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Old Colony Council
Boy Scouts of America

Camp Squanto



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Off-Season C.O.P.E. & Climbing Course Application



LeBaron R. Barker Scout Reservation

at
Camp Squanto
200 Cutter Field Rd.
Plymouth, MA 02360

Please type or print all entries

Unit/Organization Information

Unit/Organization: _____ Town: _____ State: _____
BSA Council: _____ District: _____
Unit/Organization Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Leader's Information

Leader's Name & Position in Unit/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
e-Mail: _____
Day phone: _____ Night phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Participant & Challenge Course Information

Requested Course Date(s): _____ Time(s): _____

Desired Challenges (check all that apply):

Initiative Games: Low Course (Challenge Course): High Course (Ropes Course): Climbing Wall:

Participants:

Youth (<13): _____ Youth (13-21): _____ Adult (21<): _____ Males: _____ Females: _____ Total: _____

C.O.P.E. & Climbing Facilitator/Staff Interest

The following people in our group would like to know more about C.O.P.E. & Climbing Training and joining our staff:

Name & Age (16 and up):	Phone:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
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Old Colony Council, BSA, Attn: C.O.P.E. & Climbing, 2438 Washington St., Canton MA 02021

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Required Pre-Course Contacts and Restrictions

- A **participant roster** (including names, ages, & emergency contact information for each participant) must be submitted to the course director at the time of the scheduled event.
- Please contact Rick Stritzinger, Council C.O.P.E. Committee Chairperson, at rick.stritzinger@scouting.org to confirm dates and time before submitting application.
- Youths under the age of 13 may participate in Low C.O.P.E. & Climbing programs at the discretion of the course director.
- All C.O.P.E. & Climbing events must have the appropriate certified staff present to run the course. There is to be a minimum ration of 1 staff member for every 10 participants on Low Course events and 1:6 on High Course events.
- In the event of severe weather or other emergency, the course director reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel an event which could pose serious health or safety risks to staff or participants.

Fee Structure

A \$100.00 course fee (payable to: Old Colony Council, BSA) is required to confirm your application. Full payment must be made at the Council Office at least one week in advance of scheduled arrival. In addition, the following staffing fees apply.

NCS C.O.P.E. Director: \$100 per day, Instructor: \$80.00 per day, Instructor-In-Training: \$70.00 per day

C.O.P.E. & Climbing is conducted under the direct supervision of a National Camping School certified director and trained staff. This program is physically demanding and all participants should be in good physical condition. It is required that each participant bring an updated medical form (class 1 is sufficient) that discloses any recent injuries, medical conditions or limitations prior to participating in the program. (This is the same policy as during summer camp.) In addition, all youth participants must have parental approval in order to participate.

C.O.P.E. & Climbing General Information

C.O.P.E. stands for **Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience**. It is made up of group initiative games, low course (below 12' in height) elements and high course (above 12' in height) elements. Some activities involve group problem solving, while others test individual skills. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, and think of solutions to various scenarios. **Climbing** takes place at our practice bouldering wall and our 40' tall climbing and rappelling wall. Both activities are challenge-by-choice.

Location:

The program will be conducted at Camp Squanto, Old Colony Council, BSA in Plymouth MA. Every program is conducted by a National Camping School Certified C.O.P.E. Director and other trained facilitators.

Age Requirements:

Youths under the age of 13 may participate in Low C.O.P.E. & Climbing programs at the discretion of the course director.

Group Size:

The minimum number of participants required is 6. The maximum number of participants depends upon availability of C.O.P.E. & Climbing staff. The more participants you have, the more critical it is to schedule well in advance so that the staff will have sufficient notice and be available for the course.

Adult Supervision:

Adult leaders are not required to attend C.O.P.E. & Climbing activities, however, their attendance is required for supervision when C.O.P.E. & Climbing activities are not in session. (Reminder: Boy Scout policy is two-deep leadership)

Clothing and Water:

Wear long, durable, non-restrictive trousers and sturdy, lightweight, jogging, tennis, or hiking footwear. Dress appropriately for the weather and season. Make sure to bring a container of water.

Course Dates:

The C.O.P.E. & Climbing Course may be reserved any day or weekend throughout the year except for holidays, summer camp, and a few other select dates. Camp Squanto is closed for unit camping in June, but a day C.O.P.E. & Climbing event may be scheduled at that time.

C.O.P.E. & Climbing Instructor Training:

C.O.P.E. & Climbing Instructor Staff positions are available to adults 18 years and older who enjoy helping others develop their skills in a wilderness setting. We guide Scouts, Scouters, and people of all shapes, sizes, and physical abilities through initiative problems, trust activities, and low and high course elements. Programs are designed to develop and encourage leadership, communications, trust, teamwork, planning, problem-solving, decision-making, and self-esteem. Youths 16 and 17 years of age can be trained at "Instructors-in-Training." Staff training courses must be scheduled through the Council C.O.P.E. Committee. Please submit a letter of interest to Rick Stritzinger, Council C.O.P.E. Committee Chairperson, at rick.stritzinger@scouting.org.