

Climbing Awards

This award is offered by the Los Angeles Area Council to stimulate the development of skills and an appreciation of climbing beyond those required to earn the Climbing merit badge. Each outing taken to earn it must comply with **all** of the General Requirements for earning any outdoor award sponsored by the LAAC, as stated in Hike Aid 6, "High Adventure Awards Program". The specific requirements for this award are stated below. Good climbing – may your most serious fall be in love with the sport.

Please be advised that all climbing involves risks that the individual and his leaders assume when they participate in these activities.

Rock Climbing

This award may be earned by Cub, Webelos, and Boy Scouts, as noted:

1. Plan and complete each outing in compliance with these BSA-National Council programs:
 - a. Follow the Eight Points of Climb on Safely.
 - b. Follow the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace.
2. Make 2 climbs and 2 descents.
 - a. Cubs and Webelos: Descents must be down-climbs.
 - b. Boy Scouts: One descent must be a rappel; the second may be either a rappel or a down-climb.
3. Location of all climbs and descents:
 - a. Cubs and Webelos: May **only** use artificial walls.
 - b. Boy Scouts: Must be **outdoors** on real rock.
4. This is a concurrent award. Boy Scouts may use climbs and rappels taken to earn Climbing merit badge to earn this award. The outings may apply to earning other outdoor awards.

A climb may be either a top-rope or a bouldering problem. Boys must **not** do any lead climbing. A rappel is defined as a Scout moving down a stationary rope in full self-control.

The person on rappel **must** be belayed either by a second rope or by a "fireman's belay". If the belayer is in control of the speed, the descent does not count as a rappel. A down-climb is similar to an up-climb, only the person is descending.

An advanced climbing award is being considered, depending upon the interest in this award.

Prepare a High Adventure Application and submit it to the Scout Shop to purchase this award. List the names of the persons that have earned it. Attach a note which shows the following for each outing taken to earn the award: date; location; Tour Permit Number; names of Climbing Instructors, Climbing Directors, and Instructors-in-Training in attendance.

The LAAC-HAT Rock Crew offers an evening's seminar and weekend field training in Rock Climbing and Rope Use each April/May. Watch for an announcement in The Trail Head, on the e-mail messaging service, and at District Roundtables.



Award size: 2"x2"

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