

Climbing / Rappelling program - Unit Requirements

In most cases, units must plan climbing activities at least 4 weeks or more in advance

Before climbing equipment can be checked out, units must provide the following:

1. Names of Climbing Instructors who will oversee the activity.
You must have a minimum of (2) instructors; one who is at least 21 years old.
If the group is more than (12) participants, including leaders, then you must have one additional instructor per (6) participants.
Instructors must be Central MN Council approved, or must supply proof of certification of training from a BSA recognized program.
A list of Council trained instructors can be obtained from the website www.bsacmc.org.
2. Units must obtain a copy of the climbing permit from climbing site management, if the site requires a group permit {Most state and county parks require this.} Contact the park headquarters to request a copy of permit form. [It is suggested that you plan a primary date and a back up date in case of inclement weather.]
3. Most group climbing permits require that you provide a certificate of insurance.
You can obtain a copy through the council office. In most cases, the council can fax this directly to park headquarters. Please give the council plenty of time for this. [**This takes a minimum of 2 weeks.**] **If the organization requires a certificate with ADDITIONALLY INSURED, the council needs the address and fax number of the organization plus the dates of the activity plus location – ALLOW AT LEAST 3 WEEKS FOR THIS FORM.**
4. Parental Consent on part C of the BSA health form is required for all participants age 17 or younger.
5. Units must have (2) adult leaders, one who is at least 21 years old and the other age 18 or older.
If the group is larger than (10) youth, the group must have (1) additional leader per each additional (10) youth participants. A copy of the participant roster must be turned in to the head instructor at least 1 week before the climbing activity.
[Instructors do not count as a part of the unit leadership.]
6. An equipment use fee of \$6.00 per day or \$10.00 weekend per participant will be charged.
All fees must be paid to: Central MN Council before a tour permit and / or certificate of insurance will be issued. This will insure equipment is available on the dates of your climbing activity. Instructors will check out and turn in equipment from the council office.
7. Units will be responsible for any lost or willfully damaged equipment.

It is recommended that unit leaders have Climb On Safely training. In addition, at least one or more leaders should have First Aid and CPR training.

It is also recommended that you schedule for your instructors to attend one of your first planning meetings so they can address any question you may have and cover some of the equipment used in climbing and rappelling.