

# Professional Climbing Instructors Association (PCIA) Base Managed Climbing Instructor Course

May 16 - 18, 2010



## 1-day Certification Exam: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

### HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

This thirty-hour (3 day) course builds upon the existing skills of competent recreational climbers, taking an in-depth look at site selection, equipment, knot selection, anchor construction, rope systems, Leave No Trace practices, rescue and assistance skills as well as key instructional skills. Participants are considered PCIA Assistant Instructors upon completion of the course.

For specific details on pre-course requirements and course topics, please visit the PCIA website at <http://pcia.us/pro/node/95>.

### WHERE:

Meet at 9:00 am at the Ely's Peak Parking Lot, 20 minutes west of Duluth, MN. Additional instruction sites may include climbing areas near Duluth and along Minnesota's North Shore.

### COURSE OVERVIEW:

Each day will begin at 8:00 or 9:00 am and will average 10-12 hours in length including time for meals. Please arrive rested and free of other responsibilities during the course. Pack your climbing equipment, water, lunch, snacks and spare clothing into a backpack that you can hike in to a remote site.

### CERTIFICATION EXAM:

Those seeking PCIA instructor certification must pass a day-long field-based skills examination including technical and educational components. Candidates must also achieve a score of 75% or more on a written exam.

### TOP MANAGED COURSE AND EXAM:

If you work and climb in settings where climber and belayer both begin at the top of the cliff a one-day Top Managed Climbing Instructor Course and Exam is offered on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

### THINGS TO DO PRIOR:

Once you register, you will be sent a course packet including detailed information, forms to sign and a written pre-test.

**Please complete the pre-test and have it ready to hand in on the first day of the course.**

### COST:

- \$350 3-Day PCIA Base Managed Climbing Instructor Course
- \$150 1-Day PCIA Base Managed Instructor Certification Exam
- \$150 1-Day PCIA Top Managed Instructor Course and Exam

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### LOCAL CONTACT

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### TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING:

You are responsible for your own meals, transportation and lodging during the course. Camping is available at Jay Cook State Park and at nearby campgrounds.

### INFO & REGISTRATION

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Paid Registration Due:  
Friday, April 16, 2010.