Abseiling

Safety

- **1. a.** List and explain the safety rules
 - **b.** Explain the "dangers of falling" chart.
- **2.** Explain the uses of the following knots:

a. Tape **d.** Double fishermans

b. Alpine butterflyc. Figure of eight loopd. Bowline

Setup

- **3.** Draw the diagrams for the setting up of the following abseil descents:
 - a. Single rope technique
 - **b.** Canyoning setup
- **4.** Know the ways to identify safe anchors in various circumstances, e.g. trees, boulders, bollards.

Belaying

- 5. Explain the various verbal calls.
- **6.** Explain the principle of belaying and the three methods used, and give the advantages and disadvantages of each method:
 - **a.** Body belay
 - **b.** Mechanical belay
 - **c.** Base belay

Care of Equipment

- 7. List the rules for care of ropes.
- **8.** Explain the difference between dynamic and static rope.
- **9.** Know the right type of equipment needed for abseiling.
- 10. Know the best way to store your ropes, e.g. coiling and chaining.

Descenders

- 11. a. Know which descending device to use in different abseils.
 - **b.** Give reasons why you chose that device, e.g. on/off time, security, heat, versatility, etc.

First Aid

- 12. Know about how to treat a patient for the following injuries:
 - a. Sprains
 - **b.** Concussion
 - **c.** Hypothermia
 - **d.** Broken bone
 - e. Shock

Cliff Rescue

- **13.** Explain how to perform the following rescues:
 - **a.** The pulley system
 - **b.** The change-over method

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SECTION TWO-PRACTICAL

1. Pass the abseiling exam with a pass mark of 60%. The exam is available from the conference youth ministries office, or through the instructor.

Verbal Testing

- **2.** Answer the questions on the following topics:
 - **a.** Uses of the six abseiling knots
 - **b.** What are, and give the meaning of the standard climbing calls
 - **c.** Uses of various descenders
 - **d.** Give seven rules for are of rope
 - **e.** Give seven rules for safety
 - **f.** Know about first aid and how to treat patients
 - **g.** Give five ways to detect faults of ropes

Practical Testing

- **3.** Perform the following tasks:
 - a. Tie the six knots
 - **b.** Set up the single rope setup and canyoning setup
 - **c.** Witness a cliff rescue demonstrated by the instructor
 - **d.** Coil and chain a rope
 - e. Set up the belay methods

Abseiling

- 4. From a minimum height of 10 meters, complete two abseils on each of the following devices, and know how to attach them to the rope:
 - a. Whale tail
 - **b.** Robot
 - **c.** Harpoon (easy access)
 - **d.** Figure of eight
 - **e.** Piton-brake bar
 - f. Rappel-rack
 - **g.** Harpoon (conventional)
 - **h.** Cross karabiner
- **5.** Explain how to do the classic abseil, and over the shoulder abseil, for emergency use.
- **6.** Be able to prussik a ten-meter cliff.

Abseiling, Advanced

- 1. Repeat the theory and practical requirements for the Abseiling Honor
- 2. Pass the exam with 80% pass mark.
- **3.** Abseil over a knot in the rope.
- **4.** Abseil over an overhand or cave.
- **5.** Demonstrate the pulley method of cliff rescue.

Abseiling, Instructor

- 1. Instruct how to abseil, being confident in every aspect of the Abseiling Honor.
- **2.** Demonstrate all the theory to a class.
- **3.** Teach abseiling first aid to a class.
- 4. Lead at least two abseiling expeditions checking the safety of each individual.

