Pere Marquette State Park Climbing Program
General Information Sheet, Fall 2009

Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews have a new climbing site program available due to the generosity of a memorial gift and the cooperation of the Pere Marquette Illinois State Park. Pere Marquette State Park is located north of Grafton, Illinois along the Illinois River. The climbing site is located close to the river at the Brussels Ferry area. The climbing site is adjacent to the paved bicycle trail that runs from the state park and along the Great River Road down to Alton, Illinois. The state park offers great group camping and a combination camping/climbing/bike trip is a super weekend in one of the area’s most scenic locations. Eagle watching in the winter is great along the Great River Road and at the Brussels Ferry location on the Illinois River and the Ferry is very close to the climbing site.

There is no additional training involved for Climbing Instructors to use this site. The equipment and set-ups for this climbing area are the same as used at Giant City/Pine Ridge Scout Camp. The cliffs are different - some are easier and some are more challenging. Plus you have some great views of the river in this historic area.

There is gear for 2 climbs and 2 rappels

Reservation and gear check-out procedures:

- Reservations can be made at any of the council service centers just like any of the other climbing programs. Cost is $60 for the gear for the weekend. Because the state park is outside the boundaries of the Greater St. Louis Area Council you will also need to file a Local Tour Permit (form is included in this packet about the Pere Marquette program). Because you will be using council trained Climbing Instructors you do not need Climb on Safely training as specified on the Local Tour Permit.
- Only certified Climbing Instructors or Instructors becoming certified will be able to use and check out the council's climbing gear. See the Pere Marquette/Beaumont Scout Reservation Climbing Check-Out Procedures for more detailed procedures and explanations.
- The climbing gear for the Pere Marquette site is stored and checked out from the Beaumont Scout Reservation. Because of the distance involved from Beaumont to the park, a 1 hour and 15 minute drive, the gear is reserved for the weekend, not just one day. You can use the gear for just one day or both days of the weekend, you have the gear for the weekend.
- The park does not take reservations for the climbing site but they do have a procedure that climbers must follow and you must check in with the park before climbing. See the Pere Marquette State Park Climbing Registration form. Do not allow Scouts to set up or start climbing before checking in with the park office; do not jeopardize the program by not following their procedures. Others may also be using the climbing sites but the area is not used very often. You may end up sharing the site just as we currently do at Giant City State Park.
- Pere Marquette camping reservations must be made with the park by calling 618-786-3323. Their website, http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R4/Peremarq.htm, has a group camping reservation form. Duncan Hill is the name of the tent camping group area.
Pere Marquette State Park Gear Check-Out Procedures
For Beaumont Scout Reservation

Since the climbing gear is stored and checked out from the Beaumont Scout Reservation and the Pere Marquette State Park is 1 hour and 15 minutes away the gear check-out and return procedures are different than other council climbing programs.

- You can reserve the Pere Marquette Climbing Gear thru any of the council service centers. Cost to use the gear for a weekend is $60.
- At least a week before you will use the Pere Marquette gear call the Beaumont Scout Reservation office at 636-938-5444 to make 2 appointments with the Ranger Staff; be prepared to leave a message and return phone number so the Rangers can return your call if they are not in the office.
  
  **1 appointment to pick up the gear and 1 appointment to return the gear.**
  - First appointment to pick up the gear can be made for Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Appt: ______________________________
  - Second appointment to return the gear must be made so that it is returned no later than the following Tuesday. Appt: ______________________________
- At the time your unit representative arrives to pick up the Climbing Gear they must bring the following:
  - Copy of the Unit Reservation form and approved Local Tour Permit
  - Climbing Instructor's Certification card of the Climbing Instructor(s) who will lead the program for the weekend or the name of the Climbing Instructor Staff member who will be certifying the Instructor(s). The unit must have made prior arrangements with the Instructor Staff member who will do the certification before your unit picks up the gear.
  - The First Aid and CPR cards of the people who will be on site providing those services for your unit the entire time your unit is at the climbing site.
  - The person who picks up the gear does not have to be the Climbing Instructor or the certified FA/CPR person. We realize that would cause some undue hardships but the person picking up the gear must have be able to show those cards to the Ranger Staff; A Scout is Trustworthy is the name of this game.
- When your unit returns the gear to the Ranger office at the appointment time be aware that the Rangers may have been called away and located somewhere else in camp. If they are not there they always leave a sign in the office window with their location; you may have to drive into camp to find them. Do not just dump the gear at the office door; you may jeopardize your unit's ability to use the gear in the future.
- When you go to Pere Marquette State Park for your climbing activity be sure to have a Annual Health and Medical Record with parts A & C filled in and signed by parent or guardian for each Scout and Adult at the activity at the site with you.
Pere Marquette State Park Climbing Registration
& Emergency Information

Follow Highway 100 north to the Pere Marquette State Park office, across the road from the Lodge, to check in. You should fill out and give them the Pere Marquette State Park Climbing Registration form. Their office opens at 9 am. Once you turn in the Climbing Registration form one of the staff will drive down to the climbing site and open the gate. This will allow you drive to the parking area that is very close to the climbing area. The park does not take reservations for the climbing site but you can call them in advance to tell them you are coming so that they’ll be ready for you - might be a good idea in case they are busy that day.

Park Contact Info:
Pere Marquette State Park
P.O. Box 158
Grafton, IL 62037
618-786-3323

Emergency Info:
Area has 911 service but cell phone service can be spotty.
Nearest hospitals:
St. Anthony’s
1 St. Anthony’s Way
Alton, IL 62002
618-465-2571
or
Alton Memorial
1 Memorial Drive
Alton, IL 62002
618-463-7311

BSA Medical Information forms:
Effective Jan. 1, 2010 all Scouts and leaders must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record with parts A & C filled in and signed by parent or guardian to participate. A current doctor’s medical exam (Part B) is not required for events lasting less than 72 hours. Be sure that you bring these records with you and have them available when you arrive at the park climbing site. The park staff will not ask for these forms, it’s a BSA requirement.
Pere Marquette State Park Climbing Program Travel Directions

Cross the Mississippi River into Alton, Illinois on US 67

Follow IL 100 West thru Alton towards Grafton

IL 100 in Clifton Terrace to junction with IL 3 in Grafton - 10.4 miles

The junction of IL 3 and IL 100 in Grafton to climb site is 3 miles

Climb site is small paved road on right with unmarked wooden gate right before Brussels Ferry

Brussels Ferry is 1/3 mile ahead on IL 100

Pere Marquette State Park office is 2 1/2 miles ahead on IL 100
  Drive to State Park office to check-in before setting up climb program

Parking at Climbing site:
  Slowly drive up the small asphalt lane, parking area ahead

Trail to Climb site:
  Follow trail that is marked with "No Horses" sign, about 200 feet
  Trail leads to base of climbing area

Pere Marquette State Park
Grafton, IL 62037
Pere Marquette State Park Climbing Registration Form
Acknowledgement Notice for
Rock Climbing and/or Rappelling

It is hereby acknowledged that ________________will participate in rock
climbing and/or rappelling at Pere Marquette State Park on the following date:
_______________.

It is understood that there will be approximately _____participants in the group
and that you will arrive at approximately _______ and depart at about ________.

• It is required that groups of minors (under the age of 18 years) have adequate
supervision

and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 youths.

• This letter does not constitute a reservation. It is simply an acknowledgement of your
request to visit the site on the date and time specified. Groups are asked to check in at
the

park visitor center or with a Ranger or Security Officer upon their arrival.

• While the Department of Natural Resources does recognize and provide areas for the
activity, it assumes no liability for the participants, nor their proficiency, equipment, or
the

natural conditions of the area.

Please print the name, address and phone number of the person responsible for the group:

Signed: ___________ _________________________________
Park Official _________________________________

Signed: ___________ _________________________________
Person Responsible For Climbing/Rappelling Group _________________________________
Stance for Pere Marquette Climbing Belayers

There are many substantial anchor trees at the Pere Marquette climb site for rappelling anchors and for the top anchor for climbing but there are few good anchor trees at the bottom of the climbing routes. Because of this shortage of good anchor trees for the bottom climb belay the climbing belayer will become the bottom anchor for the climbing routes and the climbing belay rope.

Set the overhead climbing belay anchor using the same method as we use for the Pine Ridge climbing program, see Chapter 7 of the Greater St. Louis Area Council Climbing Instructor Manual.

- The belayer should belay as close to the bottom of the cliff as possible. If the belayer is too far out from the bottom of the climb they could be knocked off their feet if the climber falls.
- The belayer should be in a straight vertical line with the overhead anchor to themselves. Don’t belay in an angle off to the side from the overhead top belay anchor, a fall could cause the belayer to be pulled to the side and off their feet.
- The climber should weigh less than the belayer. No good formula for this; just make sure that the climber doesn’t weigh so much more than the belayer that a fall could pull the belayer up in the air.
- The belayer should attach the belay device to their harness and Swami belt with a locking steel carabiner.
- Look at the picture of the belayer above:
  - Wear gloves and helmet
  - Have a good solid stance, lead foot forward as shown (gaiters optional)
- If a scout or non-Instructor belays use the back-up belayer system
**LOCAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION**

**FOR TRIPS AND CAMPS UNDER 500 MILES**

**LOCAL PERMIT NO.________________ DATE ISSUED________________**

This application must be filed with local council service center two weeks in advance of scheduled activity for proper clearance. It is used for trips of less than 500 miles. If destination is 500 miles or more one way or outside the U.S.A. (local council camp excepted), use National Tour Permit Application, No. 4419B. If backcountry trip, be sure to know BSA Wilderness Use Policy.

No.________________ Town________________ District________________ hereby applies

for a permit and submits plans herewith for a trip from_________________, 20______, to_________________, 20______. Give itinerary if tour; or destination if camp, including route description for reaching campsite (for long trip attach map indicating route and overnight stops):

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<th>Type of trip:</th>
<th>One day</th>
<th>Touring camp</th>
<th>Short-term camp</th>
<th>Long-term camp</th>
<th>(Furnish copy of program and menus.)</th>
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<td>Activity Standards:</td>
<td>Where swimming or boating is included in the program, Safe Swim Defense, No. 34370A, and/or Safety Afloat, No. 34968B, standards are to be followed. If climbing/rappelling is included, then Climb On Safety, No. 3206 (which recommends the American Red Cross’s standard first aid and When Help Is Delayed or equivalent course), must be followed.</td>
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One adult in the group must be trained as outlined:

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<th>Safety Afloat Exp. Date</th>
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At least one person must be trained in CPR from any recognized agency for Safety Afloat and Climb On Safety.

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<th>CPR Training</th>
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At least one adult on a pack overnight must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO, No. 34162A).

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Mode of transportation: | Car | RV | Van | Bus | Boat | Canoe | Train | Hiking | Truck | Other

(The beds of trucks and camper trucks are approved for equipment only—passengers are allowed only in the cab.)

Tour will include____________ youth and____________ adults. Have parents’ approvals been secured?

Leadership and personnel: Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all camping trips and tours. Coed Venturing crews must have both male and female leadership. The adult leader in charge of this group must be at least 21 years old.

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I have in my possession a copy of Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 34416D, and have read it. ________________

Assistant tour leader’s name, ________________ Age________ Phone________

| Address | | |

Signed by member of unit committee ________________

Signed by tour leader ________________

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**OFFICIAL LOCAL TOUR OR CAMP PERMIT**

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Permit issued to ___________________________ No.________ Town________

| Type of unit: | | |
|---------------|----------------|

Name of tour leader Age Address

Name of tour leader Age Address

Permit covers all travel between_________, 20______, and ___________, 20______. Dates of trip from_________, 20______, to ___________, 20______ Total youth________, Total adults________

This group has given the local council every assurance that they will conduct themselves according to the best standards of Scouting and observe all rules of health, safety, and sanitation as prescribed by the Boy Scouts of America and as stated in the Pledge of Performance on the reverse side of this permit.

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<th>Place</th>
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These spaces are for the signatures and comments of officials where the group camps or stays for one night or more. Signatures indicate that the cooperation and conduct of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturing group were satisfactory in every way.

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Local Permit No. ________________ Date Issued ________________

Council Stamp

Not official unless council stamp appears here.

Council name and address

Council phone no.

Signed for the council

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INSURANCE

All vehicles MUST be covered by a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. (It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least $50,000/$100,000/$50,000 or $100,000 combined single limit.) Any vehicle carrying 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of $100,000/$500,000/$100,000 or $500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the vehicle as a named insured. All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country.

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<th>NUMBER OF PASSENGERS</th>
<th>OWNER’S NAME</th>
<th>DRIVER’S LICENSE NUMBER</th>
<th>WILL EVERYONE WEAR A SEATBELT?</th>
<th>PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE</th>
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The local council may allow a list of the above information to be attached to the permit in order to expedite the process. Each unit may circle the names of the drivers for an event or an activity.

TRANSPORTATION

1. You will enforce reasonable travel speed in accordance with state and local laws in all motor vehicles.
2. If by motor vehicle:
   a. Driver Qualifications: All drivers must have a valid driver’s license and be at least 16 years of age. Youth Member Exception: When traveling in a small group or as an official leader of the Troops, the exception applies to the following conditions: (1) Six months’ driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner’s permit or equivalent is not to be counted); (2) no record of accidents or moving violations; (3) parent permission has been granted to the leader, driver, and riders.
   b. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 persons (including driver) the driver must have a commercial driver’s license (CDL).
   c. CDL expiration date.
   d. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops.
   e. Seat belts are provided, and must be used, by all passengers and driver.
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3. We will use the Safe Swim Defense in any swimming activity. Safety Alert in all craft activity on the water, and Climbing On Safety for climbing activity.
4. We will use only the equipment—no passengers except in the cab. All passenger cars, station wagons, recreational vehicles, and cabs of trucks will have a seat belt for each passenger.
5. We will agree to enforce reasonable travel speed (in accordance with national, state, and local laws) and use only vehicles that are in safe mechanical condition.
6. We will at all times be a credit to the Boy Scouts of America and will not tolerate any behavior or un-Scoutlike conduct, keeping a constant check on all members of our group.
7. We will maintain high standards of personal cleanliness and orderliness and operate a clean and sanitary camp, leaving it a better condition than we found it.
8. We will not litter or carry any trash, garbage, or tin cans. All rubbish that cannot be burned will be placed in a trash bag and taken to the nearest recognized trash disposal or all the way home, if necessary.
9. We will not deface trees, restrooms, or other objects with initials or graffiti.

OUR PLEDGE OF PERFORMANCE

1. We will respect the property of others and will not trespass.
2. We will not cut standing trees or shrubs without specific permission from the landowner or manager.
3. We will collect only souvenirs that are gifts to us or that we purchase.
4. We will pay our own way and not expect concessions or entertainment from any individual or group.
5. We will provide every member of our party an opportunity to attend religious services on the Sabbath.
6. We will obey the courtesy to write thank-you notes to persons who assisted us on our trip.
7. We will eat in the wilderness, and use the Wilderness Use Policy of the BSA.
8. We will notify, in case of serious trouble, our local council service center, our parents, or other local contact.
9. If more than one vehicle is used to transport our group, we will establish rendezvous points at the start of each day and not attempt to have drivers closely follow the group vehicle in front of them.