

Longhouse Council Climbing **Merit Badge Counselor required certifications**

In addition to the paperwork required for all merit badge counselors, please submit proof of current certification as indicated below to register as a Climbing merit badge counselor (MBC).

All Climbing merit badge counselors MUST be 21 years of age or older, and hold current CPR/AED and Basic First Aid certification from the American Red Cross (or equivalent).

Climbing:

1. Current BSA Climb on Safely (may be taken online)

Note: Courses are available in the e-Learning section of my.scouting.org. A login is required, but a prospective MBC may create a user account and complete courses. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of the user profile) to receive credit.

These courses include:

- Physical Wellness
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Weather Hazards
- Climb On Safely
- Trek Safely

2. Certification as a rock climbing instructor is optional. Training as a BSA Climbing Level 2 Instructor is highly recommended and preferred.

Sources of qualified climbing and rappelling instructor training include, but are not limited to, the following:

- BSA Level 2 Instructor (climbing director or lead instructor)
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- Wilderness Education Association
- American Mountain Guides Association
- Eastern Mountain Sports
- University or college climbing/rappelling instructors
- Professional Climbing Guide Institute
- Professional Climbing Instructors Association

BSA References:

- BSA Guide to Advancement – current edition
(<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>)
- BSA Climb on Safely
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/boyscouts/resources/climbonsafely.aspx>
- BSA training outline:
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-101WB.pdf>

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