

TOUCHSTONE CLIMBING CLUB

Information and Guidelines for Youth Applicants

You are eligible to apply to take part in Touchstone Climbing Club if you: **return signed application, parental agreement and Rocktown waiver.** If you have any questions, feel free to call 606-1818 or e-mail at asemore@touchstoneyouth.org

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Touchstone Climbing Club is operated by Touchstone Youth Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Touchstone Climbing Club takes youth rock climbing on a weekly basis in an effort to cultivate vital life skills. Each session focuses on one of the following life skills and is followed by a group discussion: take care of myself; be respectful; think positive; aim for success; manage emotions; do the right thing; never stop learning; be a good friend; help others; and lead by example. Students who maintain expectations will be eligible to continue participating in Touchstone Climbing Club, at no cost, until they graduate from high school.

SAFETY:

The safety of participants is our top priority. Participants will complete a safety certification class and receive thorough and continuous training in all safety measures.

SCHEDULE, LOCATION, TRANSPORTATION AND EQUIPMENT:

Touchstone Climbing Club meets once a week after, except school holidays, at Rocktown, our local indoor rock climbing gym. Students must be able to transport themselves or arrange transportation to and from Rocktown. Students participate and use necessary climbing equipment at no cost.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Although we would like to provide this opportunity to all interested students, Touchstone does not have the financial resources to do so. Applications are accepted and considered on a first-come first-serve basis. Priority is given to applicants in need.

EXPECTATIONS:

Taking part in Touchstone Climbing Club is a privilege and participants are expected to follow the guidelines below in order to stay in the program:

- Follow instructions by manager and mentors the first time they are given
- Adhere to climbing safety rules
- Arrive on time, attend 80% of scheduled sessions and remain until session is complete, contact Touchstone Climbing Club program manager in advance if you will be late or unable to attend
- Maintain appropriate behavior at all times
- Be responsible for own climbing equipment
- Take part in weekly activities and discussion
- Retain eligibility at school

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to maintain the above expectations will result in:

- Step 1 Verbal warning
- Step 2 Conference with participant
- Step 3 Sitting out a session
- Step 4 Suspension from program
- Step 5 Expulsion from program

Please return to:

Touchstone Youth Project
P O Box 643
OKC, OK 73101

TOUCHSTONE YOUTH APPLICATION

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[/ /] Date received
[] Parent Agreement
[] Rocktown Waiver
[] Harness Size
[] Shoe Size
[] Organization

GENERAL INFORMATION:

First Name	Last Name	Parent Name(s)		
Home Address	Apt #	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone			
Date of Birth	Gender	Ethnic Background		
Social Security #	Drivers License #			
Emergency Contact Name	Relationship	Phone		

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION:

Name of School	Grade	GPA (from most recent report card)
List languages you speak _____		
List all extracurricular activities you take part in or plan to take part in this year. _____		

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Physician Name	Physician Phone
Do you have any medical conditions? If so, please explain. _____	
Do you have any allergies? If so, please explain. _____	
Are you taking any medications? If so, please explain. _____	
Do you or your parents carry medical insurance that provides coverage for you? If so, provide company name. _____	

CLIMBING EQUIPMENT:

So that we may determine the sizes of the climbing harness and shoes, please provide:

Height _____ Weight _____ Shoe Size _____

ELIGIBILITY:

At school, I participate in the... free lunch program reduced lunch program neither

QUESTIONNAIRE:

How did you hear about Touchstone Youth Project? _____

Briefly, why do you want to be in Touchstone Climbing Club? _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, how excited are you to take part in Touchstone Climbing Club?

1..... 2..... 3..... 4..... 5..... 6..... 7..... 8..... 9..... 10
"I'm not too sure about this..." *"I can't wait to start!"*

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If yes please explain.

REFERENCES:

Please list two of the following from your school who we may contact as a reference (teacher, coach, counselor, administrator, etc.) You may not include relatives.

1. _____
Name Relationship Phone

2. _____
Name Relationship Phone

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, SIGN AND RETURN

All information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the organization is not obligated to accept my application. In the event of the organization's determination of my ineligibility, the reason will not be provided. I further agree to allow the program manager of Touchstone Youth Project to elicit additional information as part of the interview process. In the event that I am selected, I agree to participate and uphold all expectations to the best of my ability. I understand and accept that if I do not maintain expectations that consequences will be implemented.

Applicant Signature Date

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TOUCHSTONE CLIMBING CLUB

Parent/Guardian Agreement

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has submitted an application to participate in Touchstone Climbing Club. Please read, sign and return this **“Touchstone Parent/Guardian Agreement”** to grant permission for your child to participate. If you have any questions, feel free to call 606-1818 or e-mail at asemore@touchstoneyouth.org

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SAFETY:

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I understand that the organization is not obligated to accept my child’s application. In the event of the organization’s determination of my child’s ineligibility, the reason will not be provided. I further agree to allow the program manager of Touchstone Youth Project to elicit additional information from me or my child as part of the application process. In the event that my child is chosen to participate in Touchstone Climbing Club, I permit my child to participate and will cooperate with Touchstone Youth Project program manager to ensure a positive experience for my child. My child has read and understands all guidelines and expectations. I understand and accept that if my child does not maintain expectations that the above mentioned consequences will be implemented.

[] Initial here if you grant Touchstone Youth Project permission to use photographs, video images and/or quotes in any Touchstone publicity pieces.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Phone	Date
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