



# On Rock Climbing/Rappelling Event Leader's Guide

This program's goal is to get scouts outdoors where they can grow and develop a sense of responsibility while challenging themselves. The modern climbing skills they will learn and exploration of new areas may prepare them for future adventures. As we promote safety, fun, and learning, we practice **Challenge by Choice**. Scouts will be encouraged to participate but the decision will remain on the scout and that choice will be supported by the leaders.

No prior training is needed for this event. The only age requirement is that participants are registered in Scouting America Troops or Venture Crews. Participants **MUST be MATURE** and have the ability to follow all instructions and actively participate for the entirety of the Program. This maturity is common amongst 13 yo and older, but can be found in some younger scouts. Unit leaders or parents of younger scouts may be contacted to discuss and ensure maturity.

## Requirements:

You must bring these items to participate

- BSA Medical Form A & B
  - Any required medications
- Lunch ( This needs to provide nutrients & calories as they will need to restore energy)
- Water Bottle(s)- minimum 1
- Closed toe shoes
- General level of fitness

## What to wear:

- Season appropriate clothing
  - Not baggy (this becomes a hazard)
  - Pants preferred to prevent/reduce scrapes & cuts
- Bug Spray (spray **Before** Donning gear)
- Sun Screen as needed ( Apply **Before** Donning gear)
- Hair ties, Glassware straps

## Schedule

9:45-10:00 Arrival at the climbers Parking lot  
10:15 Mandatory Safety Orientation ( no entry allowed after this time)  
10:45-12:45 Climbing Egg Hunt  
12:45-1:30 Lunch  
1:30-3:45 Rappelling Egg Hunt  
4:00 Dismiss from climbers Parking lot

## Logistics & Important Information

Meet at *Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium*. See map for parking location **directly above the observation building** and across the park road from the main parking area.

**The park entrance fee is \$7 per car** (This fee is not included in the Scout's registration)

### Entry Tips

- Free to park members
- Free to Veterans
- Carpool if you know others going (follow YPT)
- Contact Steven Adams (423-650-1293) ahead of time if you have any concerns or difficulties getting into the park.
- This is not a park program and the gate attendant is likely unaware of this event. Direct any questions or concerns to Steven.
- Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the park while scouts climb or pick them up at its conclusion. Only registered Adults are allowed at the Climbing site. Register through the council calendar black pug system.
- **Scouts must remain for the Entire day and will be dismissed at 4:00.** It is a safety issue and highly disruptive if a scout leaves or enters during the program.
- Cell phones will be allowed by non active participants for pictures only. If it becomes a distraction they will be removed.
- Restrooms are nearby and will be utilized as needed following Buddy System and all YPT protocols.



**Staff:** This event is Staffed by Nationally and Locally trained Scouting America Climbing Instructors. The Climbing staff will remain in charge and will communicate and execute the emergency action/response plans as needed. Weather and site conditions have been considered prior to and during all events and will remain closely monitored by Staff. Registered Adult volunteers will be allowed in the climbing/rappelling areas. All other Adults or bystanders will be asked to remain outside of the activity area for safety reasons.

**Site:** This event will take place at the 35-50' natural cliffs within Bays Mountain Park. This site has been inspected and approved by Authorized and Trained personnel from

our Council. The event is adhering to and abiding to the Park's rules, note that this is not a park event. The park holds no responsibility for this event and all related questions or concerns should be directed at the Climbing Director.

**Equipment:** All of the equipment used for this event is provided by the program and has been inspected and maintained to meet national standards.

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