

Lead Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club
Spring 2021

This is an advanced climbing class. Even if you don't plan on leading, you will learn much about the dynamics of climbing, and it will make you a safer climber. Protecting a climb is a different skill from climbing itself. We will talk about the dynamics of lead falls, how to prepare for a climb, the differences between single-pitch and multi-pitch, and the differences between clipping bolts and placing natural pro. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class, but we will provide simulated leading exercises.

Class curriculum:

Tue Lecture, slide show: introduction, the lead fall, equipment, the process and techniques of leading
Thur Lecture, slide show: multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing
Sat Hands-on practice: natural pro placement
Sun Hands-on practice: mock leading on bolts and pro

Class schedule:

Feb 9	Tuesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	TBD
Feb 11	Thursday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	TBD
Feb 13	Saturday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Sullivan's Canyon (Chino Valley)
Feb 14	Sunday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	TBD

Experience required: AMC Basic Rock Climbing School and AMC Anchors School or equivalent experience. This includes a solid working knowledge of standard climbing knots and trad anchors in addition to top-rope climbing skills.

Cost: \$125 plus membership if not already a member (\$40 for an individual and \$50 for a family and is good for the calendar year. Register using the Paypal link on the website (<http://arizonamountaineeringclub.net/schools/lead-climbing-school/>) or if you need to send a check you can contact Scott Kuchman at amcleadschool@gmail.com for the address. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. AMC Membership is NOT refundable. Contact Scott Kuchman by email: amcleadschool@gmail.com for more info. The number of students will be limited to 10.

Equipment required for the class:

(Note – gear will not be needed the first night. You may want to listen to the gear lectures before making purchases.)

1. All standard climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)
2. Helmet—mandatory for all on-rock sessions
3. Specifically needed:
 - 2 20' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
 - 1 10' sling (untied length) or 48" sewn runner
 - *Nut pick
 - *Quickdraws with biners—at least 5 per person
 - *All pro that you own, which may include cams, hexes, wired nuts, Tri-cams, etc.
 - Consider combining with another person to have enough gear
4. Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
5. Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3–6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)

For more information: Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at <http://arizonamountaineeringclub.net/>

*If you don't have these items, **don't purchase them** for the class. Volunteer instructors will kindly let you borrow their stuff.