**Olympia Branch Basic Climb Leader Checklist**

If you are interested in becoming a Basic Climb Leader, Basic Glacier Climb Leader, or a Basic Rock Climb Leader through the Olympia Branch please use this checklist to guide you on your path. Once you have completed all the requirements, apply for Climb Leader status using the standard application found [here](https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5440369/Climb-Leader-Application). https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5440369/Climb-Leader-Application

The Olympia Branch requires applicants to have instructed at Olympia Basic Field Trips to become a climb leader. Olympia does not require applicants to be Intermediate students or graduates, or to have completed AIARE 1 or Climbing Self-Rescue courses. We do require knowledge of and comfort with these skills which will be evaluated during an interview after application. Direct all questions to the [Olympia Branch Climbing Chair](https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/olympia-branch/committees/olympia-climbing-committee?_authenticator=141b9082035ae00370ab15e70fab0fcfeb7c2d86).

There are three levels of Basic Climb Leader in the Olympia Branch and an applicant may apply to any individual level or for the full climb leader:

* Full Climb Leader: Can lead any Basic Rock Climb or Basic Glacier Climb
* Basic Rock Leader: Can lead any Basic Rock Climb that does not involve glacier travel
* Basic Glacier Leader: Can lead any Basic Glacier Climb that does not involve rock climbing

The checklist can be completed in any order and can be completed in multiple years. Navigation and First Aid should be current at the time of application.

**Basic Rock Climb Leader Checklist**

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| **Requirement** | **Date (mm/yy)** |
| Basic Climbing Course Graduate |  |
| Complete the Foundations of Leadership eLearning course |  |
| Have current WFA or higher certification | (date expires) |
| Have current Navigation course | (date expires) |
| Instruct at least once at the Basic Skills Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Belay Practice Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Rock Fundamentals Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Rock 2 Field Trip |  |
| Serve as a successful **ROPE LEAD** on at least three basic rock climbs |  |
| Climb #1: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #2: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #3: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Serve as a successful **MENTORED LEAD** on two basic rock climbs |  |
| Climb #4: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #5: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |

NOTES:

* 2 years of alpine rock climbing experience
* the 2 mentored rock leads:
  + cannot all be with the same leader
  + must be different routes
  + at least one mentored lead must be a basic climb
* the 5 leadership experience climbs
  + at least 2 of these climbs must have been done with The Mountaineers
  + mentored leads count toward this number

**Basic Glacier Climb Leader Checklist**

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| **Requirement** | **Date (mm/yy)** |
| Basic Climbing Course Graduate |  |
| Complete the Foundations of Leadership eLearning course |  |
| Have current WFA or higher certification | (date expires) |
| Have a current Navigation course | (date expires) |
| Instruct at least once at the Basic Skills Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Belay Practice Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Snow 1 Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Snow 2 Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Crevasse Rescue Field Trip |  |
| Serve as a successful **ROPE LEAD** on at least three basic glacier climbs |  |
| Climb #1: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #2: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #3: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Serve as a successful **MENTORED LEAD** on two basic glacier climbs |  |
| Climb #4: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #5: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |

NOTES:

* 2 years of alpine glacier climbing experience
* the 2 mentored glacier leads:
  + cannot all be with the same leader
  + must be different routes
  + at least one mentored lead must be a basic climb
* the 5 leadership experience climbs
  + at least 2 of these climbs must have been done with The Mountaineers
  + mentored leads count toward this number

**Full Basic Climb Leader Checklist**

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| **Requirement** | **Date (mm/yy)** |
| Basic Climbing Course Graduate |  |
| Complete the Foundations of Leadership eLearning course |  |
| Have current WFA or higher certification | (date expires) |
| Have current Navigation course | (date expires) |
| Instruct at least once at the Rock Fundamentals Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Rock 2 Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Snow 1 Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Snow 2 Field Trip |  |
| Instruct at least once at the Crevasse Rescue Field Trip |  |
| Serve as a successful **ROPE LEAD** on at least two **basic glacier** climbs |  |
| Climb #1: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #2: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Serve as a successful **MENTORED LEAD** on one **basic glacier** climbs |  |
| Climb #3: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Serve as a successful **ROPE LEAD** on at least two **basic rock** climbs |  |
| Climb #4: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Climb #5: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Serve as a successful **MENTORED LEAD** on one **basic rock** climbs |  |
| Climb #6: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |
| Serve as a successful **MENTORED LEAD** on one **basic rock or glacier** climb |  |
| Climb #7: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |

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| Serve as a **ROPE LEAD** or **MENTORED LEAD** on a **glacier or rock climb** |  |
| Climb #8: Peak Name       Leader Name |  |

NOTES:

* 2 years of alpine climbing experience
* 3 mentored leads with The Mountaineers
  + Must have at least one rock and one glacier
  + Two of these must be basic climbs
  + Mentored leads cannot be all with the same leader
  + Mentored leads cannot be done on the same routes
* 8 leadership experience climbs
  + Must have done 3 rock climbs and 3 glacier climbs in a leadership role
  + At least 2 of these climbs must be done with The Mountaineers
  + Mentored leads count toward this number