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Services

CLIMBING BOULDER PROGRAM



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This instruction implements AFD 34-2, 7 Jan 94, and establishes guidelines and procedures for the use of the Climbing Boulder managed by the Services Division (50 MSG/SV). It applies to all authorized personnel outlined in AFI 34-101, Services Programs and Use Eligibility, para. 3.3.3, **Attachment 1**, that use the Climbing Boulder at Schriever AFB.

1. Responsibilities.

1.1. **Fitness Personnel.** The Fitness Center Director is responsible to the Director of Services for the management of the Climbing Boulder Program. Assigned Fitness Center employees will become familiar with the governing directives and instructions.

1.2. **Individual Personnel.** Individuals who use the Climbing Boulder are responsible for the policies and procedures outlined in this OI, and for exercising personal risk management when using the Climbing Boulder. The certified member must accompany guests at all times. The parent or legal guardian must accompany youth (10 years to 15 years of age) at all times.

2. Hours of Operation. The Fitness Center Director will post Climbing Boulder hours of operation at the Fitness Center. Hours are subject to change based on daylight / weather conditions and upon direction of the 50th Mission Support Group Commander.

3. Operational Risk Management (ORM).

3.1. **Weather.** The Climbing Boulder will be operated based on ORM principles. The boulder will be closed when severe weather warnings are posted, (including high winds, lightning within 5 miles, rain, sleet or snow). The boulder will also be closed when outside air temperatures drop below 25 degrees Fahrenheit (including wind chill factor) and when other life threatening weather-related events develop.

3.2. **Equipment.** Appropriate sports attire must be worn at all times.

3.2.1. Mandatory Equipment:

3.2.1.1. Shoes

3.2.1.2. Helmets (available for sign-out at the Fitness Center front desk)

3.2.1.3. Safety mats (provided by Fitness Center) must be used

3.2.2. Recommended Equipment:

3.2.2.1. Gloves

3.3. **Dangerous Activity.** At no time will horseplay, jumping from boulder or other unsafe acts be allowed while using the Climbing Boulder. Any person or persons found doing dangerous activity may be asked to leave the Climbing Boulder and then be required to complete re-certification training.

4. Instructions and Certification. All authorized personnel using the Climbing Boulder (except registered guests) are required to complete a Climbing Boulder Certification course. Registered guests must be accompanied at all times by the certified cardholder sponsor. The course requires approximately ½ hour to complete. A Climbing Boulder Certification card will be issued upon completion and the individual's name will be entered into a master registry list maintained by the Fitness Center staff. The Fitness Center will provide certification classes on a recurring basis and for special sessions that are pre-arranged; contact the Fitness Center at 7-6628 for latest class information.

5. Procedures. Active Duty and DoD civilian personnel assigned to Schriever AFB will have priority in all areas. If usage exceeds the safe operation of the Climbing Boulder, then the Fitness Center staff will place a 30-minute time limit for climbers. No more than six (6) person can be on the boulder at any given time. This includes both ascending and descending the boulder.

5.1. **Individuals:** Authorized personnel 16 years of age or older have usage of the Climbing Boulder. Youth ages 10 years to 15 years are authorized usage of the boulder but are required to have interactive supervision from the parent or legal guardian at all times. All personnel using the boulder are required to:

5.1.1. Register and sign-in at the Fitness Center front desk.

5.1.2. Be prepared to show proper I.D. and valid Climbing Boulder Certification card

5.1.3. Individuals may sign in a maximum of two guests, which must be 10 years or older.

5.1.4. Never leave any guests unattended. Youth ages 10 to 15 years require interactive supervision from the parent or legal guardian at all times.

5.1.5. Report all injuries immediately, including minor injuries, to the Fitness Center staff.

5.1.6. Use of the Climbing Boulder is limited to 30 minutes if other personnel are waiting to use the boulder.

5.1.7. Clean the area around the Climbing Boulder after each use. (i.e. removing mud from pads, sweeping concrete area, and removing any trash)

5.2. **Guests:** All guests (non-base personnel) are subject to this OI.

5.2.1. All guests must be signed in at the Fitness Center front desk by the sponsor.

5.2.2. The sponsor must have a valid Climbing Boulder Certification card and must accompany all guests, at all times.

5.2.3. All guests are required to use the safety equipment (shoes, helmet and safety pads) as is required of all other users.

5.3. Groups:

5.3.1. All groups should formally schedule and request use of the Climbing Boulder IAW this OI (see [Attachment 2](#)); requests should be submitted in writing and will be approved by the Combat Support Flight Chief through the Fitness Center Director.

5.3.2. While group size may vary, no more than 6 individuals are authorized to climb the boulder at any one time.

5.3.3. All members of the groups must have a valid Climbing Boulder certification. The fitness center will work with the group requester to schedule training, if required.

5.3.4. Clean the area around the Climbing Boulder after each use. (i.e. removing mud from pads, sweeping concrete area, and removing any trash)

SUZANNE M. VAUTRINOT, Colonel, USAF
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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION***Abbreviations and Acronyms*

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

DoD—Department of Defense

I.D.—Identification

IAW—In accordance with

OI—Operating Instruction

ORM—Operational Risk Management

WARFIT—Warrior Fitness

Attachment 2

REQUEST FOR GROUP USE OF THE CLIMBING BOULDER

MEMORANDUM FOR 50 MSG/SVMP (Fitness Center Director)

Date

FROM: Rank / Name

Organization / Office Symbol / Phone #

SUBJECT: Request For Group Use of The Climbing Boulder

1. Request use of the climbing boulder on {date} from {start time} to {finish time}.
2. Group size is _____ personnel.
3. Justification: (e.g., Unit morale event, WARFIT, etc.)
4. I have read and understand the responsibilities and procedures outlined in 50th Space Wing Instruction, 50 SWI 34-202 (dated 25 March 2004). I agree to abide by the policies and guidance contained in this instruction.

SIGNATURE BLOCK

1st Ind, 50 MSG/SVMP (Fitness Center Director)

MEMORANDUM FOR 50 MSG/SVM

Recommend Approval/Disapproval

SIGNATURE BLOCK

Fitness Center Director

2nd Ind, 50 MSG/SVM

MEMORANDUM FOR 50 MSG/SVMP

Approved/Disapproved

SIGNATURE BLOCK

Combat Support Flight Chief

cc: 50 MSG/SV