

Reservation Procedure **Camp Sequassen Climbing Tower**

The 35 foot climbing tower at Camp Sequassen offers a safe, challenging climbing program for Scouts of any level climbing skill. The tower provides two vertical walls with built-in challenges and rappelling and free fall surfaces. Next to the tower is a horizontal climbing wall where climbers can learn and practice climbing techniques. Groups reserving the tower will be individually trained to climb safely and given ample time to enjoy their newly learned skills.

Participants in the climbing program will learn to control their fears and apprehensions by putting their trust in their team members and the equipment designed to keep them safe. A typical day's program will include learning climbing techniques, use of safety equipment, the art of belaying and multiple trips to the top of the tower.

Participants need to be mentally and physically able to engage in prolonged, rigorous physical activity, a minimum age of 10 is recommended. Climbers should wear long pants, remove watches and other jewelry, carry at least a quart of water and their own rescue drugs (epi-pen, inhaler, etc.) as necessary.

All high adventure activities include some degree of risks of injury or death, but at Camp Sequassen these risks are controlled by providing a highly trained staff using state of the art climbing equipment. No personal safety equipment is allowed on the course but climbers may bring their own shoes and chalk bag.

The tower may be reserved from April – June and September – November. Other reservation dates may be possible. Every effort will be made to accommodate your schedule. Please give as much lead time as possible when requesting alternate dates.

The tower reservation includes access to the climbing tower and equipment and a Climbing Director and a Climbing Instructor. A 1:6 ratio of staff to climbers is required; therefore, groups of 13-18 individuals will require an additional staff member, etc. Groups may provide their own Camp Sequassen trained and certified Climbing Instructor and take a \$30 discount on the usage fee (offer applies to one instructor). The instructor provided by the group must be approved in advance by the Camp Registrar at the time the reservation is requested.

Climbing tower fees are as follows:

- All Day Reservation: \$100 plus \$8 per climber or a maximum of \$260. Minimum of 10 climbers.
- Half Day Reservation: \$75 plus \$5 per climber or a maximum of \$225. Minimum of 10 climbers.

The climbing tower may be reserved by submitting a Climbing Tower Reservation Form to the Camp Registrar at least 45 days in advance of the event date. A copy of the form is available on the Council's website, ctyankee.org, or at the Council office. The Registrar will confirm the reservation once a Climbing Director and Instructor have been secured. Please confirm your reservation a week prior to the event date by contacting the Camp Registrar at 203-951-0237.

On the day of the event, the following information must be made available to the course director at the start of the program.

- Medical information form for each participant showing clearance for stressful activity.
- Parental informed consent and release form (available at ctyankee.org).
- Hold Harmless agreement for non-Scouting organizations.
- A two million dollar Certificate of Insurance from non-Scouting organizations listing Connecticut Yankee Council, Inc., BSA as an additional insured.

Attachments:

- A. Climbing Tower Reservation Form
- B. Parental Informed Consent Agreement