The Foothills Branch Climbing Program seeks to develop climbers and community on the Eastside. The goals of the program are:

Quality - develop a Continuous Quality Program that provides feedback to students and instructors on a regular basis and integrates continuing education into all levels of climbing.

Technical - teach sufficient skills that climbers of all levels are competent, capable, and comfortable traveling safely in off-trail and technical terrain

Scheduling - implement a program that spans fewer months while maintaining the desired quality, technical, and expectations of the members.

Expectations - provide clear expectations to students, instructors, and leaders regarding timeliness, education, and instruction.

Instruction - implement active learning by minimizing lectures, focusing on hands on time, ensuring instructors are prepared before instruction, and ensuring students know in advance what skills will be tested when. Implement a teaching methodology that teaches to the Mountaineers Standard (or higher).

Retention - drive retention of volunteers through community building and incentives.

Leadership - Develop a mentor program to develop Instructors, Field Trip Leaders, Course Leaders, and Climb Leaders of all levels.

Community - build camaraderie through social events that are committee or student led.