

TEXAS TEAM SKILLS RESCUE WORKSHOP

May 28—June 3, 2026 VENUE INFO

A 7 day Industrial/Wilderness-based Rescue Workshop



Palo Duro Canyon State Park



Palo Duro Canyon State Park rescue training

A SERIOUS 7 DAY TEAM SKILLS OPEN ENROLLMENT ROPE RESCUE WORKSHOP

Learn the "Why" behind your Rigging

Industrial and wilderness venues (May 28—June 3, 2026 Thursday through Wednesday). [Palo Duro Canyon State Park](#) Texas
RTR Instructors: [Reed Thorne](#) and/or [Keith Thorne](#)

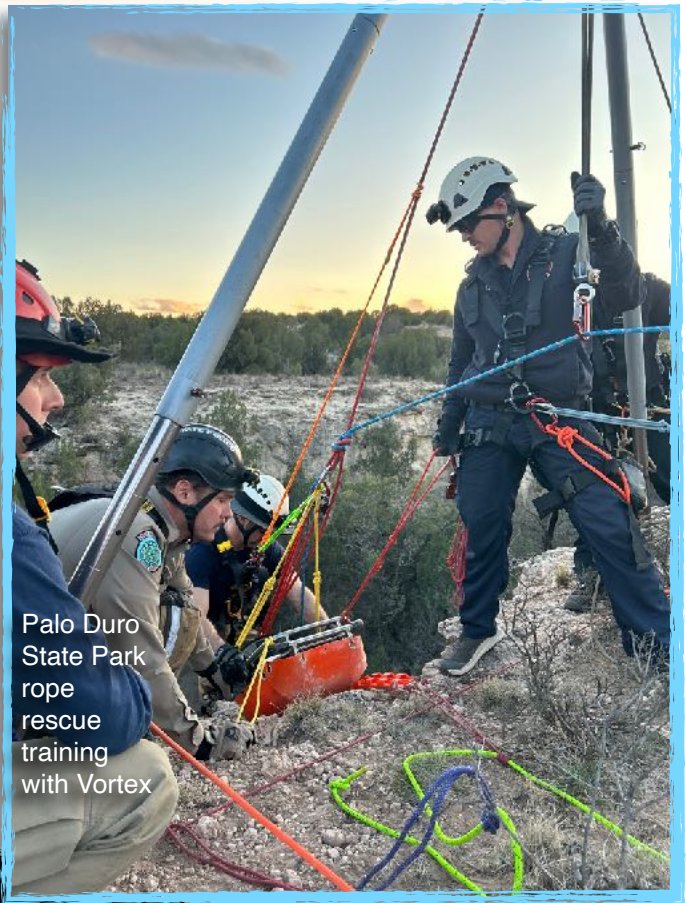
Cost: TSRW - 7 day \$1,250

Randall County is proud and honored to host its very first Ropes That Rescue TSRW, bringing one of the most respected rope rescue training

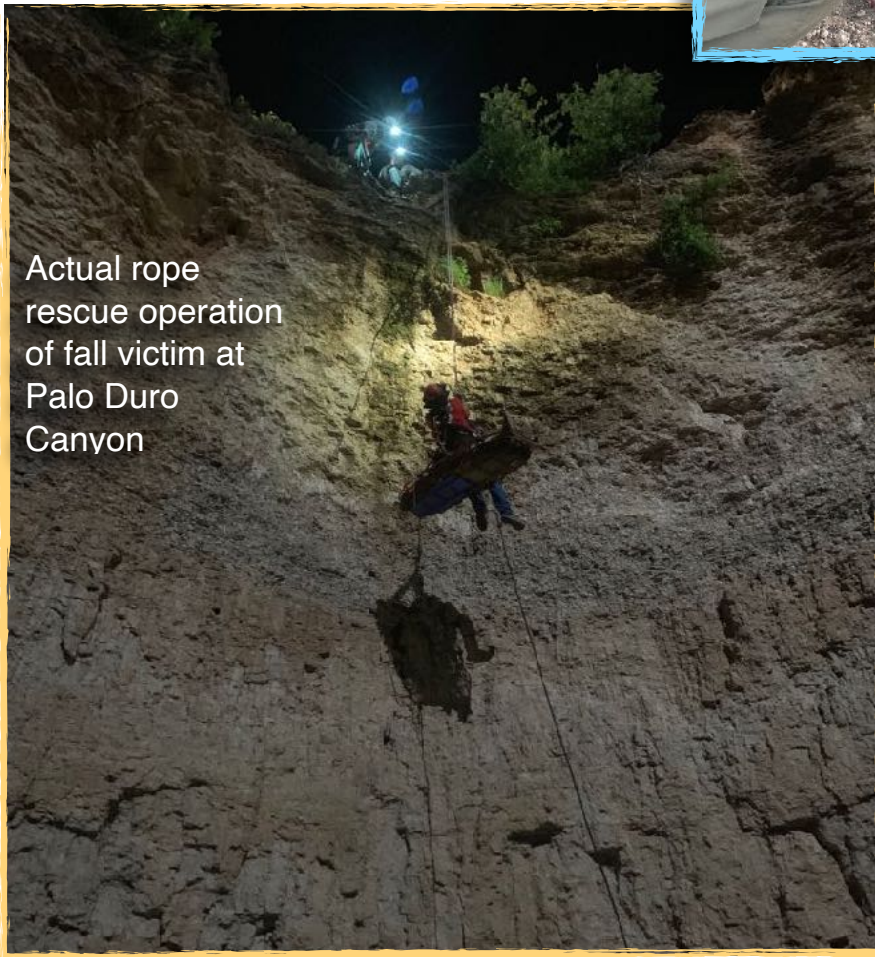
programs in the world to our area. This course represents a unique opportunity for rescue professionals to receive hands-on instruction in advanced techniques from highly experienced instructors in a setting that challenges both skill and mindset. Hosting Ropes That Rescue TSRW reflects Randall County's commitment to advancing technical rescue capabilities and supporting the continued development of responders who are called upon in some of the most difficult and dangerous situations.

ABOUT THE PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK VENUE -

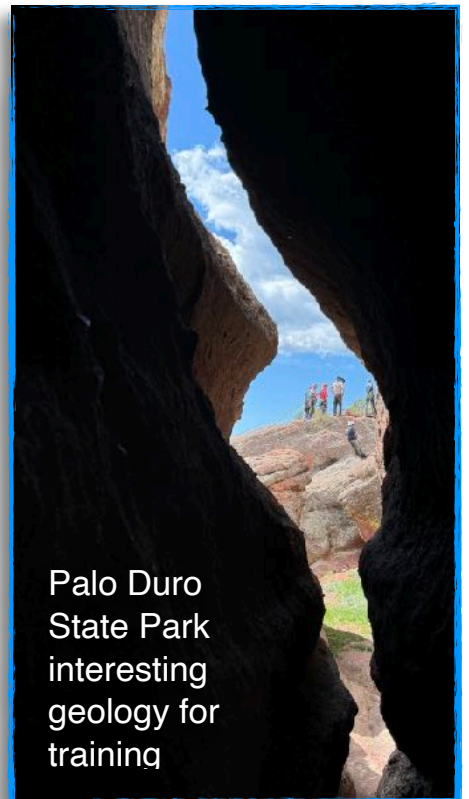
Palo Duro Canyon, often called the "Grand Canyon of Texas," provides a dramatic and rugged setting for rope rescue training. Spanning over 120 miles in length and reaching depths of nearly 800 feet, the canyon offers immense vertical relief and a wide variety of technical features. Its layered red rock walls, steep cliffs, and jagged outcroppings create a natural training ground where teams can practice high-angle rescues in a realistic environment. The sheer scale of the canyon delivers both the challenge of vertical exposure and the opportunity to build confidence in team skills.



Palo Duro State Park rope rescue training with Vortex



Actual rope rescue operation of fall victim at Palo Duro Canyon



Palo Duro State Park interesting geology for training



Training in Palo Duro Canyon State Park

WHAT IS COVERED -

The [Team Skills Rescue Workshop](#) in Texas will cover both industrial and wilderness rigging for rescue:

- Safety factors / Safety margins
- Strong emphasis on team-oriented skills
- Knotcraft (knots, bends and hitches)
- Intermediate pulley systems (simple through complex)
- Physics of rope rescue
- Two tensioned rope systems analysis
- Artificial high directions: (AZ Vortex)
 - Gin pole monopods
 - A frames
 - Sideways A frames
 - Easel A frames
- Directionals and anchor angle force calculations
- Batwing compound pulley systems-AZ Progression
- Complete AZTEK kit orientation for team operations:
 - Single and double part hasty rappels
 - Belays and self belays
 - Dynamic fixed brakes
 - Dynamic directionals
 - Personal travel restrict and fall protection

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- Mid face attendant-based and team-based litter scoops
- Team-based pick offs
- Belays, self belays, conditional belays and conditional self belays
- Sound anchoring principles: intermediate through advanced system anchors
- Focused and focused-floating anchors using opposition anchors
- Patient tie in techniques
- Hot and cold changeovers
- Non-highline solutions to rescue scenarios
- Offsets for the high angle evacuation:
 - Tag and guiding line offsets
 - Deflected offsets
 - Tracking line offsets
 - Skate block offsets
 - Two rope offsets

**PREPARATION FOR THIS WORKSHOP:
PLEASE BE READY & DO THIS!**

Knots, bends and hitches are an integral part of every RTR program. Pure and simple—You simply cannot be a good rigger without knowing extensive knotcraft. To assist you in the mastery of these knots PRIOR to class we have assembled videos of Reed tying each one on camera with the help of Sequoia, the green-cheek conure. Once you have registered for a program, you are invited to join our closed Facebook Page called "[Arizona ART of Clean Rigging](#)" for access to these videos. Look under "Media" and open the link to these videos under "Albums". Look for album "KNOTCRAFT with Reed and Sequoia". On this page (only open to past RTR alumni and current students) you will be able to watch all the knotcraft being performed clearly. This will speed up the learning process during the classroom portion which will allow us to get to the field earlier which is a good thing. "Hands on" is where it is at.

REQUIRED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT -

The [Required Equipment List](#) is found [HERE](#) and each student should come to class with this as a minimum. If you need help obtaining any of this mandatory gear call, or write to [Dale Stewart](#) (602) 944-7723 for any equipment needs with a discount for RTR. Be sure to mention the workshop.

Please plan on staying through the evening of the last day of the program as we do not get out early! You will receive a certificate of completion if you complete all seven days of the training. NOTE: Some days run long at 10 hours or more.

IMPORTANT: The final day of all RTR programs is Hawaiian Shirt Day. Please bring a bodacious Hawaiian shirt for the final class photo! It is a silly but meaningful tradition that we try and perpetuate in all of our workshops around the world.

LUNCH, WATER AND SNACKS -

Students are responsible for their own meals and lunches. Host will supply light snacks, fruit and water. Suggest bringing extra water on your own.

RANDALL COUNTY FIRE/RTR LIAISON -

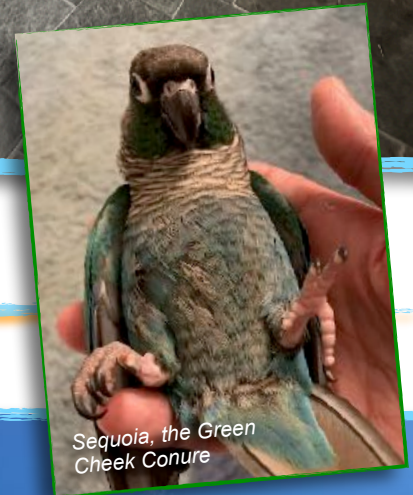
The Randall County Fire/Ropes That Rescue liaison is Joshua Craft: josh.craft@randallcounty.gov
Cell phone during regular business hours: (806) 340-9740

REGISTRATION IS THROUGH RANDALL COUNTY LIAISON - DO NOT REGISTER THROUGH RTR!

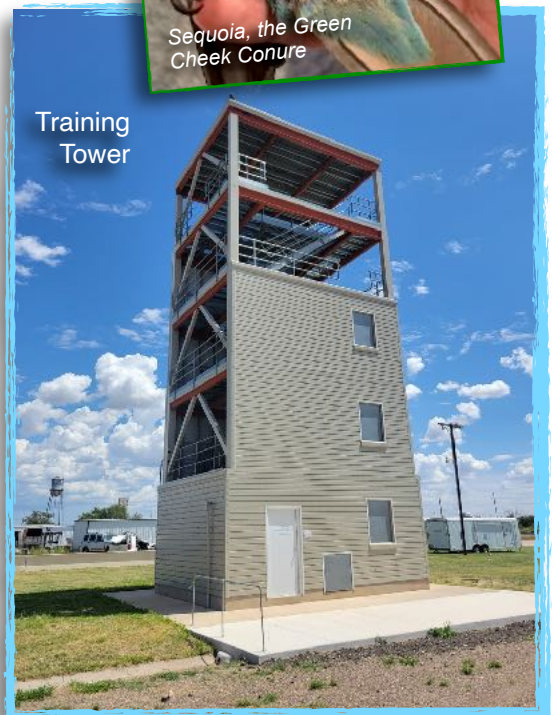
Fill out & sign the [3 page RTR Application](#) and return to josh.craft@randallcounty.gov. Do not register with RTR! A 50% deposit is normally required to register. Balance of full tuition is due 30 days before start of class. Please note the CANCELLATION POLICY ON THE [APPLICATION](#). [Page 2](#).



Meeting location
at Palo Duro



Sequoia, the Green
Cheek Conure



Training
Tower