

Scouting America Climbing Level 1 Fall 2026

- PURPOSE:** Provide training for people who are interested in teaching Scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. This group might include those interested in becoming Climbing Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff and Scouters. ***Scouters who work with troops and teach climbing are required to be "Qualified Instructors" prior to teaching any climbing / rappelling activities.***
- DATE:** Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday 16 - 18 October 2026
- TIME:** 8:00 p.m. Friday through 5:30 p.m. Sunday
- LOCATION:** Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
- COST:** \$125.00 for (textbook, meals and camping fees included).
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 4 October 2026. If fewer than six sign ups are made prior to that date a cancellation notice will be sent. Otherwise a confirmation will be sent after that date. For help with registration contact Hannibol Sullivan, Community Engagement Coordinator (SR) and HAT Advisor at (213) 413-4400 or email Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** Climbing gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.) You will be sleeping indoors in a Troop Lodge and will need to provide your own sleeping bag or linens as well as you regular gear for a weekend outing.
- OVERVIEW:** This course is very intense and will work into the late hours of the night. We will cover Scouting America's current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, at the Unit, Council and District levels, as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb on Safely," and the National Camp Accreditation Program. Textbook is Scouting America's publication entitled "Belay On" (provided).
This course will be conducted over a weekend (starting Friday night). Meals will be provided Saturday and Sunday, but please bring take out or have dinner before you arrive Friday night.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Current registration with Scouting America
At least 18 years old
Current successful completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training).
Current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record
Completed the online [Climb on Safely Training](#)
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12 students.
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Course Instructor Josh Long Cell: (808) 780-2074 email: jlongbsa@gmail.com

All persons interested must be mature, capable of instructing, safety conscious, able to exercise good judgment, be dependable, relate well to youth and adults, and be familiar in the techniques of climbing, rappelling, belaying, and spotting. BSA Level I Climbing Instructor Qualification Certification is good for 1 year upon successful completion of this class.

Help keep climbing/rappelling as part of Scouting's activities by becoming a qualified BSA Climbing Instructor for your Unit, District, or Council.

A copy of "Belay On" will be given to each participant.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice ChairTraining: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, michael@schlaifer.com.