

Continuing Education Credit for Renewal of Training Cards for 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 document 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 is for five years from the date of approval of the application.
3. The local council leadership approves the application.
4. The National COPE/Climbing Task Force reviews applications 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.
6. The fee for continuing education is \$100.

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 or manufacturer PPE workshop | 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 |

5) 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 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:

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)
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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. **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 _____