



Chapel Hill Parks and Recreations Department
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EVENT SCHEDULE

REMEMBER: Dixie Rock-only registrants may climb Friday night, Saturday morning, or both. Please note that some climbers finish all preliminary routes Friday night. Other climbers arrive Saturday morning. We provide two days for your convenience, but you are not required to be there both days.

Please note that we are again hosting the USA Climbing competition this year. Please read the USA Climbing sections carefully and contact us if you have questions.

USA Climbing participants: Competitors who register for the USA Climbing event *will only climb on Saturday*. Please note that USAC participants are automatically entered in both events. However, Dixie Rock entrants are NOT automatically entered in USAC.

Friday, April 24, 2008 **(USAC ENTRANTS MAY NOT CLIMB FRIDAY NIGHT)**

6:00 p.m.	Dixie Rock-only Registration and Packet Pickup Begins
6:15 p.m.	Dixie Rock-only Competitors Meeting (Rules explained, not mandatory)
6:30-10:30 p.m.	Optional Starting Round for Dixie Rock-only climbers (Friday night start is not required)

Saturday, April 25, 2008

7:30 a.m.	Dixie Rock-only Registration and Packet Pickup Begins
8:15 a.m.	Dixie Rock-only Competitors Meeting (Rules explained, not mandatory)
8:30 a.m.	Dixie Rock-only Competition Begins
9:45 a.m.	USA Climbing Registration and Packet Pickup Begins
11:30 a.m.	USA Climbing Competitor's Meeting
12:00 p.m.	End of Dixie Rock Preliminaries and USA Climbing Event Begins *
2:00 p.m.	Preliminary Dixie Rock Results Posted Outside Gym
5:00 p.m.	End of USA Climbing Event
7:00 p.m.	Dixie Rock Finals Begin
10:30 p.m.	Awards Distributed

- We reserve the right to delay the start of the USA Climbing Event in the event that the Dixie Rock event is running late.

NEW for Dixie Rock 20 SENIOR AWARDS



AGE 50+

**JUST FOR THE
OLD FOLKS!**

Dixie Rock 20 will have a separate award for competitors age 50 and older entered in the Recreation and/or Intermediate Divisions.

- **Age appropriate prizes**
- **Award ceremony before your bedtime**
- **Compete against your peers**
- **Prizes for Men and Women**

All equipment provided, experience is not needed!



**JUST FOR THE
KIDS!**

DIXIE ROCK 20 JUNIOR COMPETITION

AGE 5 -10

Dixie Rock 20 will have a separate competition for young climbers who do not want to compete at higher levels:

- **Routes built just for young competitors**
- **Each child will be able to try each route twice**
- **Compete against kids in your age group**
- **Boys and girls divisions**
- **Age appropriate prizes**

All equipment provided, experience is not needed!

Young climbers are not required to compete in the Junior Division and may compete at a higher level if they desire.

Please note that the Junior Competition is for youth not participating in the USAC event.

YARD SALE

Bring your old climbing and camping gear. This will be an opportunity to unload your old stuff or to find a bargain. Dig in your closet and bring your old stuff to Dixie Rock:

- **Climbing shoes**
- **Hardware**
- **Clothes for climbing and the outdoors**
- **Tents**
- **Camping gear**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contacts for additional Information and Forms

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REGISTRATION: Registration is open for age 5 and older. Competitors under age 18 must have their permission form signed by a parent or guardian; a parent or guardian must accompany children under age 13.

THE OPTIONAL FRIDAY START: The starting time on Friday night is a highly recommended option for those who live close enough to take advantage of the opportunity. The Friday start is aimed at shortening the lines on Saturday. Competitors may climb as many of their **preliminary routes** as desired on Friday night from 6:30 to 10:30. In previous years, those who attended Friday night gave it rave reviews and everyone agreed that it made the waits on Saturday far shorter. No Dixie Rock competitors will be allowed to climb preliminary routes after 12:00 pm on Saturday.

PARKING: Parking is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOOD & LODGING: A wide variety of eating establishments are available in the area, including several vegetarian restaurants. Located in Chapel Hill are many fine hotels and motels. For more information, try www.triangle.citysearch.com search, keyword: Chapel Hill

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event that Dixie Rock is canceled due to foul weather (tornados, hurricanes, end of the world conditions), refunds will be issued to registered contestants. If you cannot call during normal operating hours you can call 919-968-2819.

**A USA Climbing Certified Event,
Saturday April 25, 12:00 - 5:00 pm**

This year, USA Climbing - the US national climbing authority - will again be participating in the Dixie Rock competition. USA Climbing competitors will be climbing Dixie Rock routes, but their scores and final standings will go toward their regional and national rankings.

*USA Climbing competitors will have only **ONE** attempt at each route.*

Youth (13 years or older) and adult climbers wishing to be registered with USA Climbing for the event will note this on their Dixie Rock 20 entry form. Similar to Dixie Rock-only participants, the USA Climbing competitors will each climb **six routes**, assigned by age group.

The USA Climbing event will follow the *On-Site Format*, according to USA Climbing Regulations. All USA Climbing Rules and Regulations are available on request.

PLEASE NOTE

-- You do not have to register for the USA Climbing event to participate in Dixie Rock 20 --

But, you should register with USA Climbing if you wish to have your results count towards a place in the national standings – possibly allowing you to move on to the USA Climbing Regional and National Championships.

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GENERAL DIXIE ROCK EVENT INFORMATION

Do's and Don'ts

1. Do not leave valuables unattended. Do not leave valuables visible in your automobile. Staff and volunteers cannot hold valuables for you.
2. A limited number of T-shirts will be on sale for \$10. Quantities are extremely limited. First come...
3. We encourage spectators to bring blankets or soft collapsible chairs.

VENUE

The wall height at the Chapel Hill Community Center varies from approximately 25 to 35 ft. high and is over 100 ft. wide. All routes are top roped. A traversing wall for warm-ups covers about 50 ft.

PARKING

Parking is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available at three locations: the Community Center, Plant Road, and University Mall. Think about carpooling if at all possible. **NOTE:** In previous years, the Plant Road parking lot at the rear of the Community Center was almost empty while the front of the Community Center was beyond capacity (MapQuest 200 Plant Road).

FORMAT

The contest is a low-key affair that is designed to be fun and to provide lots of climbing for all contestants. All routes are top-roped and volunteer belayers use gri-gris for additional safety.

COMPETITOR'S MEETING

A Dixie Rock-only competitor's meeting will take place at 6:15 p.m. on Friday night and 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. While we do not take attendance, all competitors are responsible for knowing the information presented at that meeting. Rules, regulations, changes in procedures, and questions will be addressed. All competitors must pick up their packets at one of the designated times in order to keep your space in the competition.

A USA Climbing competitor's meeting will take place on at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. While we do not take attendance, all competitors are responsible for knowing the information presented at that meeting. Rules, regulations, changes in procedures, and questions will be addressed. All competitors must pick up their packets at one of the designated times in order to keep your space in the competition.

DIXIE ROCK PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. Dixie-Rock-only competitors: There are a total of six routes that may be attempted. If you fail to climb any route before the 12:00 p.m. cut-off, you will not receive points for those climbs. However, the event judges reserve the right to extend the time past 12:00 on any route if 1) an unplanned disruption of the event takes place or 2) if during the contest, the route was constantly used without any substantial break in the action. Anyone tying in at 12:00 may complete his or her route. Those in line will not be allowed to climb unless the event judges have extended the time limit.
2. We will attempt to provide volunteer belayers. If we are unable to secure enough volunteer help we will require the competitors to belay each other. If this occurs, each climber will be belayed by the next climber in line. Gri-gris will be provided, and all belayers must clip themselves into the anchors provided. If you are uncomfortable belaying, please notify the line judge a little in advance so that another belayer can be found. Competitors under 18 will not be allowed to belay unless they have been checked out prior to the contest on Gri-gris.
3. Time will be at a premium if everyone is to complete all 6 routes. When it is your turn to climb, please tie in quickly and begin to climb without delay--inspect the route before roping up.
4. Wear your number on your back where the audience and the judges can see it.
5. The judge will check your harness and shoes. Climbers must use a UIAA- approved harness with leg loops. Climbers must tie in using a figure-8 knot only. Climbers must use shoes made primarily for rock climbing. Bare feet will not be allowed. Judges may disallow any harness or shoes they deem unsafe for the participant or that may damage the wall.
6. Once the line judge approves the harness, knots and shoes, you will have 3 minutes to climb the route.
7. The bottom section of most routes will be relatively easy. Once you leave the ground you may not step back down.
8. You are responsible for knowing the out-of-bounds for all routes. If you are not sure of the boundaries, ask the station judge. Out-of-bounds violations will be strictly enforced. Any out-of-bounds violation ends the route at the highest hold reached when the violation occurred. If you climb out-of-bounds, the judge will not inform you until you are back on the ground.
9. Grabbing the rope or weighting the rope is not permitted. The climb will end at the high point where the violation occurred.
10. Climbers may use chalk.

11. Climbers may not wear watches or jewelry, which may cause injury to the participant. Please remove all jewelry prior to the event.
12. Verbal assistance is permitted and encouraged during the preliminary round.
13. Use glued-on holds at your own risk. All routes can be done without the benefit of the glued-on holds. If a fall results from failure of a glued-on hold, the contestant may not restart. All subsequent contestants must climb without the benefit of the hold.
14. Contestants may try a route a second time if they fall due to the failure of a screw-on hold, e.g. a hold, which breaks or rotates. The line judge may grant permission to restart. If the line judge does not grant permission, a protest must be made within five minutes of the incident to the event judges.
15. You receive points based on the highest hold reached. You do not have to have a positive grip on the hold; a slap or touch is sufficient. However, if you lunge past several holds to reach a higher hold and miss, you do not get scored for the holds you passed, but only for the last hold you actually touched. Thus, it may be worth your while to slap the holds above you before dynoing blindly past them. These rules may be slightly modified for the finals.
16. The top of each climb will be a final jug hold. To get full score for a route, slapping the top hold is not enough. **You must grab the top hold and then firmly grasp it with both hands**. The route judge will inform you what constitutes the top. Don't celebrate or begin lowering until you have grabbed the top with both hands! Don't make the mistake of lunging past the final jug for the top of the wall.
17. When you are finished with a route, the station judge will place your number and score on a results sheet. **To protect yourself, please check the information to see that it has been recorded correctly.**
18. When you are finished, quickly exit the roped off area.
19. Scores will be posted about every 2 hours if possible. **Please do not harass the computer operators by asking to see your scores before they are posted.**
20. Do not argue with the station judges or with the computer operators. In the event of a protest please seek out one of the event judges. Except in the most extraordinary cases the decisions of the station judges will be final. Protests must be registered with the event judges **within five minutes** of the incident. The event organizers reserve the right to rule on all unanticipated issues or complications, as they deem fit. All decisions made by the event judges are absolutely final.
21. **JUNIOR RULES:** Kids may try each route twice if they don't flash on their first attempt.

DIVISIONS

JUNIOR, RECREATION, INTERMEDIATE, OR OPEN?

Recreation, Intermediate, and Open are open to all ages in either men's or women's categories. Your climbing skill is the sole determining factor for placement in a division. Please consider the following very carefully

1. The **Recreation** division is designed to cater to climbers who are new to the sport and to competitions. You should be registered in this division if your comfortable top-rope limit is up to 5.10a.
2. If you consistently flash routes above the 5.10a level, yet not above 5.11c, then the division you should be registered in is the **Intermediate** division.
3. The **Open** division is for all those climbers who feel that their skill level exceeds the Intermediate division (5.11d+).
4. The **Junior** division is for children age 5 -10, who do not want to enter the Recreation, Intermediate, or Open divisions.

Special Note for Recreation Division Climbers: Any Recreation level climber placing above the average score of the overall Intermediate division will automatically be bumped up into the Intermediate Division.

Special Note for Intermediate Division Climbers: If a climber in the Intermediate Division is performing at a level consistent with the Open Division we may bump the climber up into the Open Division. If that occurs we will allow the climber to climb the stand-alone route(s) reserved only for the Open Division in order to allow the climber to establish a score suitable for determining who goes to the finals.

Special Notes for Junior Division Climbers: You will not compete against other divisions. You will only compete against kids your own age and sex. The Junior Division will not have a finals.

Challenges: In the event that a person in either the Recreation or Intermediate division has his or her self-rating challenged by a fellow competitor, the judges may move that person up into the next highest division. In the event of a challenge, the judges may interview both the person challenging and the person being challenged to determine the appropriate division. At the conclusion of the preliminary round the person's score might be compared to the division as a whole to determine if the score was consistent with like competitors. Competitors will not be bumped up into the next category against their will, unless the three event judges vote unanimously to do so.

If you feel you are in the wrong division, please contact us as soon as possible to make any necessary change.

PRELIMINARY ROUND SCORING

1. The screw-on holds on any given route are numbered consecutively from floor to the final jug. A competitor is awarded a point value for the highest hold touched. The score for a route is calculated as follows: Score = high point divided by total number of holds on the route.
2. The top hold constitutes one full point, the equivalent of any other hold. To score a perfect 1.000, the contestant must firmly grasp the top hold of the route with **both hands**.
3. If the climber does not attempt a route, no points are awarded.
4. Total qualification score is the combined total for all 6 routes. A perfect score in the preliminaries would be a 6.000.

DIXIE ROCK FINALS

Finals will be held for all Divisions except Junior. Finalists will be determined in the following manner for both men and women:

1. The top 5 scorers in a Division during the Preliminary Round will be invited to the finals for that Division. In the event of a tie, the number of finalists may exceed five.
2. We sometimes modify the number of women finalists based on the number of women entered. If necessary, we will conference with the women as a group prior to and throughout the event.

All general rules and regulations applicable in the Preliminary Round will be in force during the Finals unless noted below. The rules and procedures for the Finals Round are as follows:

1. Isolation will be kept to a minimum. Finalists may sit in the audience, inspect their final route, and watch other Divisions complete until their group is placed in isolation.
2. Finalists may make drawings of the route or discuss the route, but may not touch the wall.
3. The finalists with the lowest preliminary scores will compete first. A thirty-second inspection will be allowed after which he/she must immediately tie in and begin climbing.
4. Each contestant will have five minutes to complete the route. The line judge will begin timing as the finalist leaves the ground.

5. Scoring will be modified in this manner during the finals:
 - a) Using a hold to progress to the next hold earns one point.
 - b) Maintaining control on a hold but unable to use it to progress earns .75 points.
 - c) Slapping or touching a hold earns .5 points.

6. In the event of a tie, competitors' preliminary scores will be added to their final scores to determine total highest score. In the event a tie still exists, a super final will be arranged. In the event of a tie during the super-final the judges reserve the right to hold an additional climb-off or to call a tie. In that event prizes will be distributed by chance (coin toss).

DID I MAKE THE FINALS?

We'll post the results ASAP in the gym. Call 919-809-4721 after 5:00 pm on Saturday April 25 if you think you might be in the finals.

Remember that USAC participants are eligible to compete in the Dixie Rock finals. If you qualify for the Dixie Rock finals, but don't intend to compete in the finals please let us know.

PRIZES

Prizes will be distributed starting at 7:00 pm Saturday night. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place male/female winners for all divisions. Senior and Junior awards will be distributed prior to the start of the finals so that younger/older competitors can leave if necessary.

Door Prizes will be distributed beginning at 7:00 p.m. You must be present to win.

Directions to the Chapel Hill Community Center 120 South Estes Drive (call 968-2790 if you get lost)

From the South and East

- ❖ Take **I-95** to Raleigh,
- ❖ Take **I-40 west** past Raleigh follow Chapel Hill / Durham signs.
- ❖ Take the **54 west** (exit 273) toward Chapel Hill
- ❖ Turn **Right** (up ramp, immediately before over pass and just past a shopping center and gas station) to **15-501 north**.
- ❖ Turn **Left** on **Estes Drive**, one mile at first light.
- ❖ Pass mall on the right and continue through next light.
- ❖ Turn **Left** into **Community Center Park** (across from Post Office, if you pass Pizza Hut you missed the turn)

From the West

- ❖ Take **I-40 east** to the first Chapel Hill exit (NC 86/Martin Luther King Jr. Road)
- ❖ Exit ramp and turn **Right** onto Airport Road. Drive past intersections with Weaver Dairy Road, Homestead Road, and Piney Mt. Road.
- ❖ Turn **Left** onto Estes Drive. Continue past 2 lights.
- ❖ Turn **Right** into **Community Center Park** (across from Post Office) just past the Pizza Hut

From the North

- ❖ Take **I-85 south** to Durham
- ❖ While in Durham, exit **Left** onto 15-501 South. Follow 15-501 south to Chapel Hill.
- ❖ About 1 mile past the I-40 intersection, 15-501 curves left. Get into the right lane and then go straight onto Franklin Street. Pass the Elliott Road intersection and then turn **Left** onto Estes Drive.
- ❖ Turn **Right** into **Community Center Park** (across from Post Office) just past the Pizza Hut

Please check out www.mapquest.com for more information and maps. MapQuest directions are for 120 South Estes Drive and 200 Plant Road Chapel Hill.