

BASHORE SCOUT RESERVATION CLIMBING



UNIT GUIDE

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The Program

Introduction to Climbing

Bashore Scout Reservation is home to a five station indoor climbing facility and a four station outside climbing tower. In addition to summer camp merit badge instruction, these facilities are open to units for off-season use.

Climbing for the Unit

Your unit can use the climbing facilities as a training opportunity for future outings, or as a fun day activity for your scouts. Some level of climbing is available for all scouts.

All climbers must have a Health History and Hold Harmless form filled out and signed prior to the event. Participants under the age of 18 will also need a parent/guardian to sign this form. Anyone without this form will be unable to participate in any climbing activities. These forms can be found in the appendix of this guide, or on the council website.

Climbing for Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts may participate in climbing activities on an commercial wall. They must be top rope belayed, and only Webelos are permitted to rappel. The climbing on the indoor wall is a great way for Dens or Packs to get out and engage in fun physical activity.

Climbing for Boy Scouts and Venturers

Boy Scouts and Venturers are able to both climb and rappel. The indoor wall offers five routes of varying difficulty, along with the opportunity to do some bouldering. The outside tower has four vertical routes and the option to free rappel or rappel down a surface.

Signing up for a Climbing Event

To sign up for a unit climbing event, your unit will need to submit a Climbing application to the council office. This application is available on the Council Website or in the appendix. Once your application has been received you will be contacted by a council representative with a quote for the event. Due to the nature of climbing a minimum group size of ten (10) must be met.

Additionally, if your unit does not wish to have an exclusive Climbing experience, groups of 10 can register for one of our Open climbing dates. These dates are each set to accommodate three to four groups.

What To Bring to Climbing

As with many scouting activities, Climbing is primarily an outdoor event. As such your unit should refer to weather forecasts to ensure appropriate clothing. Loose or baggy clothing is not recommended, along with jewelry and other possible snag hazards. As climbing is a physical activity, ALL participants should bring a water bottle holding a minimum of 1 quart of water. You will also want to bring well fitting, sturdy, footwear. **No Open-toed shoes or Sandals will be permitted.**

All program equipment, i.e. harnesses and helmets, will be provided by the climbing staff. If you have your own equipment you may bring it, but it will need to be inspected and approved by the climbing Director before use.