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 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)

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

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 

2. The COPE & Climbing Task Force Chair will secure approval from the task force members, notify the applicant of the 
   result and will return the approved / denied form to the applicant.

3. If approved, 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

4. The national office will mail the applicant a new NCS training card for the appropriate course.
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. At least one credit must be from a non BSA related program.

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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.)

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National COPE Task Force chairman _____________________________________________________________________________Date ______________________