



Georgetown Challenge Course

Thank you for inquiring about the City of Georgetown's Challenge Course program. As a Parks and Recreation program our primary focus is on citizens of the Georgetown community, though we also design and facilitate programs for non-resident groups. Our program includes group games and initiatives and a low and high Challenge Course. The experiential learning program is an excellent addition to traditional management training, teambuilding and staff development programs.

The Georgetown Challenge facilities are located along the natural park setting of the North San Gabriel River, just four miles northwest of Georgetown's historic district. Our low and high Challenge Course presents challenging tasks that help groups focus on their communication, trust, cooperation and fun. By involving individuals in complex tasks that require group cooperation, our program stimulates attention to the group process while spending time reflecting on the experience. This format allows participants to examine teamwork, communication, problem-solving skills, leadership styles, trust and cooperation issues among group members. This experiential approach to training and development provides quick learning, increased group cohesion and improved communication among participants. While we encourage participants to push their perceived limits, our "challenge of choice" philosophy allows each participant to determine his/her own comfort zone and participation level. Benefits include enhanced group support, trust between group members and having fun, all in an outdoor setting.

The programs we offer are a four hour low ropes (on or near the ground) or a six hour high ropes (20'-35' above the ground) with Challenges that may include games, group initiatives, and our low and high challenges. The six hour program adds high ropes to our four hour program. We highly recommend the six hour program – with more time, we feel more positive results are possible. We do not offer high only challenges, so groups need to participate in the low ropes challenge before moving onto the highs. We encourage a preliminary visit to Georgetown Challenge to see our facilities, discuss your group's goals and to schedule a course suited to your needs. A minimum of ten participants are required for programming.

To continue the process of scheduling your course, please fill out a [Georgetown Challenge Request Form](#) in order to schedule a date for your group.

We invite you to **"Take the Georgetown Challenge"** and reap the benefits for your group. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at the Georgetown Challenge office @ 512-931-2644.

Sincerely,

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Georgetown Challenge Program: *General Information*

Participation Benefits May Include:

- Group cooperation
- Decision-making skills
- Self-confidence
- Group cohesion
- Risk-taking
- Trust

You May Experience:

- Increased awareness of self-esteem
- Group support
- Insight into personal strengths and limitations
- Leadership skills
- Building trust
- More effective group communication
- Fun!

Potential User Groups

The following groups have already participated in the Georgetown Challenge Program:

- Small Businesses
- Faculty/Staff Development
- High School Athletics
- Church Youth Groups
- College Athletics
- Military Groups
- Civic Organizations
- School Groups
- Corporate Groups

Group Size

The **minimum group size** for our programs is 10 participants. Ideally, we look at one staff member for every twelve to fifteen participants. Groups of 16 and larger are usually divided, to best accommodate everyone.

Scheduling

The Georgetown Challenge program **must be requested** at least 3 weeks before the requested course date. Programs range from four hours to eight hours long and vary with each group depending upon individual and group goals. Courses are available throughout the year, during daylight hours. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable reservation fee, plus participant rates.

Safety

Safety is the primary concern for all participants and voluntary participation is emphasized. No special physical strength or conditioning is necessary to participate; however individuals with high medical risks may choose to skip some activities. Staff will give special attention to warming-up, spotting and safety procedures and attention to safety is required of all participants. Prior to participation, **each participant must complete** our Voluntary Release, Medical Release/Permission, Photo release, Site Confidentiality, Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Risks Indemnification Agreement. Individuals under age 18 must also have their parent/guardian sign this form. Minimum Challenge Course participation age is 10. Staff reserves the right to deny access based on safety concerns.

Fees

There is a \$50.00 non-refundable reservation fee, plus participant rates.
The following fees are **per person** & require at least 10 participants.

<i>Resident of Georgetown</i>	Low Challenge (4-hrs)	Low/High Challenge (6-hrs)
<i>Business Group (for profit)</i>	\$35/person	\$45/person
<i>Non-Profit Agency</i>	\$25/person	\$35/person
<i>Non-Resident of Georgetown</i>	Low Challenge (4-hrs)	Low/High Challenge (6-hrs)
<i>Business Group (for profit)</i>	\$45/person	\$55/person
<i>Non-Profit Agency</i>	\$35/person	\$45/person

We are looking forward to working with you. To begin this process, the [Georgetown Challenge Request Form](#) must be completed and turned in to the Georgetown Challenge Office, to see if your requested date is available. After confirming your group on our calendar, we will then begin to coordinate and staff your program. The Request Form must be completed at least **three weeks** prior to the date of the course to ensure adequate staffing and preparation.

Billing Information

(Please keep for your own information)

- At least three weeks prior to your program you **must declare** the number of participants who will be in attendance. This declaration of attendance is necessary to schedule staff and program the day's events.
- A \$50.00 non-refundable reservation fee is required to secure the approved requested date.
- Fees are **due two weeks before** the program, unless the program coordinator has made other arrangements with your group.
- Payments are to be received at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building. Please make checks out to "City of Georgetown".