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## Climbing Training Renewal Clarification

The following is provided to clarify requirements to remain current in your training. These details should provide every instructor with an opportunity to renew your training and remain current in the skills, techniques and topics that apply to your efforts. Following completion of training, each instructor has several ways to maintain their training at any level.

**Recall – Any Level 1 expires after 1 year, any Level 2 expires after three years.**

Every individual 16+ or older must complete Foundations training before pursuing climbing or COPE training. Most instructors that complete Foundations training show the skills needed to Lead a climbing activity using towers or walls on Council property and they receive a Level 2 for Artificial Climbing Structures (ACS)

**ACS renewal options:** attend a training event as a participant, serve as staff at a training event or serve as staff at ZBASE Outdoor Adventure event in the spring or fall. 3 year renewal from date of event.

After Foundations training, completion of Climbing Instructor (CLI) training usually qualifies anyone for Level 1. Typically, most instructors function as a Level 1 for 6-12 months and then return to a training event to demonstrate their skills to receive a Level 2 completion. Any individual can attempt Level 2 in their initial training but practice and experience are important for success.

A CLI Level 2 is only received during a training event to assure that all skills are observed by the training staff to confirm competency.

**CLI renewal options:** attend a training event as a participant, serve as staff at a training event or serve as staff at our fall VOA outdoor climb event or other outdoor council events.

CLI Level 1 - 1 year term - annual renewal

CLI Level 2 - 3 year term - 3 year renewal.

For Climbing Instructor in Training – anyone 16-18 year olds - you are on an annual renewal so your help with any council events can keep you stay current in the training you have completed.

A CLI Level 2 covers all requirements for both Artificial Structures and Natural areas so you do not need to maintain an ACS Level 2 if you are current in CLI Level 2.

I hope this helps to clarify and motivate everyone to remain engaged and assist at training and council organized events. Also - keep a record of your activities as well using your Climbing Log so you can review your efforts and decide how best to consider renewing your training in the future.

Please call or message me with any questions or concerns.

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