

## Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training – 2026

- PURPOSE:** Introduce the adult Scouter to the Scouting America climbing program and to the specialized skills and techniques of basic rock climbing and rope use/rescue. Teach the eight points of the Scouting America's Climb on Safely procedure. Discuss the opportunities and requirements for being trained as a qualified BSA climbing instructor.
- DATE:** Seminar: Monday 13 April 2026  
Weekend trip: Friday, Saturday, Sunday May 22-24, 2026 led by the GLAAC-HAT
- TIME:** Seminar: 7:00 p.m. to about 10:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles  
Weekend Outing: Joshua Tree National Park, Indian Cove Group Site #12
- COST:** \$40.00 for the training by 12 April 2026. If fewer than five sign ups are made prior to that date a cancellation notice will be sent. Otherwise a confirmation will be sent after that date.  
There is also a \$25 per vehicle entry fee at the National Park.
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. For help with registration contact Hannibol Sullivan, Community Engagement Coordinator (SR) and HAT Advisor at (213) 413-4400 or email [Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org). You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date.
- EQUIPMENT:** You will need to purchase specialized safety equipment that will be described during the seminar. GLAAC-HAT provides climbing ropes and other gear.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12 students
- OVERVIEW:** During the seminar  
Instruction in the use of rope and other gear for climbing (both belay and rappel)  
Training in knots and hitches used for climbing.  
During the weekend outing  
Ground school to teach and practice the climbing, belaying and rappelling techniques  
Actually climb and rappel using the techniques and equipment.  
Execute a simulated rescue of an injured climber.
- REQUIREMENTS:** You will be responsible for your own Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Josh Long Cell: (808) 780-2074 email: [jlongbsa@gmail.com](mailto:jlongbsa@gmail.com)

Your High Adventure Team staff includes BSA qualified climbing instructors who have years of experience.

Knowledge of safe and effective climbing practices can open this exhilarating activity to you and your Scouts. Units with leaders trained in climbing and rappelling can experience the challenges of high-mountain travel, especially using cross-country routes, with confidence because of this training.

A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice Chair Training: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, [michael@schlaifer.com](mailto:michael@schlaifer.com).