

Climbing Instructor Course

March - April, 2011

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Capitol Area Council B.S.A.



Location: Classroom sessions will be in the Parish Hall at St. Michael's Episcopal Church which is located at 1500 N Capital of Texas Highway, just south of Westlake Drive, in Austin. The Tower weekend will be at Lost Pines Scout Reservation which is located near Bastrop, TX. From Austin, take Highway 71 to Bastrop. Then from Bastrop, take Highway 95 north (from Elgin take Highway 95 south). Turn east on FM 1441, the entrance to the camp is approximately three miles on the right.

Schedule: Class runs from 7:00 pm. - 9:45 pm on 3 Thursday evenings in March (3/10, 3/24 & 3/31). Check-in starts at 6:45 pm, Thursday March 10th at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. There will be one natural area session at Bull Creek Park (if open) located at 6701 Lakewood Dr. just north of FM 2222 from 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm on Sunday March 27. If the park is closed, we will select an alternate location to be announced at class. The final session will be held at Dok's Tower in LPSR on the weekend of April 1-2 starting Friday evening at 7:00 pm and ending Saturday evening around 6:00 pm. (NOTE: The Bull Creek session cannot be held on Sat. 3/26 due to conflicts; it is set for Sunday and, if needed, we will schedule a make-up session on a non-Sunday).

Description: Climbing and Rappelling are among the few BSA activities which challenge and captivate the imagination of all ages. Austin is blessed with proximity to both manmade and natural climbing and rappelling resources. Dok's Tower at LPSR is one of the finest climbing facilities in the US and the tallest in the state. Austin is in close proximity to Reimer's Ranch, Enchanted Rock and various city parks where climbing is available. Capitol Area Council (CAC) Climbing Committee is offering the instructor course to satisfy the requirements of the BSA National Standards, Climb On Safely, and the Guide to Safe Scouting, while preparing individuals to supervise and facilitate these activities. It includes the qualification to operate Dok's Tower. This hands-on course is structured to provide training in: activity planning; equipment; climbing; risk management; rappelling; rescue techniques; site operations; Leave No Trace; and introduction to natural anchoring techniques & systems. As with other adventure programs, climbing and rappelling are challenge by choice. While BSA has an excellent safety record, there is inherent risk in climbing and rappelling which, with proper management, can be minimized. **Note: The CAC Climbing Committee is no longer supplying units with Instructors. Units wanting to use the tower should send at least one adult to this course.**

What to bring: On the Tower weekend, Participants should bring camping equipment including tent, sleeping bag, and ground pad; clothing appropriate for work outside (incl. rain gear); water bottles or hydration system; and pencil and notebook for note taking. Only the pencil and notebook will be necessary for the classroom sessions. Camera is optional.

Fee: Registration and fee of \$80 must be received at Council office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1st. Fee includes books and course materials and meals on the final weekend. Class size is limited to 18 and the roster is first come, first serve.

Contact: For additional information, contact Steve Bontempo at bontempo@austin.rr.com.

Registrations with payment to be turned in to the Capitol Area Council BSA office located at 7540 Ed Bluestein Blvd., Austin, Texas 78723. The main telephone number is (512) 926-6363.

CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Name - _____ Organization (District / Unit) - _____

Address - _____

Day Phone - _____ E-mail - _____

Special Needs (including allergies) - _____

Special Dietary Needs - _____

Payment: Cash Check Fax to (512) 926-6870 with credit card information

Credit Card: V MC AMEX D # _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV# _____

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