

Circle Ten Council Climbing Gear Policy

The following guidelines are effective immediately regarding the use of any climbing council equipment:

1. You **MUST** provide written verification that your unit as a **qualified adult supervisor** for your activity. A copy of this person's **Climb on Safely** training card must be included when making your reservation for the climbing equipment.

The adult supervisor (must be over 21) is solely responsible for ensuring that the unit has the appropriate number of instructors, adequate first aid and CPR training. Wilderness First Aid Basic is recommended for units going to remote areas.

- You must have a minimum of 2 instructors (must be over 18).
 - The Circle Ten Council COPE & Climbing Committee strongly urges that units follow a 1:6 ratio when climbing or rappelling, 1 instructor for 6 actively participating climbers on the rock or rappel.
 - You must have appropriate additional supervision for those not actively participating, follow a ratio of 1:10.
2. Usage fee for the equipment is \$50 per day.
 - Course fees must be paid to Circle Ten Council seven days in advance of the equipment reservation.
 3. Reservation Process:
 - Complete the Climbing Equipment Reservation form
 - Attach verification of Qualified Supervision
 - Attach a list and credentials for instructors
 - Fax ALL required information to Circle Ten Council or email the form c10climbing@gmail.com
 - An equipment coordinator will verify that the equipment is available and confirm your reservation
 - Payment for your reservation **must be paid to at a Council Service Center**
 - i. Payment can be made in person or by credit card through a fax
 - An equipment coordinator will schedule a time/place to pick up the equipment
 - The equipment is due back by Tuesday after your unit climb

When climbing as a unit, you must follow all BSA policies as found in Climb on Safely and The Guide to Safe Scouting.

Circle Ten Council COPE and Climbing committee recommends the following training for climbing instructors:

- Circle Ten Council Climbing Instructor
- Texas Mountaineering Intermediate Class
- AMGA Climbing Instructor

This policy may be changed at any time by the Circle Ten Council COPE & Climbing Committee or Program Manager.