

Climbing Tower Instructor Training – 2026

For Cub Scout, Scout BSA and Venturing Adult Leaders

TO REGISTER: Register and pay online using the links on our training page:

<https://stlbsa.org/training/challenge-course-climbing/>

Tower Instructors get trained and certified the same day

Training Schedule and Information

March 28, 2026 at Camp Warren Levis (Taste of Venturing)

May 2, 2026 Beaumont Scout Reservation

October 3, 2026 Beaumont Scout Reservation

Saturday – meet at 8am at climbing tower site at each property. At all trainings, you will learn the operations of the Beaumont, Camp Lewallen and the Camp Warren Levis towers

The training lasts until 1pm; bring lunch and plenty of water.

Starting at 1pm, everyone participating in the training will need to have **TWO YOUTH** arrive, who will give participants the opportunity to demonstrate the climbing instructor skills learned in the morning. We expect to wrap up by 5pm.

At the end of the training and skills demonstration on training day, participants will receive a **2-year certification card** to be a Tower Instructor for our three climbing towers.

Tower training qualifies you to take your Cub Scout, Scouts BSA or Venturing unit climbing at our tower climbing program sites at Beaumont, Camp Lewallen and Camp Warren Levis.

Cub Scouts are permitted to climb on towers **ONLY**. Cub Scouts are not permitted to rappel at any program site, or to climb on natural climbing sites. Find out more at <https://stlbsa.org/training/challenge-course-climbing/>

2026 Dates

Spring 2026: Saturday, March 28th at Camp Warren Levis (Godfrey IL)

Saturday, May 2nd at Beaumont (High Ridge MO)

Fall 2026: Saturday Oct 3rd at Beaumont

Tower training is also offered at Camp Lewallen summer camp every week.

Questions?

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Climbing Tower Instructor Training General Information

The Saturday morning training course is required to become a Qualified Climbing Tower Instructor for the Greater St. Louis Area sites. You will receive site specific training for the climbing towers at Beaumont, Camp Lewallen, and Camp Warren Levis. Tower training qualifies you to take your unit climbing at all GSL Scouting climbing tower sites.

Instructors interested in leading rappelling on the Beaumont climbing tower will need to complete the separate Rock Climbing & Rappelling Training (Scouts BSA or Venturing only, Cub Scouts are not permitted to rappel).

Adults must be at least 18 years old to take training.

Fitness: The training is very active and high energy. There is no sitting around and it is all outdoors, rain or shine. Don't sign up thinking this will be lectures or classroom work!

FEES: \$25 includes notebook and patch.