

Circle Ten Climbing & COPE

Circle Ten has resources to offer Boy Scouts, Varsity members, and Venturers. These provide youth with an opportunity to challenge them, grow, bond, and become better overall Scouts.

First there is climbing – this includes a great climbing tower at Camp Cherokee (Clements Scout Ranch) with a bouldering wall, and rock climbing training and equipment for troops & crews.

The Cherokee tower currently has lights for night climbing and a number of challenging climbing routes – many are being redone. It also has a good sized bouldering wall and lighted pavilion in the enclosure. The cost is \$50 per session and \$3 per person, minimum \$75. Adults are free unless it is an adult only/majority program. For an adult event the Scout fees apply. This includes use of all the equipment that is needed. To use the Cherokee Tower enclosure a Tower Instructor with appropriately trained help must be on site and managing the enclosure.

A trip to the Cherokee Tower can be combined with the other great resources at the camp. A half shooting or hiking and a half climbing with some camping in East Texas makes for a great weekend.

Reservations for the Tower & Bouldering wall are made through the Council Office and made by the Tower Instructor (BSA Instructor) who will be running the program. The enclosure is rented out in four hours segments (morning, afternoon, and night). The cost is \$50/session and \$3/ person, minimum \$75. Adults are free unless it is an adult only/majority program. It is not available in June/July due to Summer Camp and also not available in the last week of December due to Winter Camp.

Circle Ten offers both Tower and Rock Instructor Training at least twice a year. This instruction will qualify and prepare an adult leader to take his unit (Troop, Crew, or District) into the world of climbing. This training is offered to those 14 and older and are a great introduction into the world of rock climbing. For more tower information contact Rick Diamond and for information on climbing within Circle Ten to include tower and rock contact Doc Holladay.

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Then there are the COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) courses at Cherokee and Wisdom. A tremendous resource for high adventure, personal growth, and team building. A great way to improve your leadership team. These are available year around with the exception that Cherokee is booked in June-Jul for summer camp and over winter break for Winter Camp.

The COPE area requires a COPE Director & COPE staff on site when activities are taking place. They are well trained in team, safety, and working with people & run the program for you. Our Circle Ten COPE Director, see below, takes care of that as well as the scheduling for all COPE events. General one day on the COPE courses is \$25/person, 12 minimum, and scheduled through Mike. One of our sister councils has a good web page.

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/teambuilding/teambuilding_and_ropes_course.htm

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