

# Shekinah Retreat Centre

## Policies: Climbing Wall and Zip Line

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### NEW AUGUST 2014: Newly Constructed Climbing Wall and Zip Line

- Constructed by:** The Canadian Ropes Course Company, Inc.  
1800 Balfour St. Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0  
Staff Person: Peter Bailey
- Qualifications:** “Since 1988 we have built and maintained >75 ropes courses, climbing walls, and zip lines across Canada. We build, train, and inspect to current ACCT (Association for Challenge Course Technology) and TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) standards and have regular 3<sup>rd</sup> party peer reviews.”
- Inspections:** The climbing wall and zip line will be inspected yearly by “The Canadian Ropes Course Company, Inc.” staff, following this first year build.
- Training:** All staff who will be running and facilitating these activities (for school groups, rental groups and summer camp) will undergo a mandatory one day (8 hours) of training on these two activities/elements. Recertification and training for new staff will occur on a yearly basis. This training is implemented by The Canadian Ropes Course Company, Inc. at Shekinah Retreat Centre. If an individual does not have this training, they will not be allowed to run the activity (even if they have lead the activity in the past or have had experience at climbing walls or zip lines at other locations). This training is site-specific to the climbing wall and the zip line at Shekinah Retreat Centre as built by The Canadian Ropes Course Company Inc.
- Implications:** Due to these new policies for the climbing wall and the zip line, there could be implications to your event/retreat programming schedules here at Shekinah:
1. Depending on the amount of time your group has, the size of your group and your budget, you may have to choose to do EITHER the climbing wall OR the zip line.
  2. This might also mean that you will only be able to use one run of the zip line because a trained staff must be doing the hooking up (pulley to harness and pulley to cable).
- Suggestions:** We understand that this change in policy might be inconvenient for you and your programs, especially if you have been coming to Shekinah for many years and are used to things being a certain way. This rebuild and upgrade was completed to further ensure the safety of all those running and participating in these perceived risk activities in the many years to come. These policies are important to you and your group, and to Shekinah. Here are some things you could do to help you take another look at your schedule:
1. **If you would like to offer the climbing wall and flying fox simultaneously (or just do the zip line and have both runs open)** you would need to request two programmers at least 2 weeks prior to your booking for your program times. We will do our best to accommodate your request and will let you know ASAP if we are able to find the number of programmers you would like for your schedule. Depending on the size of your group that wants to participate in these activities, you could also choose to do these activities one after the other, instead of simultaneously. The cost of one programmer/hour of programming is \$50 for the remainder of the 2014 year. Please refer to the 2015 Rate Schedule for the programming rate for 2015.