

Troop 75 Form & Fees DUE 10/02/07

Rappelling & Climbing Equipment

(PRICES ARE RETAIL & WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SHOP FOR AVAILABLE DISCOUNTS)

Name(s) _____

number:

total:

Annual Camping & Rope Fees (\$25 per person) _____

One Time Personal Equip Fee (\$20 per person) _____

(BSA Rules require that all equipment must be provided by the Instructor, therefore personal equipment will be purchased, and marked, for the use of the Scout or Adult at all Troop events. This personal equipment will be handed out at each event, MUST be returned at the end of each event and will revert to the Troop after leaving the Troop. Scouts are permitted, however, to use, and keep, a personal harness but, per Troop Rules, ONLY after first using a Swiss seat for two (2) years. Scouts who are 16+(& Jr. Instructors)and Adults may order, and retain after they leave the program, any of the following personal equipment they wish to acquire:

Black Diamond Bod Harness (\$50.00) _____

Super "8" (\$15.00 each) _____

CMI Rescue "8" (\$35.00 each) _____

Locking Carrabiner (\$19.00 each) _____

Non-Locking Carrabiner(\$5.50 each) _____

Half Dome Helmet (\$60.00 each) _____

TOTAL _____

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(tear off top and return with fees & permission slip by 10/02/07)

The Troop will provide rappelling & climbing lines and all associated equipment, training, and supervision. **SCOUTS MUST BRING GOOD QUALITY BICYCLE HELMET & PAIR OF WORK GLOVES THAT FIT!!!**

The Troop, through Patrol Cooks, will also provide breakfast (quickie)& dinner for Friday & Saturday. Patrols may either collect, or see Mr. Barnard for, budgeted food and, as always, you can collect extra money for fancier fare. Plan on packing in your own water, KP gear, lunch & snacks to the rock face on Fri & Sat. Scouts/Parents can pack bag lunches, but everyone is encouraged to split into Patrols or small groups of 2~4 (2 works best for lunch) to coordinate lunch/snacks with a buddy to get the back packing culinary experience. Back packing food idea outlines are available and will be discussed at one of the meeting/training sessions leading up to this event, but please note they must be light & quick as we will be busy.

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We tried to share personal equipment in the past, and it just doesn't work! For ease and safety, everyone who intends to climb, rappell, or even just watch must have a commercial harness or Swiss Seat & good quality bicycle or Climbing Helmet on at all times near the rock face. The Swiss seat consists of webbing (20' for Scout & 30' for Dad), but Buddies or Father/Son can share a set of Carabiners and a Figure 8 which the Troop will provide.

Advanced and/or Additional Equipment ~ As set forth on front side of this form, advanced or personal gear/hardware is recommended only for those Scouts or Adults that have done this before and are fairly certain they will be doing so in the future or those Scouts and Adults who aspire to being Climbing Instructors. If you wish to acquire advanced equipment beyond that listed on front side, please see one of the Adult Climbing Instructors.

Adult Help Needed: ~ Even if you were unable to attend the formal Council BSA Instructor Course, we still need adult help at the rock face!

BSA Certified Climbing Instructor ~ If you are interested in becoming a BSA Certified Climbing Instructor, you will need to obtain a copy of the current BSA "Topping Out" and "Climbing Merit Badge" booklets - and - work with, and be trained by, Mr. Sheehy & Mr. McGee at both the Troop & Jr. Instructor sessions leading up to the Camp Out, and at the Camp Out as well.

BSA Certified Climb On Safely ~ Even if you do not want to go through the more extensive Instructor training, we also need Climb On Safely (COS) trained Adults. These are the adults that serve at both the top and bottom of the rock face to attend to overall safety and, most importantly, keep the Adult & Jr. Instructors & Belayers from being distracted from participants on rope & belay. This will require two 20~30 minute orientations, one at a meeting, another at the rock face, and review of a brief "COS Flyer" that can be found on line at:

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=xx&c=ds&terms=climb+on+safely>

Drivers & Help at Base Camp ~ This event, much like the Shooting Sports Camp Out, requires that the Adult & Junior Instructors be focused entirely upon the Event Activities to the exclusion of the usual camp activities. Adult help is, therefore, required at camp and in transportation to and from home, camp & rock face ... so we need your help!

Participant Required Skills: (Hand Outs & Training at meetings Leading Up to Event)

1. Commands
2. Knots
 - Water Knot
 - Figure 8 & Figure 8 on a bite
 - Square Knot
 - Fisherman (called Grape Vine by Climbers)
 - Double Fisherman (called Double Grape Vine by Climbers)
 - Overhand Knot
3. Swiss Seat
4. Introduction to Back Packing Meals