

Continuing Education Credit for Renewal of Training Cards for BSA COPE & Climbing Program Managers

Overview

A continuing education format is available for individuals possessing a valid National Camping School certificate of training for COPE & Climbing Program Managers. This process is designed to provide a variety of opportunities to maintain current training status and personal growth in leadership and evaluation of COPE & Climbing programs.

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

- a) COPE & Climbing Program Managers who have been actively involved in COPE and/or Climbing programs.
- b) Training Program Evaluators who have remained actively involved in evaluating council level training programs.

2) Continuing Education Program Process

- a) The applicant completes this form during the last year that their certificate of training is valid.
- b) Applicants must document their ongoing involvement in COPE and/or Climbing programs.
- c) Applicants must complete five or more credits of approved continuing education before their certificate of training expires.
- d) Renewal shall be for five years from the date of approval of the application.
- e) The local council leadership approves the completed application.
- f) The National COPE/Climbing Task Force reviews applications and recommends approval for issuance of certificates of training.
- g) COPE or Climbing certificates of training are issued by the National Council with notification to the applicant.
- h) The fee for continuing education is \$100.

3) Approved Continuing Education Credit Programs

(Each approved continuing education can be only used once)

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| a) Participate in an area, region or national BSA COPE/Climbing Conference | Two credits |
| b) Participate in three days of the annual ACCT, Climbing Wall Association, AMGA, or PCGI Conferences | Two credits |
| c) Complete the ACCT Course Manager Certification | Three credits |
| d) Official full-day or longer training events by a nationally recognized challenge course or climbing organization or manufacturer PPE workshop | Two credits |
| e) College level courses in recreation management, risk assessment, training assessment, Finance, or other applicable area | Three credits |

Examples of Conferences for One Credit

- f) Participate in any regional or national professional-level conference that includes sessions related to challenge course or rock-climbing program operations, finance, risk management, etc.
- g) BSA—National Outdoor Adventure Seminar

- h) Any of the NOLS training conferences
- i) Wilderness First Aid Training
- j) Association for Experiential Education conferences
- k) Leave No Trace Trainer or Master Educator or Tread Lightly course
- l) Any of the Outward Bound training conferences
- m) Pre-conference full-day programs given by organizations mentioned in item 2 above
- n) Perform one or more Training Program Evaluations as an assigned evaluator
- o) Attend NCAP Assessor Training and participate in two assessment visits.

4) Approval Process

1. Email completed form to COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair with cc: to Region COPE & Climbing Chair (see current listing at <http://www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorProgram/COPE.aspx>).
2. The COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair will secure approval from the task force members.
3. If approved, the COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair will notify the applicant of the result. If not approved, the COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair will notify the applicant of the reasons for denial and suggest an action plan to secure approval. The COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair will copy the COPE & Climbing Task Force Advisor on any communications with the applicant.
4. If approved, the applicant will send the completed form along with \$100 payment to: Boy Scouts of America, Outdoor Program Department, Attention: SUM 102, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, PO Box 152079, TX 75015-2079. The payment processing department at the national office will notify the Outdoor Programs Department and forward the application form when payment is received.
5. Within 30 days of receipt, the Outdoor Programs Department will send an electronic version of the appropriate NCS card to the applicant by email and copy the COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair to close the communication loop.

Application

Continuing Education Credit

COPE & Climbing Program Manager

COPE & Climbing Training Program Evaluator

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

BSA council _____ BSA region _____

Last NCS Training:

Location _____ Date _____

NCS Section Leader's name _____

Approval of Application for Renewal of Training:

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

Council COPE/Climbing Chairman _____ Date _____

Council Executive _____ Date _____

Evidence of Continuing Education Credit: (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.

	Course	Credit(s)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

National COPE/Climbing Chairman _____ Date _____

Evidence of Active Leadership:

Provide a portfolio outlining all of the appropriate experiences you have acquired since your last NCS training. Attach additional pages.

For Office Use

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 _____