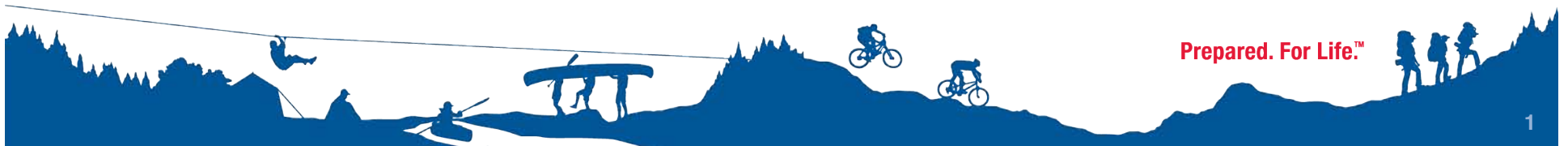


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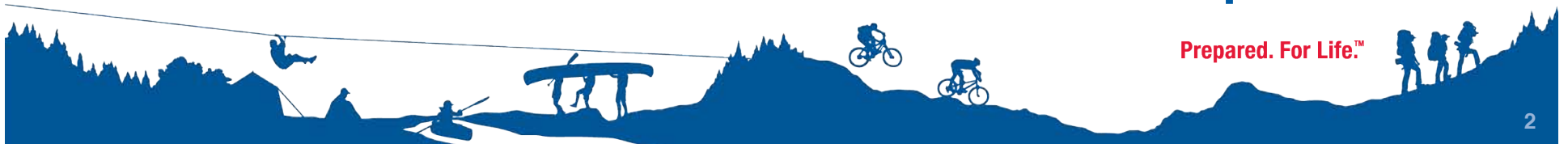
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- A legacy of excellence; oldest Troop in the Council service area with a significant history with national impact
- 160+ Eagle Scouts and counting
- Active outdoor program
- Annual summer camp experience
- Unique experiences for older Scouts
- A mix of veteran and new adult leadership



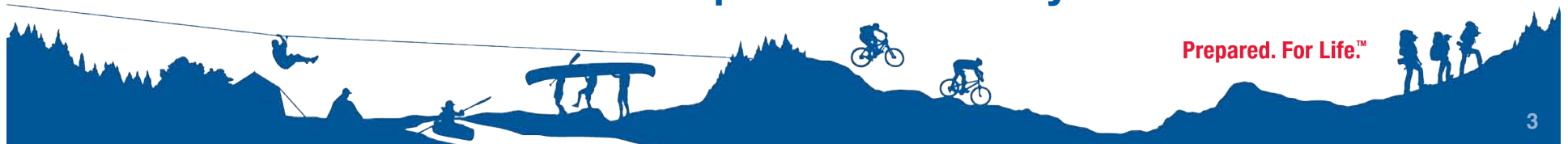
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New Scouts: What's the Difference?



- Boy Scouts is boy led. New Scouts will be assigned to a Patrol of 5-8 boys with a range of ranks and ages.
- Organized into Patrols with a Patrol Leader (youth) in-charge. They report to a Senior Patrol Leader, also a youth. Senior boys serve as Junior Asst. Scoutmasters
- Adults serve as advisers, mentors and counselors. The boys determine program, planning, training and activities. We give the boys room to lead and learn. Mistakes will be made.
- Advancement is at the boy's pace, not "per year" like in Cub Scouts. Much depends on the boy's initiative.



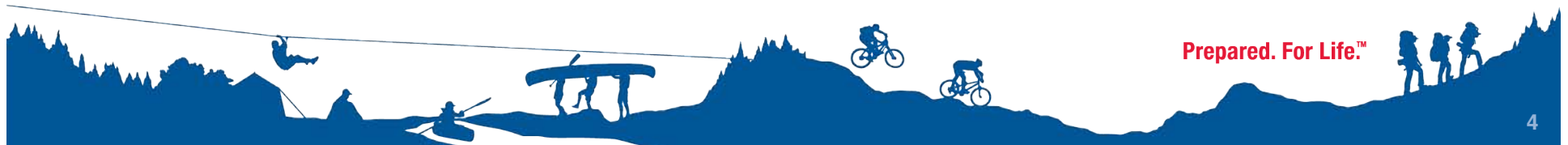
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New Scouts: Meetings



- Boy Scouts meet as a Troop each week. Patrols will meet within a Troop meeting and occasionally on their own outside of the meeting. We meet every Monday during the academic year at 7:00, ending around 8:30. Meetings are “on” unless you hear otherwise.
- New Scouts can expect Scout Skills at meetings early in their Scouting experience, taught by both older Scouts and some adults.
- Patrols will meet at each Troop meeting to plan upcoming campouts, menus, training, meetings, shopping, events, service projects and Courts of Honor.



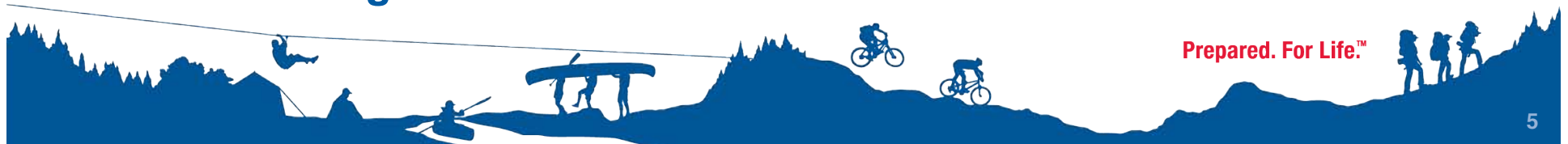
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New Scouts: Advancement



- Boy Scout is now a recognized rank that is earned.
- Boy Scout – Tenderfoot – Second Class – First Class is generally an 18-month journey.
- Only 6% of Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. 21 total Merit Badges are required, 13 of them are specifically required for Eagle.
- Merit Badges generally start at the first year summer camp.
- Troop 51 generally has 3-4 Courts of Honor per year, and Eagle Scout Courts are stand-alone events.



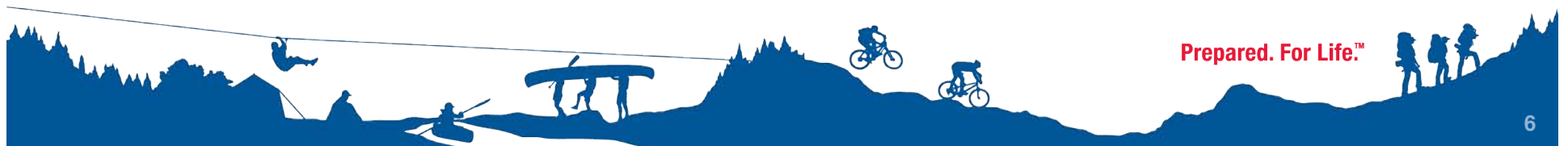
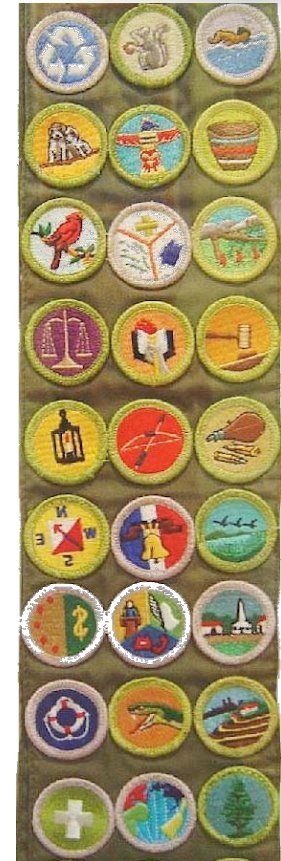
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New Scouts: Merit Badges



- Pre-Approved by the Scoutmaster.
- Must be taught by an approved Merit Badge Counselor with relevant experience. Counselors are limited to 8 badges and approved by Council.
- Boy must take initiative. Goal is to learn and experience, not to be an extension of school.
- Troop 51 emphasizes Merit Badges outside of the meeting environment. Other opportunities include camp and Merit Badge events.
- **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR BLUE CARDS.**



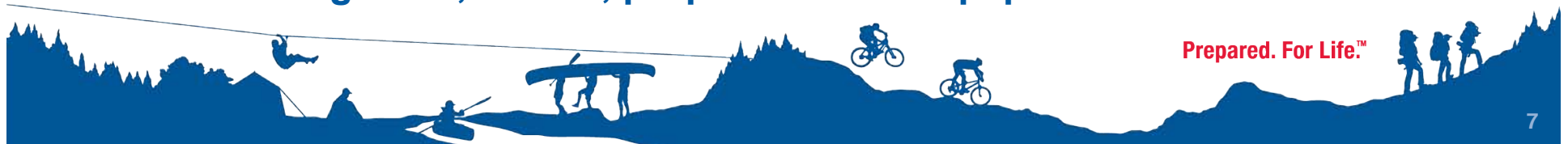
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New Scouts: Patrol Based Method & Camping



- Patrol Based Method: How Scouting Works.
- The boys will eat, sleep, train, have fun and fail or succeed based on their actions. The Patrol Based Method is critical to the Scouting experience.
- Boys can expect to be assigned a duty by their Patrol Leader for each meal – fire and water, cooking or clean-up.
- Adults tent and eat separately from the boys.
- Essential Gear: Rain gear, sleeping bag, pad, ground cloth, mess kit, folding knife, water bottle/canteen and footwear.
- Troop 51 has tents, dining fly, cooking gear, water jugs, wood cutting tools, stoves, propane and an equipment trailer.



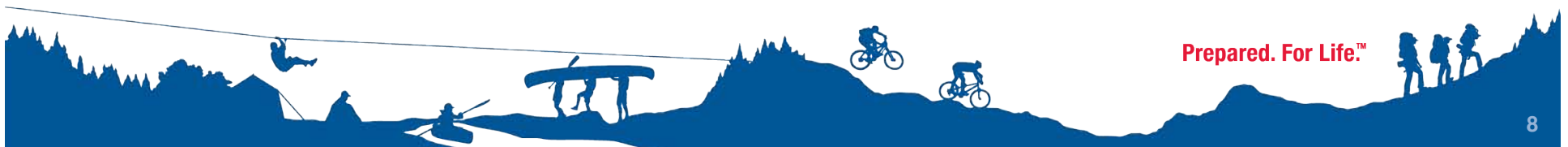
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New Scouts: Why Summer Camp Is Encouraged



- It's fun and adventurous is a safe environment.
- Specific first-year Scout skills programs are offered at the camps we choose. These are fun confidence-boosting experiences that give your son the competency he needs in the outdoors for our year-round Troop camping events.
- He will grow-up more in a week than you think possible.
- It is an important bonding experience that will provide him with lifelong memories and friendships.
- If your son has issues – home sickness, bed wetting, afraid of spiders, afraid of the dark...he's not the first and he won't be the last. We're prepared for it and will work with you.



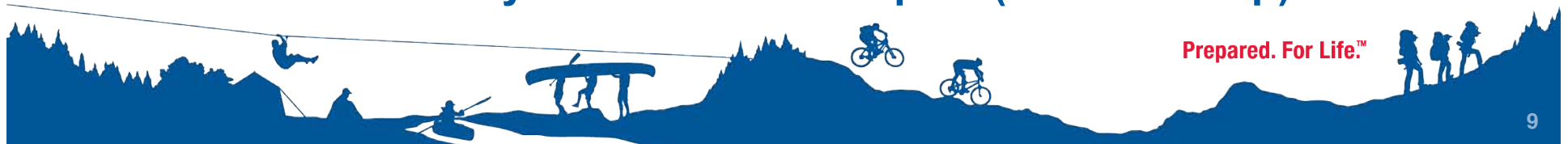
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New Scouts & Parents: COMMUNICATIONS



- Primary information conduit is the boy (yikes!)
- Patrol phone tree is how boys communicate.
- Email is how parents communicate.
- www.ScoutTroop51.com is very useful for 95% of your questions. Visit the site often for schedule, pictures and valuable resources for Scouts, parents and leaders.
- Boys should ask Patrol Leaders before parents contact adult leaders.
- Facebook: Fayetteville BSA Troop 51 (Public Group)



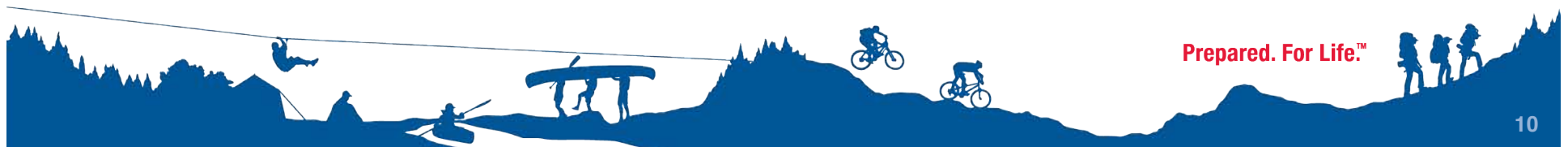
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New Scouts: Troop 51 Traditions



- **Camping at least once per month year round.**
- **Major trip in the Spring.**
- **The boys will pick 4 service projects for the year. In addition the Advent Festival at IC, Memorial Day Parade and Alumni Holiday Dessert event in December are annual events.**
- **Sabattis Scout Reservation or other BSA accredited camp in some years.**



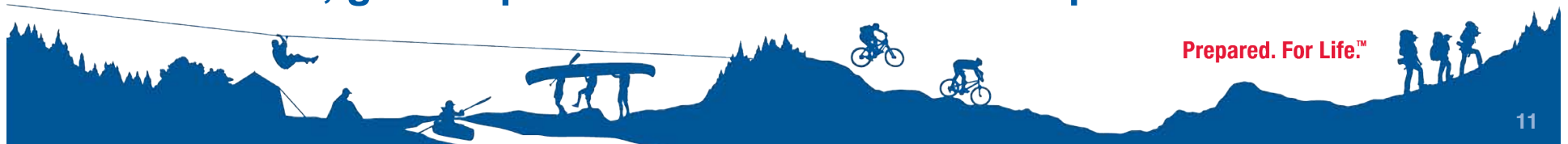
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New Scouts: Finances



- \$175 dues per year: \$75 September 1st; \$100 January 15th. Includes registration, Boy's Life Subscription, Troop equipment and operational expenses, adult registrations.
- Boys should fund raise against their dues, the Troop does NOT keep fund raising money – it is maintained in a custodial account for each Scout towards dues, camp or a leadership training event. We have popcorn, maple syrup and camp cards for fund raising.
- \$20 per campout; adults are separate.
- Full uniform is encouraged. We provide T51 neckerchief, slide, green epaulets and distinctive unit patch.



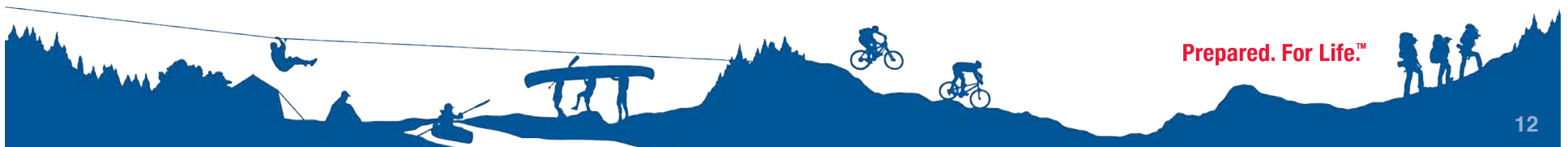
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New Scouts: Troop Committee & Adults



- **Very solid committee; we will find room for you if you want “in”. We always need Merit Badge counselors, District Committee members and program point people. We meet concurrent with Troop meetings from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. All adults are welcomed to our committee meetings. Minutes are posted on the website for all to see and download.**
- **Scoutmaster is the primary mentor for the SPL and Patrol Leaders. Committee Chairman is the CEO and runs the “business”. Four Asst. Scoutmasters oversee Program, Resources, Advancement and OA areas and volunteers.**
- **Adults guide. The boys are in-charge. All registered adults are required to be Youth Protection Trained, all adults are encouraged to take that training.**



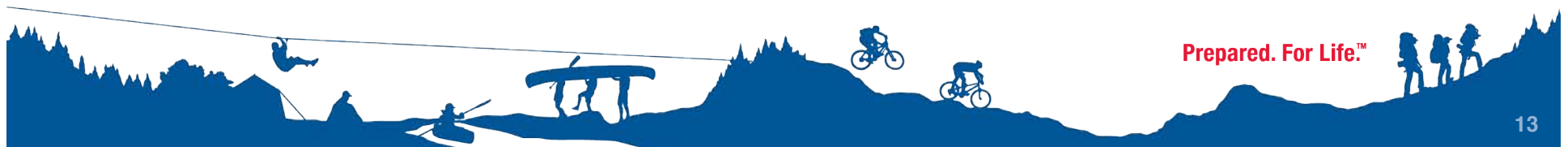
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Other Future Opportunities:



- **Order of the Arrow:** Scouting's national honor society, the "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service". First Class Scouts and above are elected by their peers and must complete an induction. A chance to work with fellow Scouts at the section, regional and national levels.
- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT):** The premier youth-led youth leadership program. 1 week long, organized in patrols of Scouts whom you've never met and will be friends with forever.
- **Venturing:** Crew 51 is for young men and women 14-20 looking for outdoor adventure. Send your older brothers and sisters our way!
- **National Jamboree:** Held every 4 years at The Summit in West Virginia, it is Disney for outdoorspeople! Next one is 2017.
- **High Adventure:** Marmaduke Trek Center, Philmont Scout Ranch, Sea Base, The Summit and Northern Tier. Big adventure for bigger kids!

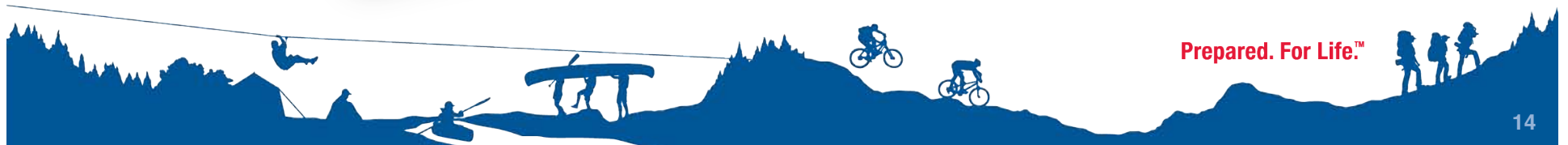


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