

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Goal	Register your club and start recruiting and promoting around school with our promotional kit.	Develop your club and promote activities that are accessible and inclusive of potential members.	Incorporate service learning into your club's activities and give back to the community.	Develop your winter preparation skills and learn the risks of cold weather .	Identify club and personal development goals for the New Year.
Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gear needs • Staying safe outdoors during hunting seasons • Hunter safety and responsible hunting and fishing • Outdoor Activity Patch goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage returning members to act as club ambassadors to bolster recruitment. • Land acknowledgment - will any of your activities occur on tribal lands? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits or businesses. • How-to organize a food drive and collect donations for those in need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather and forecasting - learning to layer for cold weather. • Cold weather risks - hypothermia, wind chill, and how to stay safely hydrated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What activities have been successful? What activities would members like to try next year? • Celebrate your successes!
Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put club recruitment posters up • Represent the club at your activity fair. • Advertise during school announcements. • Pass N.C. Hunter Safety • Buy licenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up overnight gear. • Trip planning - risk assessment and preparation. • How-to pack a backpack. • Staying safe - cover Bearwise® safety tips. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter gear check - make sure that you have the gear and warm clothing necessary for your colder outings. • Practice putting on snowshoes for those colder months ahead! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a fire in cold/wet weather. • Constructing a winter shelter. • Outdoor campfire cooking - how to safely use camping stoves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about wildlife tracking and practice identifying animal tracks and sign. Does your school have guidebooks that will help? • Keep a tracking journal of tracks, sign, and animals you have seen.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gear demo-day. • Scavenger hunt. • Go fishing (never caught a fish? Get your My First Fish patch). • Youth Deer Hunting Day is close! Practice your aim at a local shooting range. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike, cycle, or horseback ride to view the fall colors from a lookout. • Camp overnight in a State Park. • Practice your bow skills at an archery range. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a community cleanup at a local trail or park. • Assist harvesting produce from a local farm. • Does your school have an outdoor classroom? You could work with your teacher and apply for a GO Grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outdoor campfire chili cook-off. • Sledding or tobogganing • Cross-country skiing. • A winter hike 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use binoculars to identify birds overwintering in N.C. - like Northern shovellers and mallards. • Try following animal tracks and successfully locating an animal. • Go on a winter hike using snowshoes.



	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Goal	Plan ahead for the warmer months and keep morale up during the colder months.	Spring preparation and learning how to leave no trace on the trails.	Learn how to navigate your environment	Planning ahead for club leadership and teambuilding.	Review the year's success stories and evaluate the club.
Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What activities does the club want to participate in as it warms up? • Is there any Spring gear you will need that you don't have. • Discuss license needs and hunter safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and how ways to minimize your club's negative environmental impact in the outdoors. • Learn about the birds that will be migrating into N.C. and nesting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss outdoor navigation and map-reading. Do members know how to navigate to a rendezvous point if lost? • Turkey season is in - discuss license needs and hunter safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select new club leadership for next year. • Apply for Outdoor Activity Patches for completed activities. • Discuss N.C.'s native fish and what gear you'll need to catch them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the successes of the year and evaluate the club - what worked? What didn't work? • Introduce new club leaders.
Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook up some different recipes - practice baking over a campfire. Can you improvise with limited ingredients? • Identifying N.C.'s ducks by sight and by their calls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave No Trace practices - test out ways of re-using items or designate individual camp cleanup tasks. • Spring gear check - make sure everything survived the winter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating outdoors using a map and compass. • Try nighttime navigation using the star constellations. • Practice wildlife tracking skills in the mud (mud works as well as snow for finding prints!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying N.C.'s freshwater fish. • Practice tying knots and attaching lures. • Casting a rod. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying N.C.'s saltwater/marine fish. • Gear inventory for next year - what needs repairing or replacing? • Self-evaluation and evaluation of the club - practice positive and constructive feedback.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. • Bundle up and go on a winter hike. • Youth Waterfowl Day is close! Practice your aim at a local shooting range. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use binoculars to identify nesting birds. • Go mountaineering or caving. • Try mountain biking at an elevated altitude. • Attempt hiking two peaks in a day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go on an overnight and use navigation skills to hike from one point to another. • Have a scavenger hunt • Youth Turkey Season is close! Practice your aim at a local shooting range. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team-building day with activities like orienteering. • Go freshwater fishing at a local State Park, river, or lake. • Go on an overnight camping trip. • Go rockclimbing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayaking, canoeing, or paddle boarding. • White water rafting trip. • Go saltwater/marine fishing off a dock, boat, or from the surf. • Have a celebratory beach day - try cycling, swimming, or horseback riding.

