

Squirrels & Beavers

Climbing



90 Minute session



12 participants + Adults



Supervision ratio as per P.O.R



Scout Adventures GBI or,
Climbing Leadership Permit

What is this activity?

Climbing is a great activity for young people, as well as the physical challenge they have to problem solve and take on the mental challenge of climbing up high. We use simple routes and we specialist equipment designed for small people!

If instructed this activity session should be set up and delivered in accordance with the Ground Belay Instructor Technical Support Document – this document provides supplemental information on adapting the session for Squirrels and Beavers

What equipment do we use?



Petzl Simba Park

This is a full body harness designed specifically for children, it is fastened from behind and released with a tool making it very secure for use by inexperienced climbers.



Petzl Panga Helmet

Designed specifically for smaller children this helmet provides greater coverage for enhanced protection against lateral, frontal, and rear impact. It is ventilated and comfortable to wear..

Supervision and Belaying



One ADULT should belay each rope. They should use 5-Point belaying, i.e. using both hands to control the live and dead rope and ensuring that they never let go of the dead rope. Instructors should teach the belayer this technique and check their competency by walking in a climber to the wall.


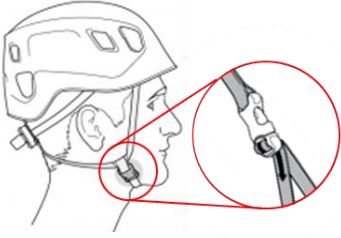



If the adult belaying is qualified (GBI or Scout Permit for leader led sessions) then they do not need an additional person tailing the rope, if not then there must be an additional person tailing the rope. They are a safety back up whose job is to ensure that someone is always holding the dead rope.

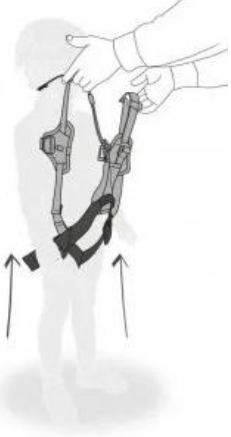

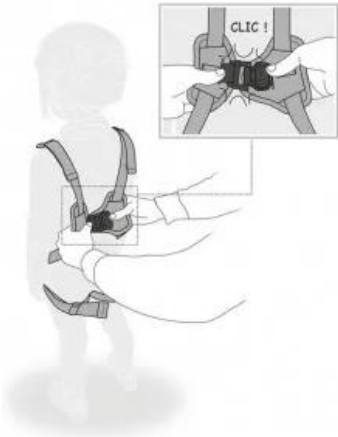
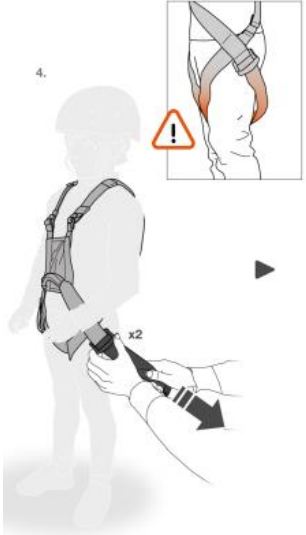
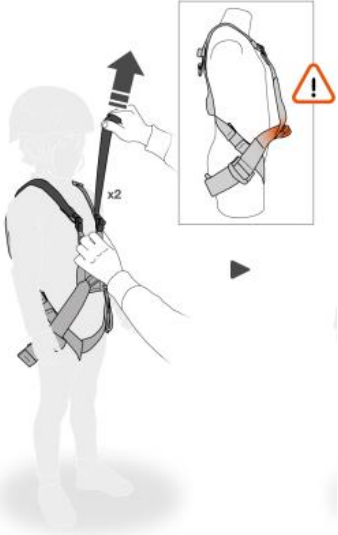
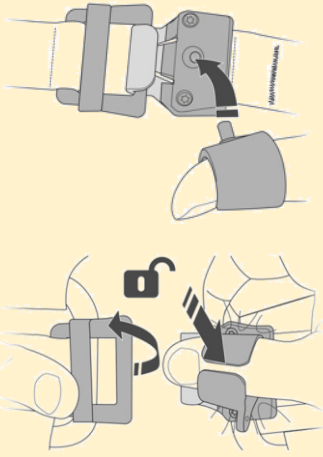


Do not allow Squirrels/Beavers to tail the dead rope on their own. If necessary, the instructor can tail both dead ropes while still supervising the belayers and instructing the session.

Fitting the Panga Helmet

 <p>1. Make the helmet as big as possible by pulling on the orange tab then put the helmet on and tighten by pulling on the two straps.</p>	 <p>2. Clip up the chin strap – it should make a “click” noise. Tighten it by pulling on the loose end of the strap.</p>	 <p>3. You should be able to just fit two fingers between the strap and the chin, the helmet should stay still if you wobble your head.</p>
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Fitting the Simba Harness

 <p>1. Step in and pull up to waist height</p>	 <p>2. Put shoulder straps over shoulders</p>	 <p>3. Clip together the buckle at the back</p>
 <p>4. Tighten up the leg straps and shoulder straps then tuck away any loose webbing straps.</p>		<p>Removing the harness</p>  <p>Use the Pin tool to release the buckle</p>