

# Continuing Education Credit for Recertification of Trained BSA COPE or Climbing Directors

## Overview

A continuing education format is now available for individuals possessing a valid National Camping School certificate of training for COPE or Climbing. This unique program is designed to provide a variety of opportunities to maintain current training status and personal growth in facilitation and management in adventure programs.

### 1. Who Is Eligible to Apply for the Continuing Education Program?

1. COPE or Climbing Directors who have remained actively involved in leading and directing COPE or Climbing or Rappelling programs each successive year since their original NCS Project COPE or Climbing certificate of training was issued.
2. COPE or Climbing Directors must keep a valid, up-to-date portfolio documenting their ongoing COPE or Climbing leadership duties and related learning experiences since their last NCS COPE or Climbing training.
3. COPE or Climbing Directors must complete five or more credits of approved continuing education before their currently valid COPE or Climbing Director's certificate of training expires.

### 2. Continuing Education Program Features

1. The COPE or Climbing Director completes the COPE or Climbing Continuing Education Application between the third and fifth year from the last NCS COPE or Climbing certificate of training.
2. Recertification would be for five years from the date of approval of the application.
3. The local council leadership would validate and forward the completed application to the Office of the Director of Outdoor Programs before the end of November.
4. The National COPE/Climbing Task Force reviews applications annually and recommends approval for issuance of certificates of training.
5. COPE or Climbing certificates of training are issued by the National Council with notification to the applicant, council, and regional program directors.
6. The fee for continuing education is \$100 and includes the current Project COPE/Climbing manuals, COPE/Climbing National Standard, Bibliography of Resources, and ACCT Standards.

### 4. Approved Continuing Education Credit Programs

(Each approved continuing education can be only used once)

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| 1. Participate in the BSA COPE/Climbing Conference  | Two credits |
| 2. Participate in three days of the annual ACCT, Climbing Wall Association and AMGA Conferences   | Two credits |
| 3. Becoming cross trained as NCS BSA COPE and climbing Director.  | Two credits |
| 4. Complete the Practitioner Level II Certification for Challenge Certification offered by one of the ACCT professional vendor members. | Two credits |
| 5. Official full-day or longer training events by National Recognized climbing organizations (Appalachian Mountaineering Club, etc.)    | Two credits |
| 6. Complete the BSA COPE or Climbing Program Manager training course  | Two credits |

### Examples of Conferences for One Point from Each Type of Experience

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| 7. Participate in any regional or national professional-level conference that includes sessions related to challenge course or rock-climbing program operations. | One credit |
| 8. BSA—National Outdoor Adventure Seminar  | One credit |
| 9. Any of the NOLS training conferences  | One credit |
| 10. Wilderness First Aid Training  | One credit |
| 11. Risk Management conference   | One credit |
| 12. Association for Experiential Education conferences   | One credit |
| 13. Leave No Trace Trainer or Master Educator or Tread Lightly course  | One credit |
| 14. Any of the Outward Bound training conferences  | One credit |
| 15. Pre-conference full-day programs given by organizations mention in item 2 above  | One credit |
| 16. Complete the BSA Training Program Evaluator training course  | One credit |
| 17. Perform one or more Training Program Evaluations as an assigned evaluator  | One credit |
| 18. Attend NCAP Assessor Training and participate in two assessment visits.  | One credit |

# Application

## Continuing Education Credit BSA COPE or Climbing Directors

COPE Director

Climbing Director

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

BSA council \_\_\_\_\_ BSA region \_\_\_\_\_

**Last NCS COPE or Climbing Director Training:**

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director's name for COPE or Climbing section \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval of Application for Recertification of COPE or Climbing Director Training:**

(To the best of my knowledge this application is factually correct.)

**Council COPE/Climbing Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Executive** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**National COPE/Climbing Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evidence of Active Leadership as a COPE or Climbing Director:**

<b>Evidence of Continuing Education Credit:</b> (Provide a detailed description of and documentation of each of your continuing education credit experiences.) Attach documentation (copies of training cards, certificates, or other documentation). List only continuing education opportunities from the approved list. Must total a minimum of five credits. At least one credit must be from a non BSA related program.		
	Course	Credit(s)
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2.		
3.		
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(Provide a portfolio outlining all of the different kinds of experiences you have acquired as a Director over the years since your last NCS training. Include the number of and types of groups you have directed and/or trained by year since your last NCS training.) Attach additional pages.

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  Verified by BSA

COPE/Climbing task force review and recommendation:

Approved. Certificate of training issued effective: [ ][ ]-[ ][ ]-[ ][ ][ ][ ]  
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Denied. (Return to applicant with explanation.)

National COPE Task Force chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_