



Eastern Sierra Scramblers!

Hello Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to sign your child up for the Eastern Sierra Scramblers (ESS) program. Please take a moment to go through all the information and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

About:

This program is designed to give kids a well-rounded introduction to the wonderful world of rock climbing. Our first priority is safety, followed by fun, and we hope by the end of six sessions each child will have learned a great deal about climbing. All of our guides are certified or trained through the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA). The AMGA is the only internationally recognized certifying association in the United States.

Contained in the packet:

- Introduction letter
- Registration and Medical forms
- Scholarship application
- Gear list
- Weekly information including location, directions, map, and any additional info.
- Description of milestone and awards program
- Sign up for pot-luck items for awards ceremony

To sign up:

- Fill out Registration and Medical forms
- Be sure to include your child's Height, Weight, and street shoe size
- Remit full payment to SMG
- Once we receive full payment we will send you a confirmation email to let you know that your registration is complete

Other information:

- Please try to be ten minutes early to facilitate the gear handouts. We highly encourage carpooling if possible to reduce the number of vehicles at each location. If you are interested in carpooling be sure to let the office know so we can put you on the carpool distribution list.
- We are looking for parent volunteers to help with belaying and general herding. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know and we will sign you up. For belaying there is a mandatory training you will need to attend on Monday June 21st. The training will be in June Lake and will take two hours from 2 to 4 pm.
- Children ages 5-7 will need to have an adult accompany each child. This is designed to help us facilitate a happy environment for our young climbers.
- ESS has a milestone program. At the end of each session your child's coach will be marking off their milestones and number of pitches climbed (see attached description).
- On the last day of the program we will be having a pizza and awards party. The party will be held at the June Mountain Conference Center. There will be a slideshow of the kids climbing.



pizza, and awards. We will need parents to bring some potluck items. If you are interested in helping out please fill out the sign up form and return it to us.

Helmet rule:

- All parents or friends are welcome to attend to watch or take pictures. If you plan on attending and you come within ten feet of the cliff you must have a helmet on. SMG will supply a helmet to borrow if you don't have one.

Potty Rules:

- Not all of our locations have bathrooms so your child may have to go to the bathroom outdoors if nature calls. We will provide a small pit toilet with a curtain for privacy in case of number two. For number one, you child will just go in the woods.
- Only one guide of the same gender as your child will accompany them to the 'bathroom'. If the child needs help with their clothing, it will be done in a public area and then the child can use the 'bathroom' near the accompanying guide but in a private area.

Sponsors

We've had a great outreach from the community and some of our sponsors. Folks have donated money towards scholarships and equipment for the kids. If you have the chance, please check out these great organizations and say thanks.

- Evolv: Rock Shoes, Chalk Bags
- Eastern Sierra Tree Service: Scholarship
- Shred Pro: Scholarship
- Dr. Drain: Scholarship
- Sage to Summit: Scholarship

Thanks and we look forward to climbing!
-All of us from SMG

