



COURAGEOUS KIDS CLIMBING Newsletter

(including *Jeff's Slackline* and *CKC – Scholarship News*)

September 1, 2018

FREE climbing events for people with special needs!



From the Editor,

Check out the photo above. It's pretty amazing what these courageous climbers can do if only given the opportunity!

As you can tell by the length of this newsletter, it's been pretty busy here at Courageous Kids

Climbing – and it's only going to get busier! We are always looking for volunteers to support our efforts.

We especially need volunteers to help organize and conduct our events. Ideally, we are looking for one or two people to take over organizing one of our events in their community. Not to worry, we will support you! This would also make an excellent senior project for high school student or community service project for a scout.

We are starting a new feature with this issue of our newsletter, which is shared with several emergency responder who just happen to support our events. We are going to start sharing information with emergency responders. It is not unusual for the emergency responders to learn something "new" at our events and they too would like to share that information with others.

The emergency responders do so much to make our events a success, helping them in this way is the least we can do!

TRIVIA: "If you fall, I will catch you, I'll be waiting!" Who sang this and what was the name of the song? The answer is somewhere in this newsletter!

RISE ABOVE!

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to Craig Peck for donating four pulleys to our equipment cache. This will come in handy at some of our events!

FOR THE RESCUER:

Because this newsletter goes to many emergency responders, we want to include something that they may benefit from. If you, as an emergency responder, would like to share something related to

low or high angle rescue or climbing rescue, please feel free to drop us your story.

The Kern County (CA) Fire Department's two urban search and rescue (USAR) teams have been supporting our Bakersfield event since we started visiting there. A new addition to Rescue 52 and Rescue 61 is the Rapid Extraction Modules (REM). The REM is a team of four fire fighters trained in low angle and high angle rescue that stand-by at large brush fires for the sole purpose of rescuing fire fighters who have been injured on the fire line. These teams are especially useful in situations when the rescue of a firefighter is needed but the helicopters cannot fly because of smoky conditions, windy conditions or it might be at night.



Above is REM 52 and the equipment that it carries.

This is a fairly new program, but interest in it is starting to grow. If your department is interested in starting this program, CKC can put you in touch with the "expert" in Kern County, who is also involved at the State level on determining the requirements for these fire fighters as well as determining what equipment is required on the REM vehicle.

2018 EVENT SCHEDULE:

September 8, 2018 – A return trip to Boise finds us climbing at the Downtown YMCA from 10:00 am until noon. This is a return engagement for this facility just down the street from the State Capitol. We might even have an A-10 pilot, ambulance crew and police officers show up to support the kids.

September 9, 2018 – Teton Rock Gym - Driggs, ID. This will be our third annual event in Driggs and will run from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm...yes, a time change. We are trying different things in an effort to grow this event. Teton County Fire District is looking forward to supporting the event.



September 15, 2018 – YMCA at Spokane Valley/, Washington. This second annual event will run from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

October 6, 2018 – Gemstone Climbing in Twin Falls has invited our posse to pay a visit to their

climbing facility. This event will run from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

For more information on Courageous Kids Climbing or to reserve a spot for your child at one of our events, or to volunteer or sponsor an event, send an e-mail to JeffRiechmann@cs.com or please visit Courageous Kids Climbing on Facebook.

Please feel free to share our newsletter with anyone who might be interested.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

To see photos from our events, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/CourageousKidsClimbing/>

COURAGEOUS KIDS CLIMBING:

YMCA Camp at Horsethief Reservoir 7/21/18: We



had a great time climbing on the climbing tower, boulder wall and walking the rope challenge course on a beautiful day in the west central mountains of Idaho. Only one climber came out along with a couple of other kids from the McCall Public Library's reading program, but it was still a successful event! We

were joined by the Cascade Fire Department and Smokey and some of his friends from the US Forest Service even joined us! Thanks to **Run For Dunn** for making this event possible.



MDA Summer Camp 8/6/18: We were invited by the MDA to set up our slacklines at their summer camp in McCall, Idaho. Several of the campers along with their counselors took advantage and walked the slacklines as well as tried to climb the rope ladder.



Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 8/11/18. Seven courageous climbers showed up for our third annual event at the university's recreation center. The local CWU posse had even purchased an Easy Seat from Misty Mountain and set it up with a really awesome haul system! This provided the opportunity for several climbers to check out the view from high up on the wall! We were also joined by a CWU Campus Police Officer who made several new friends. Check out the video:

https://youtu.be/B3_FODt1ZWQ

<https://www.cwu.edu/cwu-recreation-center-and-staff-facilitate-courageous-kids-climbing>



YMCA Camp Colman, Longbranch, WA. 8/12/18: Nine climbers joined us at the camp near the Sound, three of whom were hoisted up the wall by the camp staff. We also "walked" one climber along the bottom of the wall, which was pretty awesome! A few climbers took advantage of the nice weather and went for a short walk in the forest.

Many of the participants and their families took advantage of the fun UTV rides to get to and from

the climbing area. We were also joined by a Tacoma Police Officer.

JEFF'S SLACKLINE

Jeff's Slackline is available to support events and organizations in West Central Idaho. (In certain situations, we may travel a little bit farther!) Invite us to attend your scouting event, visit your school, church or other activity. As with all Courageous Kids Climbing events, there is no charge! If you would like to see more photos, please checkout:

<https://www.facebook.com/JeffsSlackline/>



McCall Public Library 7/20/18: We were invited to set-up our slackline and rope ladder as part of the McCall Public Library's Libraries Rock summer reading

program. Over 40 kids in two separate sessions participated. The library staff took advantage of our little library and read a book about tightrope walking as well as a book explaining what happened to Humpty Dumpty after the fall.



Slackline Sunday 7/22/18: We set up our slackline and were joined by one other "slacker" as we supported the outdoor worship service and hot dog

roast over a campfire at Our Savior Lutheran Church in McCall, ID. We even had several senior citizens walk the line! We're already looking forward to next year!

TRIVIA ANSWER: Cindy Lauper, "Time After Time"

Courageous Kids Climbing is member of the McCall Community Improvement Corporation, an Idaho non-profit.

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