

Rock Climbing & Rappelling Instructor Training 2026

TO REGISTER: Register and pay online using the links on our training page:
<https://stlbsa.org/training/challenge-course-climbing/>

General Information

Scouts BSA and Venturing Crew members can participate in Rock Climbing and Rappelling on natural rock faces at S bar F and Giant City State Park (Makanda, IL) and our climbing towers at Beaumont, Camp Lewallen, and Camp Warren Levis. *Units must provide trained leaders to facilitate Rock Climbing and Rappelling.* Cub Scout members may climb only (not rappel) on GSL Scouting properties' climbing towers. See separate flyer for Tower-only training.

The Wednesday night and weekend training course is required to become a Qualified Rock Climbing/Rappelling Instructor for the Greater St. Louis Area Scouting sites. You will receive site specific training at the natural climbing areas at S bar F Ranch and Giant City, and for the climbing towers at Beaumont, Camp Lewallen, and Camp Warren Levis. Climbing training qualifies you to take your unit climbing and rappelling at our Greater St. Louis Area Scouting climbing program sites and to lead rappelling on the Beaumont Tower (Scouts BSA or Venturing only, Cub Scouts are not permitted to rappel on towers or natural rock sites).

Training Schedule and Information – 2026

Wednesday, 7pm at Emerson Center, Beaumont Scout Reservation + Saturday-Sunday (weekend) at S bar F Scout Ranch, Knob Lick MO

Wednesday evening we will meet at Emerson Center in the Theatre room. **If you can't make the Wednesday evening training session** you will still be able to take the weekend training, but you must contact the Climbing Training Director.

We'll meet at 7:30 am on Saturday at the Castle Rock parking lot at S bar F Scout Ranch. Training on the cliffs at S bar F will finish around noon on Sunday. The training will reconvene 60-90 minutes later at the Camp Lewallen (Spring Training) or Beaumont Climbing tower (Fall Training). In both Spring and Fall Training, you will learn the operations of the Beaumont, Camp Lewallen and Camp Warren Levis towers. We plan to finish up by 4pm.

2026 Dates

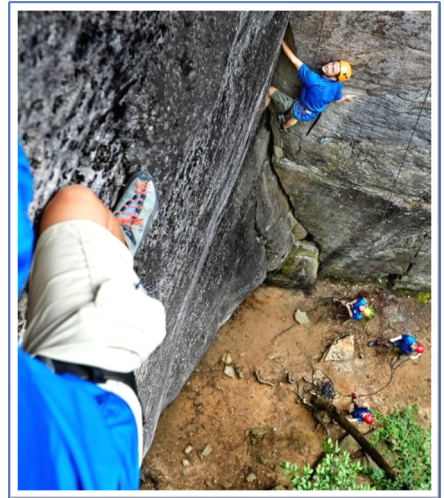
Spring 2026: Wednesday May 27, Saturday-Sunday June 6-7

Fall 2026: Wednesday August 12, Saturday-Sunday August 22-23

Questions?

Contact Brent Keil, Climbing Training Course Director 314-681-5042 or gslac.climbing.director@gmail.com

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Rock Climbing & Rappelling Training – Signing Up

Sign up at stlbsa.org/training. **If you can't make the Wednesday evening training session** you will still be able to take the weekend training, but you must contact the Climbing Training Course Director. That Wednesday, everyone will receive knot training, a detailed equipment list, and training about equipment and what to bring for weekend training and the Saturday camp at the climbing area.

FAQs

Adults must be at least 18 years old to take training.

Fitness: The training is very active and high energy. There is no sitting around and it is all outdoors, rain or shine. Don't sign up thinking this will be lectures or classroom work!

BE PREPARED for a great outdoor training experience so that your Scouts can enjoy Rock Climbing and Rappelling!

FEES: Initial weekend training: \$25 includes bandana, notebook, and two patches. If you have taken Challenge Course Training, bring your notebook, only \$5.
