

Climbing Merit Badge Course

Goal - Create a Climbing merit badge course curriculum that provides participants with a fun, informative introduction to climbing, an ample opportunity to complete the course and repeatable documentation for course instructors.

Course Structure

- Pre-course work led by adult leader at participant's troop
 - Lead discussion for requirements 1a, 1b, 1c, 2 and 4d - Hazards, First-Aid and LNT. Instructional material will be provided. Requirements will be reviewed during the classroom instruction as they apply to climbing.
 - Lead instruction for requirement 7 - Knots. Instructional material will be provided.
- Classroom instruction at the Fickett Center (2 hours)
 - PowerPoint instructions
 - Hands on with gear
 - Knot tying relay
- Optional event at Bull Creek (2 hours)
 - Additional knot tying instruction
 - Additional time to review pre-course work and the classroom instruction
 - Chance to see natural area gear in use
 - Discuss requirements 1a, 4c
- Hands on at Doks Tower (4- 6 hours)
 - Complete the climbing portion of the requirements. 3, 4c, 8, 9b, 9c, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 11c
 - Provide limited extra time for completion of classroom requirements and additional climbing.
 - Provide adults with an opportunity to take a CPR course and Climb On Safely while waiting.

Materials

- Scout Leader Guide
 - Document contains all information required to teach requirements
 - Knot tying instructions and links to other knot tying resources
- Participant Materials
 - Climbing Merit Badge Pamphlet
 - Climbing Merit Badge Workbook PDF
 - Rope and webbing for knot practice

Course Size & Fees

- 12 Scouts aged 13+
- \$30 fee to cover pamphlets and supplies. Will be waived for hardships.