

General Information

The purpose of a ropes course is to provide experiential learning that will build teamwork, communication, leadership and problem solving skills. All elements and activities on the course are made available, but not required. A participant will be encouraged to take part in the activities, but will never be forced to attempt an element. All participants will have opportunities to serve with their team, whether by direct involvement or by supporting others. No one will be expected to attempt anything that makes him or her unduly anxious or uncomfortable.

All course sessions are led by trained facilitators who have the participants' safety as their ultimate goal. Two facilitators are required on the course at all times. The course itself is thoroughly inspected and approved annually. Facilitators additionally perform a close monthly inspection of all equipment and elements. A site inspection is also required before every use of the course.

The course is available to be rented by community organizations or other interested groups. For information about the Challenge Course, contact Course Director Jimmy Ford, at 512-753-8024 or by e-mail at fordj@smba.org.

LTC James D. Rogers

The Challenge Course is named in memory of LTC James D. Rogers, who served as Senior Army Instructor and later Commandant of the Corps of Cadets at San Marcos Academy from the fall of 1976 to 1992. After that time, LTC Rogers continued to teach and hold other administrative positions at the Academy until 2002, when he accepted a position at Gary Job Corps.



LTC Rogers passed away March 4, 2009. He was a veteran of 23 years in the U.S. Army, serving in both Korea and Vietnam and receiving the second highest commendation for bravery, the Distinguished Service Cross. Inducted into the Army's Ranger Hall of Fame in 2002, he was also named a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas State University in 2003.

LTC James D. Rogers Challenge Course at San Marcos Academy



**Build relationships . . . build
leadership skills . . . build
your team!**



2801 Ranch Road 12
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Course Fees

Full Day--6 Hours

(Per person Prices)*

Ages 7-17	\$15.00 Non-Profits
	\$20.00 For Profits
Ages 18-65	\$35.00 Non-Profits
	\$40.00 For Profits
Ages 65+	\$20.00 Non-Profits
	\$25.00 For Profits

Half Day--3 Hours

(Per person Prices)*

Ages 7-17	\$10.00 Non-Profits
	\$15.00 For Profits
Ages 18-65	\$25.00 Non-Profits
	\$35.00 For Profits
Ages 65+	\$13.00 Non-Profits
	\$18.00 For Profits

About the course . . .

- » 21 high and low elements
- » Heights as high as 50 feet
- » Activities include warm-ups, discussion & debriefing, group initiatives (physical and cognitive), and high and low challenges
- » Ropes course participation can improve self-confidence, develop leadership, and foster team-building
- » Half-day or Full-day programs can be tailored to fit the needs of your group
- » Group sizes can range from 5 to 40



All participants are required to sign a release form before participating in Challenge Course Activities.

**Additional: Two facilitators are required to be on the course at all times. Facilitator rates are \$30 per half day per facilitator.*