

## Longhorn Council Rock Climbing Instructor Training

Rock climbing classes 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 \$50.00 fee due at the time of application. The fee includes cost for your meals and all climbing equipment and training (including the climbing tower). These classes, which begin on Friday night and continue through Sunday afternoon, are designed to provide adults the training needed to lead typical rock climbing and rappelling activities, as well as to lead activities at both Longhorn Council and Circle 10 Council.

***'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!***

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 in the lot or on the side of the road. Do not park off the road or on the grass. Check-in starts at 7:30PM at the pavilion. Class will begin at 8PM (real time, not 'Boy Scout' time). Cracker barrel is at 10 PM, so please bring your contribution to this traditional time set aside to 'spit and whittle'. Saturday and Sunday meals (except for Sunday supper) are provided. 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:

Medical Form (BSA) if you have one

Copy of the new BSA publication ***Belay On*** which is available at Scouting.org (if available, and you can share)

10 feet of tubular webbing approved for climbing for practice and sling (optional)

Rain Gear and appropriate outdoor clothing

New leather gloves (optional)

Helmet (optional)

Harness (optional)

Climbing shoes (optional)

Cracker barrel material

Something to eat out of and eat with

Your personal camping gear

The Climbing Instructor re-training program begins at 8AM Saturday morning, fee \$25, 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.

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