

**Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area
GROUP CLIMBING PERMIT**

Name of Group: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Position/Office Held: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Dates of Event: ____/____/____ To ____/____/____ Times Scheduled: Begin ____ End ____

Description of Events and Activities planned: _____

Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Certificate of Insurance 1,000,000 per occurrence and 1,000,000 per aggregate with Alexander County Government, 621 Liledoun Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681 named as additional insured.
- Daily Permit/Liability Waiver for **each** participant. Parent/guardian signatures required if under 18.
- Certificate of AMGA, PCIA, or BSA qualifications

I hereby acknowledge with my signature a full and complete understanding of the general conditions with which this activity will comply and agree to abide by these conditions and any special provisions required by Alexander County/Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area.

Signature of Responsible Official: _____

Title: _____

For office use only.

Permit Number: _____ Date of Issue: _____

Special Provision, Conditions of Issuance: _____

Fees: Permit \$ 45.00
Additional Charge \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Signature of Approving Official: _____

CONDITIONS

Organized groups are defined by Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area as any organized group, which is guided or instructed by a commercial business, not-for-profit, school, church, club, or private organization. Cooperating agencies may be exempted from specific conditions of this permit at the discretion of the Park Superintendent.

1. Organized groups are managed through the group climbing permit process. All organized groups are required to submit a group climbing permit to the Park Superintendent. An application for a group climbing permit shall be submitted at least 14 days in advance of the activity. Group climbing permit applications will be approved or denied within 10 business days. There is a \$45.00 fee per group climbing permit.
2. A daily climbing permit/liability waiver is required for each individual in the group prior to rock climbing. This permit is a day use only. If groups are climbing multiple days, a permit/waiver must be submitted for each day. This requirement is necessary for securing emergency contact information, to protect Alexander County, Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area, and its agents; and to provide usage statistics, which are necessary to justify decisions for additional climbing resources.
3. Group size is limited to 12 participants with 1 qualified instructor.
4. Each climbing group must have a qualified climbing instructor to AGMA, PCIA, or BSA and must produce proof of qualification.
 - For top-roping, instructors must have one of the following certificates:
 - Single Pitch Instructor, certified by the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA); or
 - Single Pitch Climbing Instructor, certified by the Professional Climbing Instructors' Association (PCIA).
 - BSA Climbing Instructor, certified by the Boy Scouts of America.
 - For lead climbing on single or multi-pitch routes, instructors must have one of the following certificates:
 - Rock Instructor or Rock Guide certified by the AMGA; or
 - Lead Climbing Instructor Certified by the PCIA.
 - BSA Lead Climbing Instructor, certified by the Boy Scouts of America.
5. Group leader must be certified at minimum in CPR/First Aid will maintain with their group a first aid kit.
6. Organization must provide proof of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million/occurrence and \$1 million/aggregate. Alexander County Government, 621 Lilledoun Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681 must be named as an additionally insured on the certificate of insurance.
7. Participants and instructors must wear helmets and other appropriate gear.
8. Groups will not leave roped routes unattended in such a fashion that limits the use of climbing routes by the general public. Routes left roped and unattended will be assumed to be abandoned. Ropes left unattended on routes will be discarded if the owner cannot be located.
9. Climbing routes and areas cannot be reserved. If a climbing route or area is already in use, the group must wait until the user(s) has completed their use or select another route/area.
10. Climbers cannot enter the park or the climbing area prior to posted opening hours, and must leave the climbing area prior to posted closing time.
11. Groups will adhere to all general park regulations, park regulations regarding rock climbing, and group climbing permits as pursuant to the regulations which are attached to these conditions. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all climbers associated with his/her group are familiar with and abide by all rules regarding climbing.
12. Permittee shall not discriminate against any person or persons because of race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin, in the conduct of its operation under this permit or other authorization.
13. Permittee agrees that activity permitted is subject to the general supervision of Park Staff.
14. Permittee agrees to comply with all Federal Laws and Regulations and all the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State, County, and Municipality where in the said premises are located, with regard to construction, sanitation, licenses, or permits to do business, and all other matters.
15. Permittee agrees to keep the buildings and grounds clean and in a sanitary condition. It shall particularly be the responsibility of the permittee to leave the buildings, grounds, equipment and facilities in a clean and orderly condition at end of occupancy.
16. No timber, tree, or shrub shall be cut, damaged or destroyed, nor shall any other natural feature be damaged or destroyed.
17. No building or structure shall be altered, erected or constructed except as specified as a condition of this permit.
18. Permittee shall use said premises only for authorized recreational purposes, and shall not operate, or permit to be operated, any concession or profit making enterprise which involves the sale of goods, food, merchandise or other article or commodity to the general public, unless authorized by this permit.
19. Permittee shall not transfer or assign this permit, nor sublet said premises or any part thereof or grant use of any part of this permit to person not subject to this permit.
20. Permittee shall and hereby does waive and release any and all claim against Alexander County, Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area or its employees, and volunteers for any and all damages, loss, cost to person or property arising either directly or indirectly from the use of said premises and/or from the exercise of the privileges granted by this permit.
21. Park Superintendent has the right to deny group climbing permits as his/her discretion. If a permit is denied, the applicant shall be so informed in writing, with the reason(s) for the denial set forth.
22. Park Superintendent has the right to close or limit daily capacity for specific routes based on natural resource protection or public safety.
23. Park Superintendent or Park Staff have authority to revoke this permit and require removal of any equipment upon failure of the permittee to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the permit. In the event a permit is revoked the fee is non-refundable.
24. Climbing routes have been designated and climbing hardware has been installed, but Alexander County Government, Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area, Alexander Parks and Recreation, their employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting on their behalf make no representation any route or installed hardware is safe. Use judgment and due caution in choosing routes and test any and all hardware for stability and security before use.