

I was really looking forward to rock climbing outdoors after being a prolific gym climber in high school. At that time, climbing was meditative for me. I was at the wall twice a week and I learned more about life through climbing than I did about climbing. I really loved it and I was expecting to love this course just as much. For some reason, it just didn't click for me the same way gym climbing had. An important part of learning includes discovering things I dislike and don't want, as much as it is acquiring and developing skills that I need for my current passions and interests. There is a **lot** that goes into climbing outdoors; a *lot*. I love all of those systems: knots and tools and ropes and redundancies... I knew from that experience that I would probably enjoy rescue so I signed up for Swiftwater Rescue and Lake County Search and Rescue, two things I definitely love.