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Challenge Course and Rock Climbing Instructor RE-CERTIFICATION – 2026

Spring: Sunday, Mar 1, 2026 | Fall: Sunday, Oct 4, 2026
at Beaumont Scout Reservation

TO REGISTER: Register and pay online using the links on our training page: https://stlbsa.org/training/challenge-course-climbing/

General Information

If your Instructor card for Challenge Course or Rock Climbing is expired or about to expire you may get re-certified for one or both programs on one Sunday. Easy to do – pay a $5 fee, please register on-line or bring to training – bring check or exact $. The recertification is rather simple; we give you a pile of gear and ask you to set up a climb, rappel, or high course descent. It is much like a merit badge review. We review climbing or course operation and tell you about any changes in procedures or equipment.

Your card does not need to expire before being re-qualified. If your card has already expired, you can also be re-qualified.

If you were never certified for one of the programs, you can't be recertified.

Training Schedule/Location – Spring/Fall 2026

The times listed below are correct; we overlap Challenge and Climbing Re-qualification times. The last part of Challenge and the first part of Climbing will be administrative details. We do this so that if you are getting re-qualified for both, you won't have to listen to the same info twice. Please arrive 15 minutes before your session to check in.

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026; Sunday, October 4, 2026

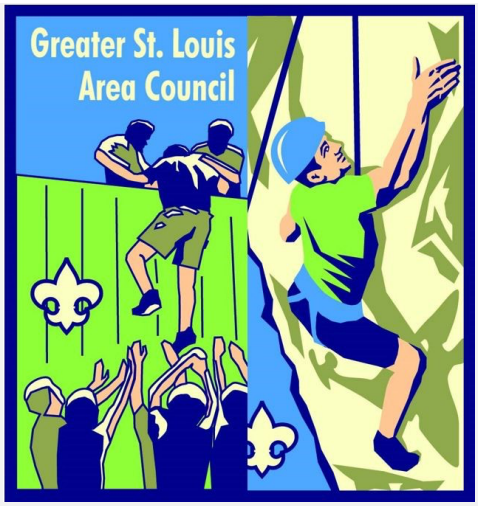
Time: 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM for Challenge Course Re-qualification

1:00 PM to 4:30 PM for Rock Climbing Re-qualification

Place: Beaumont Scout Reservation. We meet in the gazebo behind the Emerson parking lot. Do NOT check in with the Ranger.

Questions?

Contact Bob Backer, Challenge and Climbing Training Director 314-852-0682 or gslac.cc.training@gmail.com



Additional Note for Challenge Course Instructors

Anyone desiring to re-qualify as an Instructor for the High Course must ascend a caving ladder. If you can no longer qualify by climbing the ladder you will be able to qualify as a Low Course Instructor. We took this action to ensure that High Course Instructors will be able to affect a rescue in the High Course at either of the courses.

BE PREPARED for a great outdoor training experience so that your Scouts can enjoy Challenge Cours and Climbing and Rappelling programs

Adults must be at least 18 years old to take training.

Fitness: The training is very active and high energy. There is no sitting around and it is all outdoors, rain or shine. Don't sign up thinking this will be lectures or classroom work!