

Arbuckle Area Council Boy Scouts of America

Council COPE Course Policy

1. Age Requirements:

Low Course: Must be 11 years old.*

High Course: Must be 13 years old.*

*In 2003, the Climbing/Rappelling Standards gave COPE Directors discretion in regard to the age requirements of participants. It is not unusual for COPE Directors to allow younger participants based on their evaluation of the child.

2. Adult Supervision:

Low Course: May be operated by a qualified instructor who has completed training conducted by a certified COPE director.

High Course: May be operated by a person who has completed National Camping School COPE Director course (includes Rappelling Tower.)

3. COPE Course Fees:

- Registered Council Scouts & Scouters \$5.00 each
- Out of Council Scouts & Scouters \$10.00 each
- ✓ Plus Director's Fee \$50.00 each
- ✓ Plus Instructor's Fee \$25.00 each

- All Non-Scout Groups \$10.00 each
- ✓ Plus Director's Fee \$50.00 each
- ✓ Plus Instructor's Fee \$25.00 each

Please be prepared to pay any Directors and Instructors separately.

4. Reservations:

All reservations must be made through the Arbuckle Area Council, P.O. Box 5309, Ardmore, OK 73403. Telephone: 580-223-0831, or Fax: 580-223-4991. Reservations must be turned in two weeks before the requested date so that qualified personnel may be scheduled.

5. Equipment:

Only Council equipment may be used at any time. No exceptions will be allowed. Please bring a good pair of leather gloves for rappelling.

6. Length of Course:

To achieve all the goals of COPE, it is intended to be a two-day event. One day will be spent on Low Elements and the Rappelling Tower, and the next day on the High Elements.

The course should begin very early Saturday and conclude Sunday afternoon. Please remember the age requirements when making reservations.

7. Medical / Release Form:

Medical Release forms must be completed by all participants.