

Rock Climbing Volunteer

Summary: Outdoors for All's rock climbing program offers participants a safe, fun atmosphere to learn and practice safe climbing techniques. Each rock climbing event is different. The focus of some may be to have a safe and fun rock climbing experience and others may also work to further advance a participant's rock climbing skills. Climbing activities will include indoor and outdoor top roped climbing as well as bouldering at indoor climbing gyms. We are not presently teaching participants proficiency in anchors, equipment set-up, knot tying, or belaying. If a participant is interested, a qualified staff or lead volunteer can teach them knot tying and belaying in a mock set up.

Responsible to: Outdoors for All staff

Responsibilities:

1. Engage and supervise participants both on and off the climbing wall. Ensure participants are wearing properly fitted helmets and harnesses.
2. If belaying, double check participants are properly tied into the rope, and your belay device, carabiners, and ropes are properly set.
3. Provide a safe, fun, positive, helpful learning experience for Outdoors for All participants.
4. Help maintain the integrity of the equipment.
5. Assist Outdoors for All with group management.
6. Give helpful instruction to improve climbing technique.
7. Listen and follow staff instructions

Other Expectations:

1. No phone usage, unless for emergencies
2. Be Punctual.
3. Utilize safe and appropriate equipment.
4. Adhere to Outdoors for All's policies and procedures
5. Read all emails and other communications from Outdoors for All staff, and respond if necessary.

Requirements:

1. Must be 16 or older. For military rock climbing events you must be 21+
2. Attend and complete all required trainings (specified online)
3. Must have previous rock climbing and belay experience
4. Prior to belaying in our program, volunteers must be checked off to belay by a qualified staff member. Volunteers must demonstrate the ability to properly load a GriGri, tie and check a figure 8 follow through knot, demonstrate proper belay technique, and lower a climber.
5. Ability to commit to all responsibilities and expectations.
6. Pass a Washington State Background check
7. Equipment: no equipment required. We provide harnesses, ropes, and all other rock climbing gear.