

### Challenge Course Instructor Training 2026

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

#### Initial Weekend Training Schedule and Information

**Wednesday evening session:** 7pm at Beaumont (Emerson Center, downstairs in Theatre Room): You will get trained on knots, receive a detailed equipment list, and training about equipment and what to bring for the weekend training and camping. **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 Challenge Course Training Course Director.

#### **Saturday morning / Weekend (different locations for Spring/Fall Training):**

- For Spring session, meet at Nim's Lake Overlook parking lot at S bar F Scout Ranch at approximately 7:00am.
- For the Fall session, meet at Beaumont on the parking lot in front of the swimming pool at approximately 7:00am.
- We hike out of the parking lot for each training at 7:30am sharp – don't be late, we leave at 7:30am with or without you.

**Sunday:** We will finish the training about 5pm.

#### 2026 Dates

**Spring 2026:** Wednesday May 6, Saturday-Sunday May 16-17 at S Bar F

**Fall 2026:** Wednesday Sept 2, Saturday-Sunday Sept 12-13 at Beaumont

#### One Day Orientation Training Schedule and Information

**Sunday June 28, 2026 (Spring) and Sunday October 25, 2026 (Fall)**

**S bar F + Beaumont** – meet at 8am at Nim's Overlook parking lot for S bar F orientation, at parking lot in front of swimming pool for Beaumont orientation. All one-day classes will be finished by 4pm.

**FEES: Initial weekend training: \$25** includes bandana, notebook, and two patches.

If you have taken Rock Climbing Training bring your notebook, only \$5.

#### **One day orientation training: \$5**

There is a class size limit for the Initial Weekend Training. Training reservations are on a first paid, first trained basis. Help us to prepare for training by registering. Best to do in advance, but **you can call at the last minute** so we can make room for you. No class size limit for the One Day Orientation training but please preregister.

#### Questions?

Contact Charlie Blair, Challenge Course Training Director 314-913-0425 or [gslac.challenge.director@gmail.com](mailto:gslac.challenge.director@gmail.com)

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#### **Initial Challenge Course Training**

**Spring 2026:** May 6 (evening) at Beaumont + May 16-17 (weekend) at S bar F Scout Ranch

**Fall 2026:** Sept 2 (evening) at Beaumont + Sept 12-13 (weekend) at Beaumont Scout Reservation

#### **One Day Orientation Course**

**June 28, 2026** – 8am–4pm at S bar F or Beaumont

**October 25, 2026** – 8am-4pm at S bar F or Beaumont

**Scouters who have ever taken initial weekend training are eligible to take one-day orientation training for the other Challenge Course (Beaumont or S bar F).**

#### **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 have a super Challenge Course experience!**