

**Camp Squanto**  
**Off-Season C.O.P.E. & Climbing Course Application**

*Please type or print all entries*

Unit #/organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants: Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Males: \_\_\_\_\_ Females: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

▶ A **participant roster** must be submitted to the course director at time of scheduled event.

Date(s) and time(s) of requested course: \_\_\_\_\_

▶ Please contact Greg Lynch, Council C.O.P.E. Committee Chairperson, at [<gdlynch@gmail.com>](mailto:gdlynch@gmail.com) to confirm dates and times before submitting application.

Desired Challenges:   \_\_\_ Initiative Games  
                                   \_\_\_ Low Course (Challenge Course)  
                                   \_\_\_ High Course (Ropes Course)  
                                   \_\_\_ Climbing Wall

▶ Youths under the age of 13 may participate in C.O.P.E. & Climbing programs at the discretion of the course director.

▶ All C.O.P.E. & Climbing events must have the appropriate certified staff present to run the course. There is to be a minimum ratio of 1 staff member for every 10 participants on Low Course events and 1:6 on High Course events.

▶ In the event of severe weather or other emergency, the course director reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel an event which could pose serious health or safety risks to staff or participants.

**Fee Structure: Scouting units**

A \$50.00 course fee (payable to: Old Colony Council, BSA) is required to confirm your application. Full payment must be paid at the Council office atleast one week in advance of scheduled arrival.

Staffing fees are payable to course staff members and are due at the time of service.

NCS C.O.P.E. Director: \$90 per day  
 Instructor: \$75 per day  
 Instructor-in-Training: \$50 per day

**Fee Structure: Non-Scouting groups**

A \$100.00 course fee (payable to: Old Colony Council, BSA) is required to confirm your application. Full payment must be paid at the Council office atleast one week in advance of scheduled arrival. A hold-harmless agreement is required for Non-Scouting groups.

Staffing fees are payable to course staff members and are due at the time of service.

NCS C.O.P.E. Director: \$110 per day

Instructor: \$90 per day

Instructor-in-Training: \$60 per day

► C.O.P.E. & Climbing is conducted under the direct supervision of a National Camping School certified director and trained staff. This program is physically demanding and all participants should be in good physical condition. It is required that each participant bring an updated medical form (class 1 is sufficient) that discloses any recent injuries, medical conditions or limitations prior to participating in the program. (Same policy as summer camp) In addition, all youth participants must have parental approval in order to participate.

**Leader’s Information**

Leader’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone to contact:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**C.O.P.E. & Climbing Facilitator/Staff Interest**

The following people in our group are interested in learning more about C.O.P.E. & Climbing Training and joining our staff:

| Name  | Phone | E-mail | Age (16-17, 18-20, 21+) |
|-------|-------|--------|-------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____  | _____                   |
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**Council Office Contact Information**

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C.O.P.E. & Climbing  
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Canton, MA 02021

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## **C.O.P.E. & Climbing General Information**

**C.O.P.E.** stands for **Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience**. It is made up of group initiative games, low course (below 12' in height) elements and high course (above 12' in height) elements. Some activities involve group problem solving, while others test individual skills. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, and think of solutions to various scenarios. **Climbing** takes place at our practice bouldering wall and our 40' tall climbing and rappelling wall. Both activities are challenge-by-choice.

### **Location:**

The program will be conducted at Camp Squanto, Old Colony Council, B.S.A. in Plymouth, MA. Every program is conducted by a National Camping School Certified C.O.P.E. Director and other trained facilitators.

### **Age Requirements:**

Youths under the age of 13 may participate in C.O.P.E. & Climbing programs at the discretion of the course director.

### **Group Size:**

- Minimum participants required: 6
- Maximum participants: depends upon availability of C.O.P.E. & Climbing staff. The more participants you have, the more critical it is to schedule well in advance so that the staff will have sufficient notice and be available for the course.

### **Adult Supervision:**

Adult leaders are not required to attend C.O.P.E. & Climbing activities, however, their attendance is required for supervision when C.O.P.E. & Climbing activities are not in session.  
(Reminder: Boy Scout policy is two-deep leadership)

### **Clothing and Water:**

Wear long durable, non-restrictive trousers and sturdy, lightweight, jogging, tennis, or hiking footwear. Dress appropriately for the weather and season. Make sure to bring a container of water.

### **Course Dates:**

The C.O.P.E. & Climbing Course may be reserved any day or weekend throughout the year except for holidays, summer camp, and a few other select dates. Camp Squanto is closed for unit camping in June, but a day C.O.P.E. & Climbing event may be scheduled at that time.

### **C.O.P.E. & Climbing Instructor Training:**

C.O.P.E. & Climbing Instructor Staff positions are available to adults 18 years and older who enjoy helping others develop their skills in a wilderness setting. We guide Scouts, Scouters, and people of all shapes, sizes, and physical abilities through initiative problems, trust activities, and low and high course elements. Programs are designed to develop and encourage leadership, communication, trust, teamwork, planning, problem-solving, decision-making, and self-esteem. Youths 16 and 17 years of age can be trained as "Instructors-in-Training." Staff training courses must be scheduled through the Council C.O.P.E. Committee. Please submit a letter of interest to Greg Lynch, Council C.O.P.E. Committee Chairperson, at <[gdlynch@gmail.com](mailto:gdlynch@gmail.com)>.

### **C.O.P.E. & Climbing Preparation Checklist:**

- Reservation confirmed with C.O.P.E. committee chair (for staffing)
- C.O.P.E. & Climbing Application form turned in
- Course fee turned in at least one week in advance of scheduled arrival
- Weekend camping application turned in (if applicable)
- Group Leader brings medical forms for each participant and a participant roster on the day of event

# INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in the \_\_\_\_\_ offered through the  
(Activity)

\_\_\_\_\_ Council, Boy Scouts of America, involves a certain degree of risk. I have

carefully considered the risk involved and have given \_\_\_\_\_, my (son/daughter),  
(Name)

my consent to participate in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Activity) (Dates)

This form must have both parent/guardian signature(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please print.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please print.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Telephone number(s) (area code included) \_\_\_\_\_