Basic Rock Climbing Class

Southwest Outdoor Club

Tempe, Arizona

CLASSROOM SESSION #1

Phoenix Rock Gym

Purpose: To introduce the student to roped alpine rock climbing, to begin learning some fundamental skills required, and to prepare for Saturday's "on the rock" trip.

1 Introductions and an introduction to Alpine Rock Climbing

6:00

- 2 Course Overview, what to expect and what to prepare for
- 3 Conditioning Aerobic, Flexibility, Strength
- 4 A short break
- 5 Knots
- Overhand
- Slip
- Water Knot
- Figure-Eight Knot
- Rewoven Figure-8 Knot
- 6 Climbing Equipment
 - The Rope
 - Carabiners ("biners" or "links" for short)
 - Slings, webs, quick draws, runners, loops all the same
 - Chocks, nuts, pro, piece
 - Bolts & Hangers & drills
 - Harness
 - Rock Shoes
 - Climbing Chalk
- 7 A short break
- 8 Other Equipment: Clothing, Pack, Water, Sun Screen, etc
- 9 Belaying and Belay Signals
- 10 References text book &, other literature
- 11 Discussion of upcoming field trip

8:30