

Southeastern Climbers Coalition Anchor Maintenance Fund Policy

The SCC supplies bolts and anchors to be distributed at no cost to SCC members to maintain *established* climbing routes in the Southeast. Guiding policies to implement the distribution of bolts and anchors are as follows:

- 1) The SCC's anchor maintenance fund supports the re-bolting of established routes on lands that are open to all climbers. The SCC supplies the hardware; it does not provide money to climbers.
- 2) The anchor fund does not support the bolting of new routes or the retro-bolting of existing routes.
- 3) SCC supplied hardware is not to be used at crags with limited access, for example, a privately owned crag that requires permission to climb.
- 4) SCC supplied hardware to be used at a non-SCC owned crag requires permission from the land-owner, *in writing*.
- 5) SCC supplied hardware to be used at an SCC owned crag requires permission from that crag's Climbing Area Representative, *in writing*. If the crag does not have a Climbing Area Representative, then the crag's SCC Land Trust Property Manager should be contacted.
- 6) Once permission is obtained by the SCC member from the landowner or Climbing Area Representative, the re-bolting must be approved by the SCC's appointed Anchor Fund Representative (go to seclimbers.org climbing area page for the contact information). All SCC hardware distributed will be numbered and individual routes will be assigned to each piece of hardware. SCC hardware may only be used as designated by SCC's Anchor Maintenance Fund Representative. After installation the Anchor Fund Representative may require evidence of proper use and installation of the hardware.
- 7) Any SCC hardware not used for the designated and approved re-bolting must be promptly returned.
- 8) The development of new routes is outside the mission of the SCC. The development of new routes is not to be conducted in conjunction with any SCC sponsored event. Belay/rappel anchors may be installed at the top of established routes subject to the approval process

outlined above, and the replacement of rusty or suspect bolts is allowed in conjunction with an SCC trail day or event.