B.S.A. Climbing Instructor Class

Who should attend: Persons interested in being "Climbing" Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff, and all Scouters that want to teach scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. All persons interested must be mature, capable of instructing, safety conscious, able to exercise good judgment, be dependable, relate well to youth and adults, and be proficient in the techniques of climbing, rappelling, belaying, and spotting. ***Scouters who work with troops and teach climbing are required to be "Qualified Instructors" prior to teaching any future activities.***

This course will cover B.S.A.'s current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, both on the Unit and Council/District levels; as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb On Safely". Potential Instructors will be tested in the areas of: top-rope climbing knowledge and ability; anchor building; belaying and rappelling; rescue techniques; equipment care and use of; logging (record keeping), inspection, storage, inventory, and one's experience and ability in working with mixed groups of adults and youth (i.e. Merit Badge Counseling or Camp Staff).

Levels:

- Lead Instructor (a minimum of 21 years old)
- Instructor (a minimum of 18 years old)
- Instructor-In-Training (a minimum of 16 years old) - B.S.A. understands the need for depth and the development of instructors in the Council's climbing/rappelling programs and therefore offers an Instructor-In-Training (IIT) program. So, if are too young to be an "Instructor", then the IIT certification option is for you. All IITs must work under the direct supervision of an Instructor. As the IITs assist their Instructors in running climbing and rappelling activities, they will receive direct training, gain valuable hands on experience, develop good judgment, emotionally grow, and acquire the knowledge necessary to work with mixed groups containing both youth and adults**.**

Particulars:

- B.S.A. Climbing Instructor Certification is good for 2 years upon successful completion of this class.
- Instructors: Only Climbing Directors are empowered to train Instructors.
- Course size: Is limited to six (6) students. Pre-registration requested.
- Duration: 29 hours total (3 hours for entrance exam & registration, 8 hrs classroom + 18 hrs of practical instruction on rock).
- Fee: $40 per person (textbook included) – students who do not pass the entrance exam will receive a refund.
- Textbook: B.S.A. publication entitled "Topping Out: A B.S.A. Climbing/Rappelling Manual"
- Schedule: **Registration Tue., October 28, 2008, from 7:00p.m. – 9:30p.m. at Cushman-Watts Scout Headquarters.**
  Classroom lecture(s) Sat, November 15, 2008, from 7:00a.m. – 5:OOp.m. at Cushman-Watts Scout Headquarters.
  First outdoors session Sun, November 16, 2008, from 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. at Stoney Point.
  Second outdoors session – to be announced.
- Location: **L. A. School Police Department Headquarters** (directions on page 2) **and an outdoor session at Stoney Point**.
- Contacts: To register for class, or for more information, contact: The L.A.A.C. Camping Department at (213) 413-4400

Pre-requisites for participation in course:

- Current registration with Boy Scouts of America.
- Current successful completion of B.S.A.'s "Youth Protection Guidelines" training.
- Current B.S.A. Personal Health and Medical Record, either Class 2 or Class 3.
- Students must pass a written test measuring their knowledge of climbing & rappelling.

Gear - Each participant must provide themselves a:

- Harness,
- Helmet,
- Leather gloves,
- A rescue type figure-8 rappelling device,
- An ATC belaying device,
- Three locking-gate carabineers,
- Two 48" pre-sewn runner or one runner and a commercially made leash (personal anchor),
- Climbing shoes (optional),
- All other gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.).
  All personal gear will be inspected prior to use.

Help keep climbing/rappelling as part of Scouting's activities by becoming a certified BSA Climbing Instructor for your Unit, District, or Council.