

Climbing Kits

Warning: All climbing activities involve risks that the participants assume when they participate in them.

The Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team is pleased to announce the availability of kits of basic climbing gear for rent to qualified Units. A qualified Unit is one that provides the names of the BSA Certified Climbing Director and Instructors who will accompany the Unit and supervise all climbing activities during the outing. The Unit is expected to comply with the relevant policies of the Boy Scouts of America and the requirements of Climb on Safely during it.

Each kit contains the following items:

Equipment for six persons

* Helmets

* Harnesses

* Figure 8's with locking carabiners

* Personal anchors with locking carabiners

* Pairs of gloves with regular carabiners

Other equipment

* 3 – belay devices with locking carabiners

* 3 – ropes

1 – dynamic, for climbing

1 – static, for rappelling

1 – static, for rescue

* 1 – safety line

(Same patch as used in
PA 37-Cimbing Awards)

Award size: 2"x2"

The Unit is responsible for obtaining any additional items that the Climbing Director feels are necessary for the planned climbing activities. The Climbing Director must completely and accurately make the entries requested in the Climbing Log and return it with the kit. This is absolutely necessary for the HAT-Rock Climbing Crew to assess wear and determine when an item must be replaced. All items are replaced as required by BSA-National Council policy.

The fee for using a kit is \$50 a day or weekend of use. The fee for longer usage is \$10 per day, for a maximum of 4 additional days. Kits must be returned to LAAC-Camping Services within two days after the rental period. A fee of \$25 per day is to be paid for each day late. The Unit Scoutmaster will be billed for the cost of replacing any item not returned with the kit or that has been misused/abused during the outing.

A kit is reserved by contacting LAAC (213-413-4400), Wade Hatch, x243, or Danette Verdugo, x257. It can be picked up at Cabrillo Beach Youth Center after the Wednesday before the rental period. Prior to picking it up, your Tour Permit Number, a check in the amount of the rental (payable to Boy Scouts of America), and the names of the Climbing Director or Instructors, who will supervise all climbing activities, must be submitted to either Wade Hatch or Danette Verdugo. The kit will not be issued if these items are not submitted. The kit is to be returned to Cabrillo Beach Youth Center.

Information about earning the Climbing Award shown above is contained in P.A. 37-Climbing Awards and Hike Aid 6, "High Adventure Awards Program", both to be found on the website, www.boyscoutsla.org, click HAT. Additional information about the climbing program of the LAAC-HAT may be obtained by contacting Steve Dodson, sedodson1@adelphia.net.