

Longhorn Council Rock Climbing Instructor Training

Rock climbing instructor courses are held at the Climbing Tower, Jeff Adams Memorial Pavilion (class staging area), and the Hermit's Cave area at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. Pre-registration for the training is required. There is a fee for this course which is collected at the time of registration. The fee includes the climbing facilities and equipment, camping and the cost for your meals. These classes, begin on Friday night and continue through Sunday afternoon, and are designed to provide adults the training needed to lead typical rock climbing and rappelling activities, as well as to lead activities at Longhorn Council and Circle 10 Council facilities.

'The Card' meets National BSA Standards for Climbing Instructor Level II. Other councils may add additional restrictions for you to utilize their facilities or equipment - it's their playground!

Climbing Instructor Certification participants camp at the Climbing Tower **North** camping area. Arrive as early as you like Friday to set up your equipment - camp reservations and 'out of council' fees are not required. Park your vehicles on the side of the road in the camping area. Do not park back off the road or on the grass. Check-in starts at 7 PM at the pavilion. Class will begin at 8 PM (real time, not 'Boy Scout' time). Cracker barrel is at 10 PM Friday and Saturday evening and you would be so inclined, please bring your contribution to this traditional time set aside to 'spit and whittle'.

Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and Sunday meals (breakfast and lunch) are provided for full course participants. We will try to complete the training and dismiss by 5:00 PM on Sunday. Water is available on site, and be sure to bring your rain gear. We do not cancel due to weather.

The knots used during your training will include:

Figure-8; Figure-8 follow-through; Figure-8 on-a-bight; Figure-8 Bend; Prusik; Munter-Mule; Overhand; Overhand Bend; Larks Head/Crane Choker/Girth Hitch; Double Fisherman's; Alpine Butterfly

To save class time, please take the time to learn and practice the knots prior to your arrival.

Bring with you:

Personal camping gear	Copy of the new BSA publication <i>Belay On</i>
Medical Form (BSA part A and B)	which is available at Scouting.org (optional, suggested)
Personal camping gear	10 feet of tubular webbing approved for climbing
Water bottle	for practice and sling (optional)
Mess kit, something to eat out of and eat with	New leather gloves (optional)
Coffee cup (optional)	Climbing Helmet (optional)
Rain Gear and appropriate outdoor clothing	Climbing Harness (optional)
Cracker barrel contribution	Climbing shoes (optional)

The **Climbing Instructor re-certification** program begins at 8AM Saturday morning at the Tower. No meals provided. The time needed to complete any re-training is related to the capabilities and knowledge of the participant, which usually takes from three to four hours. Bring a water bottle and snacks or sack lunch, as food is not provided.

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