

Basic Rock Climbing Class

Southwest Outdoor Club

Tempe, Arizona

BELAYING THE LEADER

Belaying the Leader:

- Potential force of fall much greater
- Fall Factor
- Direction of Pull (SRENE)
- 1st Point of Protection
- Amount of Slack in the Rope
- Alertness, take in the rope if fall is imminent or in progress
- What risks the leader takes on - distance of fall

What the Leader Does:

- Placing pro
- Evaluating risk of fall, distance of fall, surety of placements, risk of ground fall, ledges
- Use of slings, natural pro, reduction of movement of placements, reduction of bends in rope.
- Reduction of risk in case Second falls, protecting a traverse
- Responsibility for setting anchors, rope management.

What the "Second" Does:

- Climbs with a "top" rope
- Cleans the pro, sometimes using tools.
- Belays the Leader
- Learns good pro placement by removing what the leader placed.

