

**Attention East Tennessee  
ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE MANAGERS AND FACILITATORS-**

# Ropes Course Facilitator Certification Training



**Date:**

**Feb. 26 - Feb. 29, 2008 (Tuesday - Friday)**

Beginning 8:30 AM, 4-10 hour days, documented skills assessment, written exam

**Cost:**

**\$500 to \$550 Depending on Registration Date**

Save on travel and lodging expenses. Less than one-half the cost of sending staff to an out-of-town vendor. \$500 for early registration through Feb. 15th. \$550 thereafter.

**Host Location:**

**New Horizons and The Crittenton Center, West Knoxville**

**Information presented conforms with the Professional Ropes Course Association (PRCA) Standards of accepted practices, applicable standards and best practices.**

**Training Topics Will Include:**

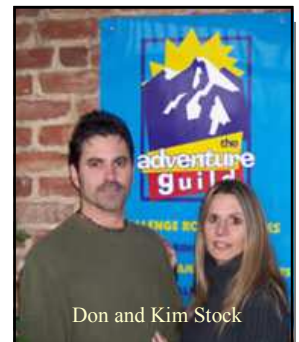
- ✓ **High & Low Ropes Course**
- ✓ **Elements, Selection, Sequencing**
- ✓ **Course Operation**
- ✓ **High Course Rescue Including Belay Escapes and Transfers**
- ✓ **Ropes, Harness, & Hardware Inspection**
- ✓ **Risk Management**
- ✓ **Self-belay and Other Methods of Course Access**



- ✓ **Knots**
- ✓ **Policy and Procedures**
- ✓ **"Live" Belay Practices**
- ✓ **Course Set-up and Take-down**
- ✓ **Belay Practice and "Check-off"**
- ✓ **Course Inspection Basics**
- ✓ **Question and Answer Time**
- ✓ **Skills Assessment Documentation**
- ✓ **Written Exam**

**Leading the Training will be Don Stock of *The Adventure Guild*, Chattanooga, TN.**

Professional staff training is one of the most important, yet overlooked aspects of ropes course and climbing tower usage. Many, many adventure facilities rely solely on internal training year after year, which can lead to the development of *bad habits, a slackening of diligence, and ultimately an unsafe operating environment.* Industry standards suggest that adventure providers utilize a third party for their training at least every other year. This refresher helps to sharpen your program and plug operational holes that increase the potential for an accident.



Don and Kim Stock

# ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT YOU ARE RUNNING A SAFE CHALLENGE COURSE PROGRAM?

*“Competent Staff Training and Diligent Course  
Maintenance is Your Best Defense Against  
Participant Injury”*

*“The staff of New Horizons are exceptionally well prepared, are creative in their approach to experiential adventure education and extremely safety conscious. There are several experiential adventure based programs in our immediate area and the only one that I can recommend with confidence is New Horizons. This group is very professional and the staff always maintain their skill level, knowledge, and concern for the participants on a 'first rate' basis. Their 'soft skills' and 'hard skills' are among the best in the business.”*

*Dr. Gene Hayes  
Recreation and Leisure Studies Program  
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville*



# New Horizons Center

## Workshop Registration Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web-site \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Name **Ropes Course Facilitator Skills Training- Feb. 26 - Feb. 29, 2008**

Participant Experience Level: (0-2 year) - (2-3 years) - (3-5 years) - (5-10 years) - (10 years+)

**Early Registration Tuition \$ 500**  
Before Feb. 15th, 2008

**Normal Registration \$ 550**  
After Feb. 15th, 2008

Daily lunch may be brought or purchased at The Crittenton Center at nominal cost.

### **Registrations May Be:**

- Faxed to 865-281-0970 or
- E-mailed to horizons05@comcast.net

### **Payments May Be Mailed to:**

**New Horizons**  
**4312 Aylesbury Drive**  
**Knoxville, TN 37918**

Please include either full tuition or a \$100 security deposit. Balance Due By Feb. 26th.

Workshop is rain or shine. Please bring appropriate clothing to be outdoors for most of the training sessions.

**Cancellation Policy:** Given the late nature of the training date, registrations are non-refundable

### **Questions May Be Addressed to:**

**Phillip Bateman**

**New Horizons**

**865-281-9870**

**www.experiencehorizons.com**

**info@experiencehorizons.com**