harness if inverted or for events where the participant might become inverted. Harnesses must be carefully inspected before each use and retired when damaged or excessively worn.</p> <p>All climbing harnesses must be used and retired according to the manufacturer's recommendations or no more than seven years from the date of purchase or sooner if conditions warrant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>M27. An appropriate, commercially produced belay device attached with a locking carabiner is used for belaying. An appropriate commercial rappel device attached with a locking carabiner is used for rappelling. Brake bars on carabiners are prohibited. If a rappel or brake rack, MÜNTER hitch, or Just-Right descender is used, the director and instructors must have the knowledge and experience to use them in a safe manner.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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M28. When in contact with steel cable, only locking steel carabiners, pulleys with steel sheaves, or steel rapid links suitable for climbing are used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M29. Written equipment records are kept that include a complete and current inventory, a record of the purchase date, and date of service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M30. Directors and instructors regularly inspect all COPE equipment and are taught how to inspect equipment for defects that render equipment unsafe for usage. Disposal of retired equipment is done in such a way that it cannot be retrieved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M31. When not being used, equipment must be kept in locked, protected storage, away from exposure to sunlight, heat, excessive moisture, chemicals, or destruction or contamination by animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VI. PARTICIPANT PREREQUISITES			
M32. Based on their maturity and physical coordination, participants younger than 13 years of age may undertake a few low-course activities and high-course events at the discretion of the Project COPE director. Participants are allowed to engage in progressively more challenging activities, depending upon their successful completion of less challenging ones. Project COPE directors, low-course directors, and instructors should recognize that younger participants may not get the full value of the COPE experience. A high level of maturity is needed for Project COPE events that require spotting or belaying so that participants are able to understand the safety implications of the experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VII. PROJECT COPE PROGRAM ORIENTATION			
M33. A safety orientation is conducted for participants by a Project COPE instructor, low-course director, or director before participation in COPE activities. A written checklist is used to ensure that all points are covered during the orientation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M34. No participant is ever coerced or pressured into attempting any activity. A participant may be encouraged to take the next small step, but the final choice of participation and performance is left entirely up to the individual.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M35. Several warm-up activities are conducted at the beginning of each program session.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M36. The technique of safe spotting is explained, demonstrated, and practiced before participants are permitted to engage in any activity that requires that skill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M37. The technique of proper belaying and use of climbing signals is explained, demonstrated, and practiced under safe conditions before participants are permitted to engage in high-course events or climbing towers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M38. Participants are thoroughly trained in the proper use of specialized equipment such as a commercial or tied-seat harness, carabiners, belay and rappel devices, and climbing ropes before using them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M39. The Project COPE director or low-course director determines if a participant's safety might be compromised by course conditions, staffing, weather, or any other factor, and is empowered to open and close the COPE program. Staff members are trained to monitor environmental conditions and their effect on participants during challenging activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Standard	Yes	No	Comments
VIII. PROGRAM SAFETY FEATURES			
M40. Written site-specific rules and safety procedures used for each event are known and used by the Project COPE staff. This includes detailed information for disabling or dismantling elements when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M41. For off-season (non-summer camp) activities, a medical health history/informed consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian is required for all participants. Non-Scout groups must also complete the hold-harmless section of the form. For summer camp programs, participants will follow the camp's established medical screening procedure. Participants should be asked to relate any recent injuries or illnesses to the COPE director/instructor before participating. The COPE director/instructor will accommodate needs based on the medical or physical situation. All supervision, discipline, and protections should be adjusted to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. For significant health concerns, an examination by a physician and consultation with parent/guardian is appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M42. Site-specific procedures for opening and closing a program session are written and followed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M43. The Project COPE director, low-course director, or instructor, using an event-specific written checklist, makes a daily visual check of the facilities and equipment, including hardware, rope, and anchor points, before each session. Hazards identified during this inspection are corrected before the activity is undertaken.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M44. Belaying is required for all high-course events. Spotting must be in effect for low-course activities and up to a height of 6 feet for high-course events. Anytime a belay is changed, procedures are in effect to ensure that the new belay is secured before the previous one is removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M45. Each belay anchor is placed to provide the most effective protection for the climber, as well as for the belayer. Movable belays are required for all traversing events. Where a ground belay anchor or belay cable is used, the belayer's position allows for no slack between the belayer and the anchor point and is kept in direct line with a potential fall. Anchor systems must have a strength of at least 22.2 kilo-Newtons (5,000 pounds).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M46. Participant and staff knots, carabiners, and harnesses are double-checked before each use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IX. FIRST-AID AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES			
M47. Written site-specific plans identifying possible course emergencies including rescues and procedures for resolving them are reviewed with Project COPE staff members. Written plans for emergency evacuations from the COPE site are developed, and procedures are rehearsed annually by Project COPE staff members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M48. A reliable means of electronic emergency communication is on the Project COPE site when the Project COPE course is being operated. A reliable backup communications system is in place. This could be a runner if the distance to help or other more reliable method of communication is reasonable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Standard	Yes	No	Comments
M49. The Project COPE course must be accessible to emergency transportation in a reasonable length of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M50. Medical supplies appropriate for likely course injuries must be available on the Project COPE site. Medical supplies must be accessible to staff members when the course is in operation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
M51. Rescue equipment appropriate for likely course emergencies is accessible at the Project COPE site when the course is in operation. It is used only for rescue and is color coded or otherwise designated so that it can be easily distinguished from standard equipment used in the program. When used to belay two persons, a rescue rope must be rated for a two-person load.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

2009 NATIONAL STANDARD RATING SCORESHEET FOR PROJECT COPE COURSES

This scoresheet is for use in conjunction with the 2009 National Project COPE Standards to record the results of the course visitation. Send the results to the appropriate regional service center within five days of completing the on-site visitation.

This visitation was conducted for a course with _____ low-course elements and _____ high-course elements.
(number of) (number of)

Camp name _____ Region _____ Area _____ Date _____

Council name _____ No. _____

Regional visitation team led by

Print name Signature

Scout executive

Print name Signature

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

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| 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | | | | | | |

Does the COPE course comply with all mandatory standards? _____ Yes _____ No

NATIONALLY ACCREDITED course rating may be awarded if the answer to the mandatory standards is yes.

This course does does not qualify as a nationally accredited Project COPE course for the 2009 season.

This course was closed until significant deficiencies are corrected.

Visitation team chair Area director or regional representative

Events Closed

Name of Activity	Reason for Closure	Corrective Action Needed

Have a photocopy of this form available for the resident camp visitation team.

Approved Project COPE Activities

Councils developing new Project COPE courses may use any of these events.

Initiative Games	Trust Activities	Low-Course Activities	High-Course Events
A-Frame Shuffle	Cookie Factory	Artesian Beams	Balance Beam
All Aboard	Human Spring	The Beam	Burma Bridge
Bird Talk	Trust Circle	Blind Maze	Cargo Net
Blind Height Alignment	Trust Duo	Cable Traverse	Caving Ladder
Blind Square	Trust Fall	Criss Cross	Centipede
Everybody Up	Trust Levitation	Drop Zone (Frog Jump)	Commando Rope Climb
Have You Ever . . . ?	Trust Trio	Islands	Confidence Pole
Hoops Around the Circle	Trustwave	Mohawk Walk	Flying Squirrel
Hug Tag		Nitro Crossing	Gap Step
Inventor's Machine		Porthole	Giant's Ladder
The Monster		Spider Web	Multivine Traverse
Moon Ball		Swinging Log	Mush Line
Punctured Drum		Tire on Pole	Pirate's Crossing
Stepping-Domes		Tire Traverse	Rappel Line
Tangle Knot		Track Walk	Rope Climb
Toss-a-Name		Triangle Traverse	Sky Walk
TP Shuffle		The Wall	Slack Line Traverse
Traffic Jam		Water Wheel	Vertical Playground
Trolley		(Meat Grinder)	Zip Wire
Upchuck		Whale Watcher	
		Wild Woosey	

Discontinued Project COPE Activities

These Project COPE games and activities were discontinued as of the fall of 1996. They may still be used on existing COPE courses only, but should not be included in new facilities.

Initiative Games	Rationale
Body English	Not used much, serves little purpose
Carabiner Walk	Not used much, serves little purpose
Four Way Tug-o-War	Not used much, requires lot of rope
Frantic	Serves little purpose
Texas Big Foot	Can't spot effectively, serves little purpose
Ultimate Challenge	Difficult to spot

Low-Course Activities	Rationale
Cobweb	Not used much, serves little purpose
Fidget Ladder	Serves little purpose, difficult to spot
Mantle Post	Not used much, serves little purpose
Human Ladder	Serves little purpose
Incline Log	Not used much, serves little purpose, can't be disabled; could be used to access a high-course event
The Meuse	Boards may warp or crack, cinder blocks might not be stable

ACCT Professional Vendor Members

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