

Mecklenburg County Council (MCC) C.O.P.E. Instructor Level II Training

Course Name	BSA COPE Instructor Level II Training Course
Course Dates	March 7-8, 2020
Course Duration	20 Hours (8 am Saturday to 12 pm Sunday)
Course Location	Mecklenburg Scout Reservation (High & Low COPE Course Elements); Participants will be staying in Camp Staff Cabins
Course Fee	\$35 (Includes meals)
Course Eligibility	By Invitation Only -- BSA Registered Adults (at least 18 years old) with a current Foundations Level II Training Card
Course Prerequisites & Required Reading Prior to Start of Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSA Youth Protection (Cub Scouts/Webelos/Boy Scouts) ¹ • BSA Youth Protection (Venture) ¹ • BSA Climb On Safely ¹ • BSA Weather Hazards ¹ • BSA Annual Medical and Health Form (Parts A & B) ² • Read Chapters 2-5, 7-8, & 16-22 in the BSA "Belay On" Manual ³
Course Provided Equipment	A climbing harness and helmet will be provided for use by each participant during the training course. If you have your own climbing harness and helmet, you may bring them to the weekend course and request approval for use. <i>IMPORTANT NOTE: Prior to granting permission for use, all personal climbing harnesses and helmets will be subject to inspection by the course staff to ensure they meet both BSA's and the manufacturer's safety and appropriate use standards.</i>
Course References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSA "Belay On" Manual ³ • BSA "Climb On Safely" Training Outline ³ • BSA "Climbing" Merit Badge Pamphlet • Climbing Knots including but not limited to the following: Figure 8, Figure 8 Follow Through, Water Knot, and Stopper Knot. <i>An excellent on-line resource is "Animated Knots" by Grog (www.animatedknots.com).</i>
Course Registration	Please register online (http://www.mccscouting.org/cope-climbing) or visit the MCC Scouting Office and pay course fee by March 3, 2020
Course Questions	Contact Sasha Timkovich, timkovich@gmail.com 704.340.0970 Or Rob Seate, rseate@carolina.rr.com (704) 830-8227

Course Description

The course is designed to build upon the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) & Climbing Level II Foundations and will focus on the COPE Instructor Level II competencies. Our training goal is to ensure that you can safely and effectively lead MCC Unit, District, and Council COPE activities held at either Belk Scout Camp or Mecklenburg Scout Reservation (MSR). Training will be conducted following the BSA "Belay On" Manual, National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) Standards, and MCC's COPE & Climbing Program Policies and Procedures.

This COPE Level II course is intended for BSA registered adults (by invitation only) who meet the above prerequisites and are interested in teaching COPE initiatives and leading COPE related activities utilizing both High & Low COPE Course Elements. Upon successful completion of the course (to include demonstrating COPE Level II competencies), adults will receive their BSA "COPE Instructor Level II" training card.



Please note that this course will only focus on COPE Initiatives and High & Low COPE Course Elements and will not cover Climbing Level II competencies and natural rock climbing/rappelling or anchor set-up/safety.

¹ BSA prerequisite training must be current (i.e. within 3 years) or completed before the COPE Instructor Level II Training Card can be issued

² BSA Annual Medical Form (Parts A & B) must be current (i.e. within 12 months)

³ MCC COPE/Climbing Website Address: <http://www.mccscouting.org/cope-climbing>