



American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) Climbing Wall Instructor (CWI) Program Application



Please send completed applications to: info@certifiedclimbinginstructor.com

CWI Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ CWI Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell/other): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ / (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Climbing: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you climbed 20 or more days?  yes  no

To what grade are you comfortable climbing indoors on Top Rope? 5. \_\_\_\_\_ On Lead? 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have current basic First Aid and CPR (or above) certifications\*?  yes  no

\* please submit a copy of valid certifications with this application, or bring original/copy to your program.

How does your past climbing and/or instructional experience qualify you for this program? Please tell us about any personal or professional experience that make you a good candidate for the CWI program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and currently meet the following prerequisites and am prepared for participation in the CWI program I am applying for. To finalize my enrollment and receive pre-course information, I will remit a deposit or tuition in full.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prerequisites for Certification – The candidate:

- 1. will be at least 18 years of age by the conclusion of the course.
2. provided evidence of current first aid and CPR certification.
3. has at least one year documented personal climbing experience (20 outings climbing indoors and/or outdoors).
4. has appropriate equipment in good condition.
5. can demonstrate proper care, use and inspection of personal climbing equipment.

Movement – The candidate:

- 1. can demonstrate basic climbing movement skills.
2. can climb 5.9 top rope demonstrating calm, confidence, and good position without falls.
3. can climb 5.8 lead demonstrating calm, confidence, and good position without z-clips, back clips, or falls. (Optional – for lead endorsement).
4. can demonstrate a controlled fall on lead demonstrating calm and good position. (Optional – for lead endorsement).

Equipment and Facility Care, Use, and Inspection – The candidate:

- 1. possesses adequate knowledge of inspection procedures for climbing equipment, including but not limited to: harness, belay devices, carabiners, rope, cordage, and slings.
2. possesses adequate knowledge of the proper set-up of the climbing wall including anchor and belay systems.
3. possesses adequate knowledge of routine facility inspection practices.

Belaying Skills – The candidate:

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1. can demonstrate the proper use of locking carabiners for belay rope attachment.
2. can tie and evaluate a retraced figure eight for climber belay rope attachment.
3. can demonstrate proper set up of a belay system using an auto-locking belay device.
4. can demonstrate proper set up of a belay system using a tube or plate belay device.
5. can perform an effective top rope belay using an auto-locking belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control and communication.
6. can perform an effective top rope belay using a tube or plate belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control and communication.
7. can perform an effective lead belay using an auto-locking belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control and communication.
8. can perform an effective lead belay using a tube or plate belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control and communication.
9. can perform an effective self-belay using an auto-locking belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control.

**Note: criteria for effective belays -- all criteria must be met:**

- a. proper configuration and use of the belay device according to manufacturer's instructions;
- b. ability to properly feed rope through the device;
- c. maintaining the brake hand on the rope at all times;
- d. ability to break at all times;
- e. demonstrate an appropriate behavioral reaction to fall (i.e. the belayer must reflexively react to break a fall – even if stressed, surprised, fearful, etc.)

**Client Orientation and Instruction – The candidate:**

1. possesses adequate knowledge to conduct a patron orientation covering inherent risks of climbing, personal responsibility for risks and safety, and facility rules.
2. has the ability to teach proper use of climbing equipment according to manufacturers' instructions: including a harness, locking carabiner, tube or plate belay device, and auto-locking belay device.
3. has the ability to teach proper use of an auto belay device (e.g. MSA RedPoint Descender).
4. has the ability to teach basic movement skills.
5. has the ability to teach tying a figure eight knot for climber belay rope attachment.
6. has the ability to teach basic rope management skills.
7. has the ability to teach proper set up, belay skills, and technique for top roped climbing using a tube or plate belay device.
8. has the ability to teach proper belay skills and technique for top roped climbing belaying directly from the ground anchor system using an auto-locking or locking-assist belay device. *(Note: OPTIONAL - this technique is not appropriate for all facilities. It is only appropriate where ground anchors have been engineered to withstand the forces of a belay anchor. Where ground anchors have not been engineered to withstand the forces of a belay anchor, this assessment must not be conducted and the grade marked "DNA").*
9. has the ability to teach proper belay skills and technique for lead climbing using an auto-locking belay device and a tube or plate belay device.
10. has the ability to teach a lead lesson including, but not limited to route-finding, clipping, and rope management.

**Bouldering and Spotting – The candidate:**

1. has the ability to present an appropriate orientation to bouldering.
2. has the ability to teach proper falling techniques.
3. has the ability to teach proper spotting techniques, both stationary and moving.
4. possesses adequate knowledge to determine when spotting may or may not be needed.
5. possesses adequate knowledge to select and use appropriate impact attenuating surfaces for bouldering.
6. can demonstrate a controlled un-roped fall while bouldering demonstrating calm and good position.

**Rescue and Emergency Procedures – The candidate:**

1. can demonstrate an appropriate belay escape in a timely manner.
2. can demonstrate an appropriate technical rescue in a timely manner.
3. can perform an effective and safe self-belay using an auto-locking belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, and control.
4. has the ability to activate facility emergency procedures if and when necessary.
5. has the ability to record and report required factual information pertaining to emergencies.

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Please email the CCI Office with any general questions. CWI Program inquiries can also be made to Joe Lentini, AMGA Climbing Wall Instructor Program Discipline Coordinator: [lentini@roadrunner.com](mailto:lentini@roadrunner.com).

The above program information is copied from the AMGA website:

[www.amga.com/programs/climbing\\_wall\\_instructor](http://www.amga.com/programs/climbing_wall_instructor)

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