

Challenge Course, Climbing Tower Only, and Rock Climbing Instructor RE-CERTIFICATION – 2026 at Beaumont Scout Reservation

Spring: Sunday, Mar 1st | Fall: Sunday, Oct 4th

TO REGISTER: Register and pay online using the links on our training page:

<https://stlbsa.org/training/challenge-course-climbing/>

General Information

If your Instructor card for Challenge Course or Rock Climbing is expired or about to expire you may get re-certified for one or both programs on one Sunday. Easy to do – pay a \$5 fee, please register on-line or bring to training – bring check or exact \$. The recertification is rather simple; we give you a pile of gear and ask you to set up a climb, rappel, or high course descent. It is much like a merit badge review. We review climbing or course operation and tell you about any changes in procedures or equipment.

Your card does not need to expire before being re-certified. If your card has already expired, you can also be re-certified. If you were never certified for one of the programs, you can't be recertified.

Options on Requalification – NEW SCHEDULE:

- Challenge Course – Start at **8am** (8am-1pm)
- Challenge, Tower & Climbing – Start at **8am** (8am-3pm)
- Tower Climbing (for Tower-Only instructors) – Start at **10am** (10am-noon)
- Rock Climbing – Start at **11:30am** (11:30am-3pm)
- Giant City Climbing Skill Segment (Optional) – Start at **3pm** (3-4:30pm)

Please arrive 15 minutes before your session to check in. If you have questions, reach out before the requalification day you plan to attend.

Additional Note for Challenge Course Instructors

Anyone desiring to re-qualify as an Instructor for the High Course must ascend a caving ladder. If you can no longer qualify by climbing the ladder you will be able to qualify as a Low Course Instructor. We took this action to ensure that High Course Instructors will be able to affect a rescue in the High Course at either of the courses.

Training Schedule/Location – Spring/Fall 2026

The times listed below are correct; we overlap Challenge and Climbing Re-qualification times. The last part of Challenge and the first part of Climbing will be administrative details and tower review. We do this so that if you are getting re-qualified for both, you won't have to listen to the same info twice.

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026; Sunday, October 4, 2026

Times:

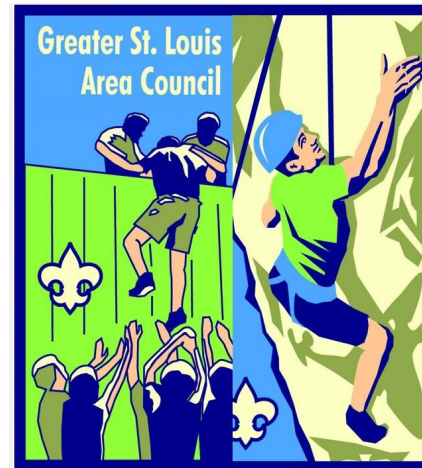
8am – 1pm for Challenge Course Re-qualification

11:30am – 3pm for Rock Climbing Re-qualification

10am – Noon for Tower only Re-qualification

3pm – 4:30pm for Giant City Rock Climbing orientation

Place: Beaumont Scout Reservation. We meet in the Gazebo behind the Emerson parking lot. Do NOT check in with the Ranger.



New for 2026

Giant City Climbing Orientation

This training segment offered at 3pm is added to your training record. You don't have to be getting Recertified at this event; you can attend if you're getting recertified, not getting recertified or climbing trained but not yet certified. You will learn how to lead climbing & rappelling at Giant City State Park.

Climbing at Giant City State Park and camping at Pine Ridge Scout Camp

is a great weekend in Southern Illinois at one of the premier climbing areas in the Midwest. The 10 minute drive from our Pine Ridge Camp to the state park and a short walk to set up the climbs and rappels gives a unit lots of climbing time - no long walk to haul gear to the cliffs. The Adventure Summit in 2025 was a great success for our Giant City climbing program. A great way to add a new program to your unit's calendar.

Giant City Scouter Guides, a group of our council's local S. IL Scouters, trained and certified for Giant City climbing will help your unit locate all the anchors and routes. They will help you check out the gear, guide you to the sites we use at the park.

Questions?

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