



Troop 599 Enchanted Rock Climbing and Rappelling Commands

At Enchanted Rock, we will **REQUIRE** all Scouts and Adults to use these basic climbing commands to ensure the safety of our Climbers, Rappellers, and Belayers. **COMMUNICATE** in a **LOUD** and **CLEAR** voice. Never take an action (Climbing, Rappelling, Lowering) without **FIRST HEARING THE COMMAND** that the Belayer is ready to perform that action.

BASIC CLIMBING COMMANDS

"On belay?" *Climber to Belayer* - I am ready to climb and need to be sure you are ready to belay.

"Belay is on" *Belayer to Climber* – I have you on belay and safe.

"Climbing" *Climber to Belayer* - I am climbing up now.

"Climb on" *Belayer to Climber* - Okay, I'm ready. Go ahead and climb.

"Slack" *Climber to Belayer* - Give me some slack or loose rope and don't hold the rope so tight.

"Up rope" *Climber to Belayer* - Pull any slack in the rope up tight.

"Take" *Climber to Belayer* - Pull the rope very tight and hold me.

"Take on" *Belayer to Climber* – Belayer acknowledges

"Watch me!" *Climber to Belayer* - Pay attention, this is hard and I might fall.

"Falling!" *Climber to Belayer* - I'm falling off and you need to hold me with your belay.

"Ready to lower" *Climber to Belayer* - I'm at the anchors on this route and ready to come down.

"Lowering" *Belayer to Climber* - Okay, I'm going to lower you down now.

"Rock!" *Climber to anyone below* - Watch out! A chunk of rock is falling and might hit you.

"Rope!" *Climber to anyone below* - Watch out! I am pulling down or tossing down a rope and it might hit you.

"Off belay" *Climber to Belayer* - I am safe and you can take me off belay.

"Belay is off" *Belayer to Climber* - I understand that you're safe and am taking you off belay.

BASIC RAPPELLING COMMANDS

"On belay?" *Rappeller to Belayer* – I am ready to rappel and need to be sure you are ready to belay.

"Belay is on" *Belayer to Rappeller* – I have you on belay and safe.

"Rappelling" *Rappeller to Belayer* – I am beginning to rappel

"Rappel on" *Belayer to Rappeller* – I understand and acknowledge

"Take" *Rappeller to Belayer* - Pull the belay rope very tight and hold me.

"Off belay" *Rappeller to Belayer* - I am safe and you can take me off belay.

"Belay is off" *Belayer to Rappeller* - I understand that you're safe and am taking you off belay.

"Off rope" *Rappeller to Belayer* – You can pull the rope up now with my gloves and gear attached.

"Rock!" *Rappeller to anyone below* - Watch out! A chunk of rock is falling and might hit you.

"Rope!" *Belayer to anyone below* - Watch out! I am pulling down or tossing down a rope and it might hit you.