

COPE & CLIMBING PROGRAM & TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

The COPE and Climbing Committee is dedicated to providing quality training that allows for scouts to have access to activities above and beyond the basic camping experiences with the Boy Scouts of America. All Unit, District and Council events are supported by trained instructors from individual Units.

Programming:

When a Unit has properly trained Instructors, they may host a COPE or Climbing event at Council facilities or organize climbing events for their Unit at appropriate climbing areas for their scouts and adult leaders to enjoy.

Our Council supports three separate Vertical Reality Events for BSA registered members to showcase our COPE, Climbing and Zip Lines facilities:

- Climbing and Rappelling at Cherokee Nation Scout Reservation – March / April
- High and Low COPE at Jack Graves Scout Reservation – May
- Mega Zip Lines at Mabee Scout Reservation - August

Please consider adding these events to your Scouting Calendar and check Council Event Calendar for specific dates.

District events can also plan to use COPE or climbing facilities at a camp. The District Event coordinator should contact our COPE and Climbing Program Manager or Committee Chair(s) listed below so that a properly trained Lead Instructor can be involved in the planning process.

TRAINING IS THE KEY - Completion of training by any registered BSA individual 16 years or older can help your Unit keep the fun in scouting, increase scout participation and provide opportunities to support your COPE and Climbing program.

All individuals must complete our **COPE and Climbing Foundations** course before attempting COPE or Climbing Instructor training. This initial training provides introductory climbing, belay, safety and equipment concepts for COPE and climbing so that you can lead or staff an event using the artificial walls on council property, using council equipment if desired.

Please see the reverse side for details and

visit our web page at: <http://www.okscouts.org/camping/cope-climbing/>

The COPE and Climbing Committee is available to answer your questions or help you get started:

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COPE & Climbing Training Program Summary

COPE & Climbing Foundations Training must be completed by all participants prior to any additional training in COPE or Climbing. All Instructors must be at least 16 years of age in order to attempt training.

- Module 1– C&C Foundations Level 1 training provides introductory training to be able to staff an event using the artificial walls and towers on Council property.
- Module 2 – C&C Foundations Level 2 training provides specific training to lead an event on artificial walls and towers on Council property subject to additional reservation and policy requirements.

Successful completion of Foundations training allows an Instructor to reserve Council climbing towers or walls for Unit activities or assist in COPE programs but **DOES NOT** qualify an instructor to take a Unit to natural areas or to climb off Council property.

Climbing Instructor Training: Climb on Safely requires a Climbing Instructor Level 2 trained adult to function as Lead Instructor and at least one additional Climbing Instructor to assist the Lead Instructor for Unit based climbing events to maintain a 6:1 youth to adult ratio. Our Council Climbing training program has four modules presented in succession using artificial and natural rock areas as follows: Modules 1, 2, 3, & 4.

- Module 3 – Climbing Instructor Level 1 training is based in natural areas using troop or personal equipment and gear brought by the participant. Completing this module allows an instructor to lead a Unit on Bouldering events or staff events in a natural area.
- Module 4 – Climbing Instructor Level 2 training expands Level 1 knowledge using troop or personal equipment and gear brought by the participant. Training expands on existing knowledge and focuses on event and site management and incident resolution so that an Instructor may lead a Unit properly and with confidence in a natural area.

Completion of Climbing Instructor Level 1 or Level 2 training **DOES NOT** qualify any instructor to take a Unit on a COPE Course or the Zip Line. Furthermore, Climbing Instructor Training **DOES NOT** qualify any instructor to help facilitate in Low or High COPE activities.

If you have received training or certification from a provider recognized in BSA Climb On Safely, please contact our Climbing Chair for record purposes and to get access to forms and procedures that you need to be aware of for use during BSA activities.

COPE Instructor Training: Current requirements in BSA National Camp Accreditation Standards require at least one COPE Instructor Level 2 trained adult to function as Lead Instructor for COPE events and at least one additional Level 1 or 2 COPE Instructor to assist the Lead Instructor to maintain a 12:1 youth to instructor ratio for Low COPE and a 6:1 youth to instructor ratio for High COPE. Our Council COPE training program has four modules presented in succession so that all COPE Elements can be used as follows: Modules 1, 2, 5, & 6.

- Module 5 – COPE Instructor Level 1 training provides an introduction to COPE, instilling the goals of COPE, NCAP Standards, how to sequence and process a group, trust activities, zip line, Low COPE and an introduction to High COPE. Completing this module allows an instructor the ability to help staff Low or High COPE activities.
- Module 6 – (Under Development) COPE Instructor Level 2 training will expand on the knowledge learned in COPE Instructor 1, focusing on sequencing, Low and High COPE incident resolution, Zip Line emergency procedures, COPE Course pre-use inspection and set-up. Completing this module allows an instructor the ability act as Lead Instructor for Low or High COPE activities.
- Trained Council Staff must be present during Zip Line operations regardless of training level of Instructors attending.

Indian Nations Council COPE & Climbing Instructor Training Matrix:

Training Program	Reevaluation	Min Age	Required Training	Prerequisite	Limitations	Who Can Lead Event							Module		
						Bouldering	Natural Rock	Climbing Tower / Indoor Wall	Low COPE	High COPE	Cub Zip Lines	Zip Lines		Mega Zip Lines	
<i>Artificial Climbing Structure-----Artificial Climbing Structure-----Artificial Climbing Structure-----Artificial Climbing Structure-----Artificial Climbing Structure-----Artificial Climbing Structure</i>															
ACS - Level 1	1 year	18	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 1	None	Allowed to staff ACS event.										1
ACS - Level 2	3 years	21	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 2	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 1	Allowed to operate artificial tower or wall event.			x							2
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Climbing Instructor in Training (IIT)	1 year	16	Climbing Level 1	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 1	Allowed to staff climbing event with direct supervision of a Level 2 / Director at all times.										
Climbing - Level 1	1 year	18	Climbing Level 1	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 1	Allowed to staff Climbing event with a Level 2 / Director present.	x		x							3
Climbing - Level 2	3 years	21	Climbing Level 2	Climbing Level 1 and COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 2	Allowed to operate event with no limitations.	x	x	x							4
Climbing Director	5 years	21	NCS - Director Training		No limitations.	x	x	x							
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COPE Instructor in Training (IIT)	1 year	16	COPE Level 1	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 1	Allowed to staff COPE event with direct supervision of a Level 2 / Director at all times.										
COPE - Level 1	1 year	18	COPE Level 1	COPE and Climbing Foundation Level 1	Allowed to staff COPE event with a Level 2 / Director present.										5
COPE - Level 2	3 years	21	COPE Level 2	COPE Level 1 and Climbing Foundation Level 2	Allowed to operate event with no limitations.				x	x					6
COPE Director	5 years	21	NCS - Director Training		Not Allowed to operate Zip Lines				x	x					
Trained Council Staff with COPE Director Training	5 years	21	NCS - Director Training		No limitations.				x	x	x	x	x		