

Iowa-Illinois Challenge Training Consortium 2027 COPE & Climbing Training

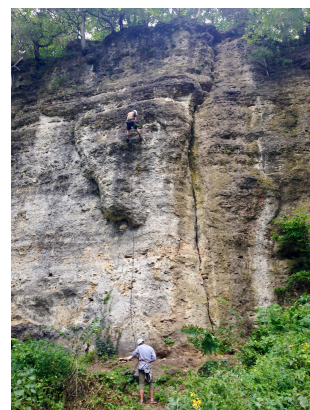


Become a COPE/Climbing Facilitator in your local BSA Councils!

**Mid-Iowa – Hawkeye Area – Northeast Iowa - Winnebago - Blackhawk
Mitigwa - Howard H Cherry - CS Klaus - Ingawanis - Canyon - Lowden**

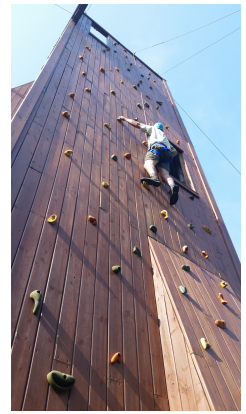
3 Training Modules:

- COPE & Climbing Foundation Training
 - Fundamentals of COPE & Climbing
 - Initiative Games
 - Safety Measures
 - Life Safety Systems
 - Emergency Procedures
 - Climbing Tower & Zip Line Operation
 - **April 17-18, 2027 at Mitigwa Scout Reservation**
- COPE Instructor Training
 - Prerequisite: COPE & Climbing Foundation Training
 - More initiative games
 - High COPE & Tower Operation
 - Low COPE
 - Team-building
 - **April 30-May 2, 2027 at Howard H Cherry Scout Reservation**
- Natural Rock Climbing Instructor Training
 - Prerequisite: COPE & Climbing Foundation Training
 - Climbing techniques
 - Climbing classification
 - Anchor systems
 - Site selection and management
 - Natural rock climbing programs at Backbone State Park
 - Climbing Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM September 25, 2027 at Backbone State Park
 - **October 1-2, 2027 at Camp CS Klaus**



Youth and adult participants are welcome. Level of certification available varies according to age and demonstrated competence:

- Level II Instructors must be at least age 21
- Level I Instructors must be at least age 18
- Instructors in Training must be at least age 16
- Scouts age 14-15 are welcome to attend and participate in running programs, but cannot earn certification



Watch for registration details on the calendar page of your council websites.

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Registration opens January 4, 2027. To Register, go to;
<https://scoutingiowa.org/calendars/> navigate to April 17 on the calendar,
and click on the COPE & Climbing Training event

Fees: \$40 per weekend event (includes food, lodging, and equipment)