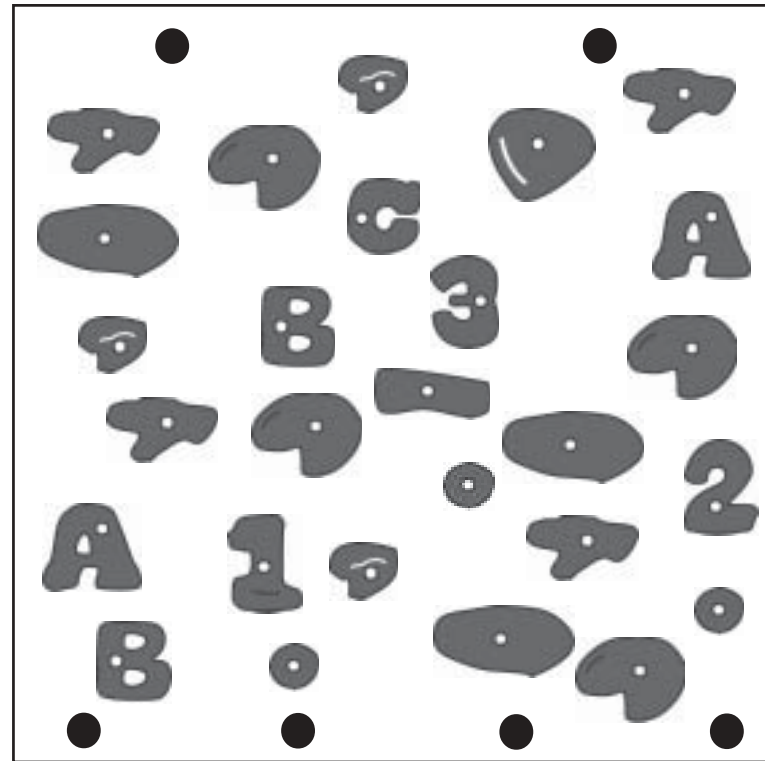


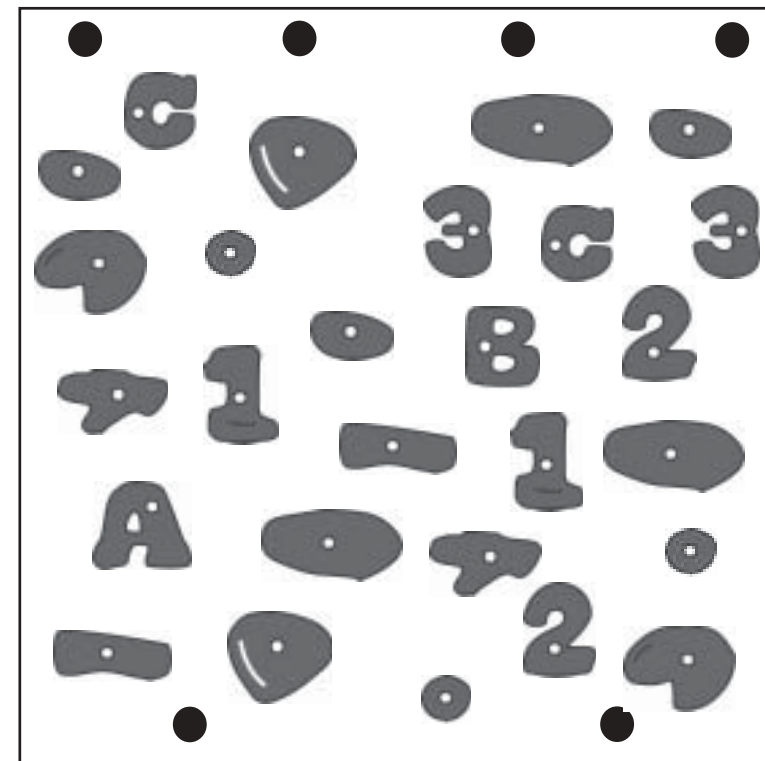
Illustration 2



Top

Top Panel

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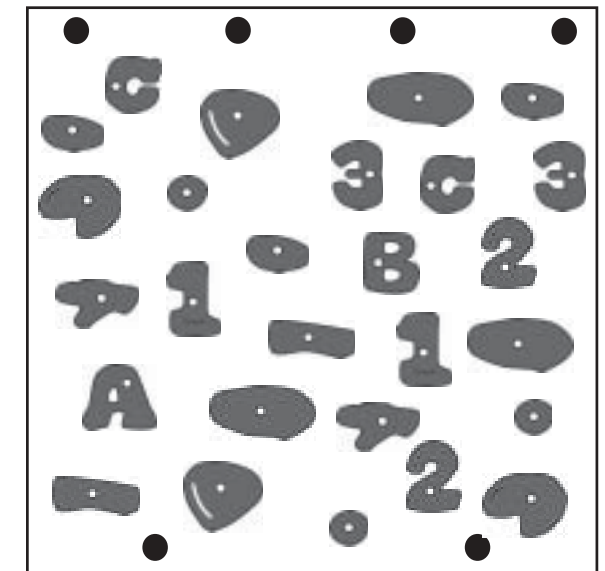
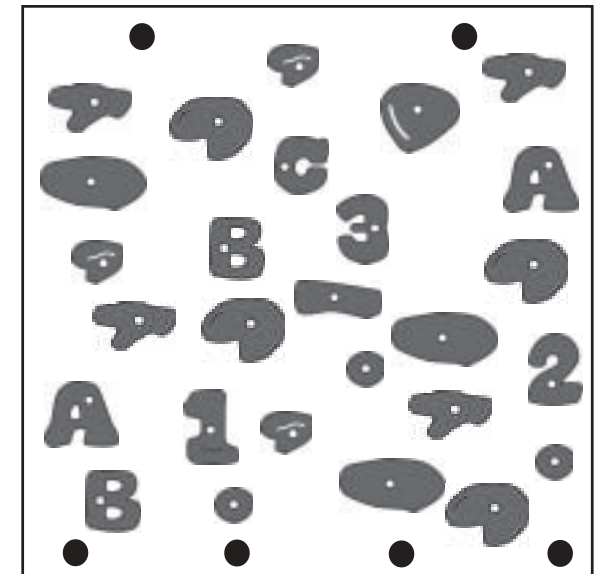
Assembly Instructions and Owner's Manual

NOTE TO INSTALLERS:
This manual, and the hex key wrenches provided, must be left with the homeowner after the play system has been assembled and installed.

SUMMIT® ALPINE CLIMBER

Congratulations and thank you for purchasing a fine ChildLife® brand play system!

- 1) This product is for residential use only. It is not intended for use in places of public assembly such as schools, nurseries, day-care centers, and parks.
- 2) Please read this instruction manual completely before starting assembly.
- 3) DO NOT allow any use of the equipment until it been completely assembled and installed in accordance with these instructions. Serious injury could result.
- 4) Please keep a copy of your order and our catalog with this manual for future reference in ordering replacement parts.
- 5) For use by children ages 5 through 12 years under competent adult supervision at all times.



Please Note:

This product is an Add-on to your Summit Play System. Your Summit First and Attaching Tower(s) (if applicable) are NOT complete and NOT safe for use until all the Summit Add-ons you have purchased have been correctly assembled and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If you ever have any questions about the correct and safe installation of ANY ChildLife product, please telephone us toll-free at (800) GO-SWING, which is (800) 467-9464.

These assembly instructions are to be used in conjunction with the Summit First and Attaching Towers Assembly Instructions and Owner's Manual.

Please be sure you read and understand our recommendations for safe installation sites and safety during installation, as well as the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission's recommendations concerning the depth of various resilient surfacing materials. If you do not have these Assembly Instructions, which contain this important information, contact ChildLife at (800) 467-9464 to obtain a free replacement copy.

Take the time NOW to refer to the Summit First and Attaching Tower Assembly Instructions and Owner's Manual for very important information you need to know:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUMMIT PLAY SYSTEM

PREPARE FOR THE INSTALLATION

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DISPOSAL OF THE EQUIPMENT

STEP 19. CHECK THE SUMMIT ALPINE CLIMBER BEFORE INITIAL USE AND MAINTAIN THE SUMMIT ALPINE CLIMBER THEREAFTER

DO NOT allow children to play on the equipment until it has been completely installed, inspected, and tested as indicated below. Serious injury could result.

A) Mountain Climbing Holds—Follow tightening recommendations in Step 32 of your Summit First Tower Assembly Instructions. Make sure the Mountain Climbing Holds are at all times securely tightened against the Panels as instructed above. Clean the Mountain Climbing Holds regularly with a stiff brush and water. This will prevent the Holds from becoming slippery due to dirt, grass, and other elements which may, over time and through use, become embedded in the grainy texture of the Holds.

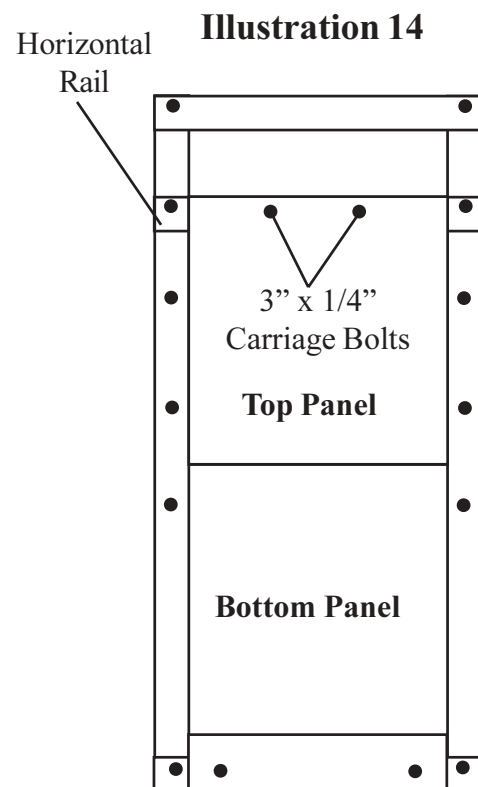
B) Climbing Rope—Go back and make sure you have tied a large knot(s) in the ends of the Climbing Rope to prevent it from pulling out at either end. Make sure the Climbing Rope is very tight, and lies flat against the Panels. Check the Climbing Rope at the beginning of the usage season (this is important) and twice monthly during the usage season. Make sure it is tight and the knot(s) are large enough to prevent it from pulling out.

C) Refinishing—Sun and moisture are the enemies of all wood, paint, and stain in the outdoors. We use the best available paints and finishes to ensure the Alpine Climber a long life with minimal maintenance. If some touch up is required, prepare the area thoroughly and paint with a high quality non-toxic exterior coating.

STEP 20. ASSEMBLE AND INSTALL ALL OTHER SUMMIT ADD-ONS

Please remember that your Summit play system is NOT ready to play on until all sides of the Towers have been completed with Add-ons.

When one Add-on has been correctly assembled and installed at each opening in each Tower, return to Step 32 of your Summit First Tower Assembly Instructions. Complete Step 32 and all additional steps as instructed.



STEP 15. FASTEN THE TOP PANEL AT THE TOP (SEE ILLUSTRATION 14)

Use a stepladder to fasten the top of the Top Panel. For important information about stepladder safety, see your Summit First Tower Assembly Manual.

Use two 3" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts.

NOTE: The bolts travel first through the Top Panel, then through the Horizontal Rail, and finally through the bottom of the Balusters at Holes #2 and #6 which you left open in Step #12.

Fasten all hardware securely.

STEP 16. FASTEN PANEL SUPPORT RAIL TO UPRIGHTS

Note the Panel Support which you fastened to the back of the Top Panel in Step 13. Fasten the Panel Support Rail to the Uprights with two 2-1/2" x 1/4" Lag Screws and 1/4" Washers. Use a 7/16" Socket wrench, as the hole are counter-sunk to eliminate protruding hardware.

STEP 17. INSTALL TOP OF CLIMBING ROPE

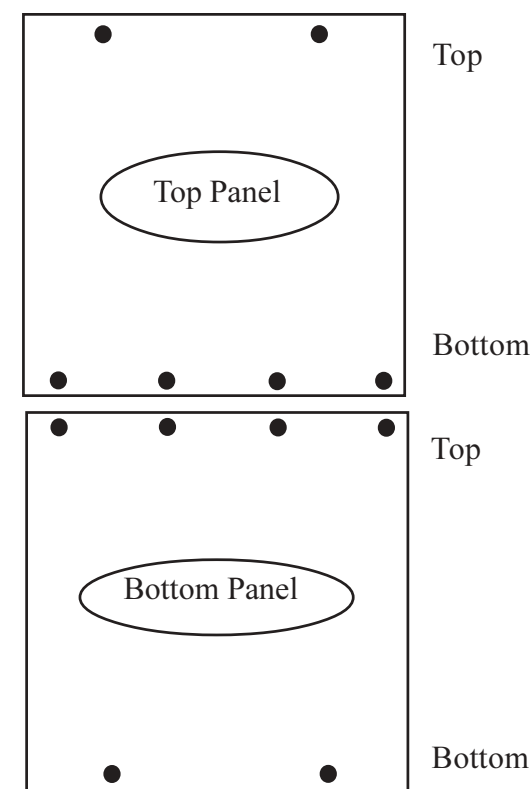
Install the top of the Mountain Climbing Rope by inserting one end through the 5/8" hole in the "Safety Baluster for Rope" you installed in Step 10. Tie two tightly knotted overhand knots in the end of the Climbing Rope, leaving about 5 (five) inches at the end.

STEP 18. INSTALL BOTTOM OF CLIMBING ROPE

Install the bottom of the Mountain Climbing Rope by inserting the bottom end through the 5/8" hole in the center of the 2x6 Base Piece. From the other side, pull the Climbing Rope as tight as possible, and tie several overhand knots to prevent it from being pulled back out through the hole.

The Climbing Rope should be tight against the Summit Alpine Climber, so that the children can use it if necessary, but disregard it as their skills develop.

Illustration 1.



STEP 1. INVENTORY YOUR BOXES

The Summit Alpine Climber is shipped in two boxes marked #S23 and #S24.

STEP 2. LOCATE AND ORIENT PANELS (SEE ILLUSTRATION 1)

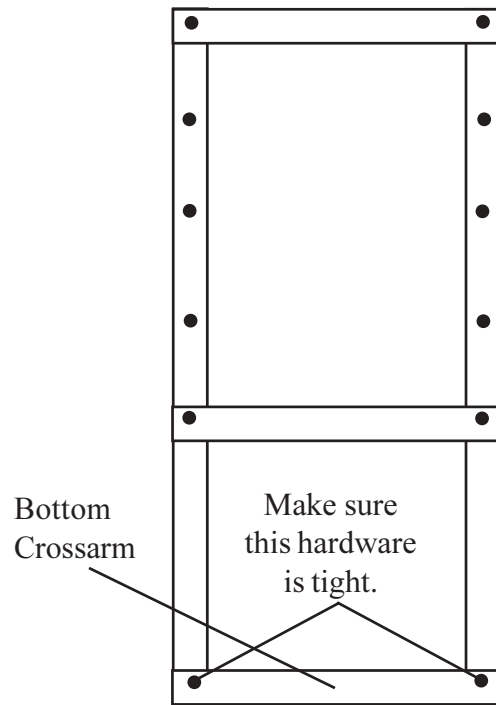
Open both boxes. Locate the two identical panels. Although they are identical, they **must** be oriented as shown in Illustration 1. Observe the pattern of the pre-drilled holes at the top and bottom of the panels, and orient them accordingly.

STEP 3. FASTEN MOUNTAIN CLIMBING HOLDS (SEE ILLUSTRATION 2 ON PAGE 12)

Open Box #S23 and locate the Mountain Climbing Holds and the bag of silver colored hardware. Carefully follow the pattern shown in Illustration 2 on page 12 to bolt the Holds to the Panels. Use the silver 1" x 7/16" Hex Head Bolts, silver 7/16" Safety Nuts, and the 5/16" Hex Key Wrench found in the hardware bag. Before bolting, hammer the Safety Nuts into the back of the Panels so the Safety Nuts' "teeth" sink part way in. As you tighten the bolts, the "teeth" will sink the rest of the way into the back of the Panels.

Orient the Holds as shown in Illustration 2 on page 12. Position them so as to maximize the ease with which children can grasp and grip them. However, do not orient a Hold so that rainwater can collect in a "valley" behind the top of the Hold.

Illustration 3



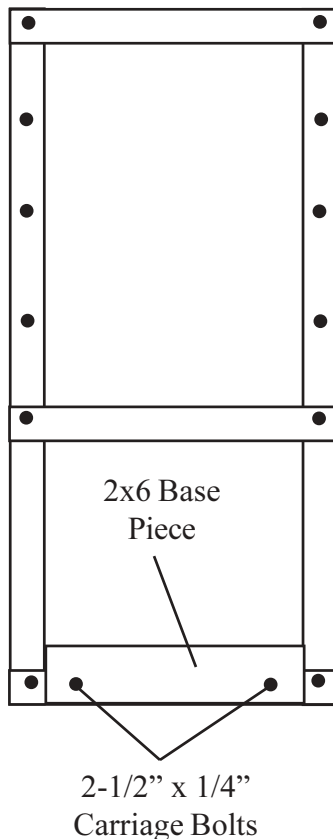
Information regarding periodic cleaning and tightening of the Holds is contained in Step 19.

STEP 4. FASTEN BASE PIECE (SEE ILLUSTRATIONS 3 AND 4)

See **Illustration 3**. Face the side of the Summit to which you will fasten the Alpine Climber. Ensure that the hardware fastening the brown Bottom Crossarm to the bottom of the green Uprights is tightened securely.

See **Illustration 4**. Fasten the 2x6 Base Piece found in Box #S23 to the brown Bottom Crossarm at the bottom of the Tower. The bottom of the 2x6 Base Piece **must** be flush with the bottom of the brown Bottom Crossarm.

Illustration 4



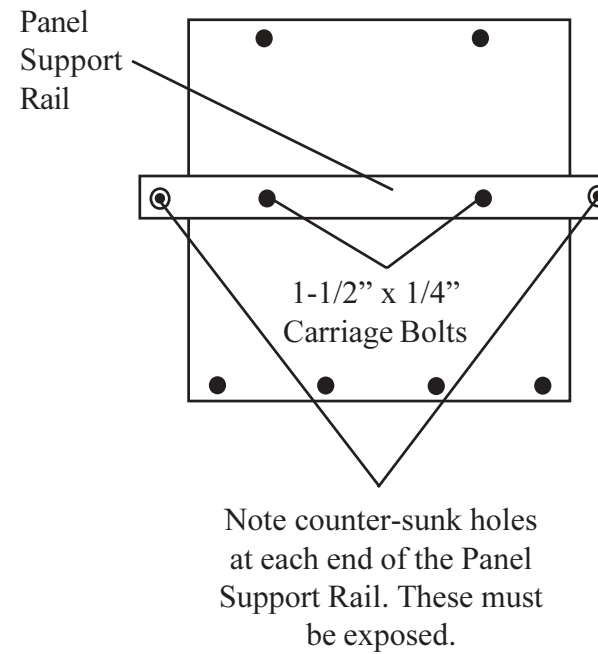
Use the pre-drilled holes in the 2x6 Base Piece and the corresponding pre-drilled holes in the Bottom Crossarm. Use two 2-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts. **Fasten securely.**

STEP 5. FASTEN BOTTOM SUPPORT RAIL TO BOTTOM PANEL (SEE ILLUSTRATION 5)

Fasten an Alpine Climber Panel Support Rail (one of three identical) to the bottom of the back of the Bottom Panel with two 1-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts. The bottom of the Rail **MUST** be flush with the bottom of the Panel, and the counter-sunk holes must be exposed.

Use the pre-drilled holes in both Panel and Support Rail. The bolts go through the Panel, then into the Rail.

Illustration 12
View of BACK of Top Panel



STEP 13. FASTEN PANEL SUPPORT RAIL (SEE ILLUSTRATION 12)

Fasten the last of the three identical Panel Support Rails to the back of the Top Panel using the pre-drilled holes 24" up from the bottom of the Panel.

Use two 1-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts. The bolts go through the Panel, then into the Rail. **Fasten securely.**

STEP 14. INSTALL THE TOP PANEL AND BOLT IT AT THE BOTTOM (SEE ILLUSTRATION 13)

Lift the Top Panel into position so it is resting on the top edge of the Bottom Panel.

Bolt the bottom of the Top Panel to the Panel Mid-Rail (installed in Step 7) using four 1-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts. Fasten securely.

NOTE: Have a helper hold the Top Panel in position until it is fastened at the top, otherwise, you could damage the Top Panel.

Illustration 13

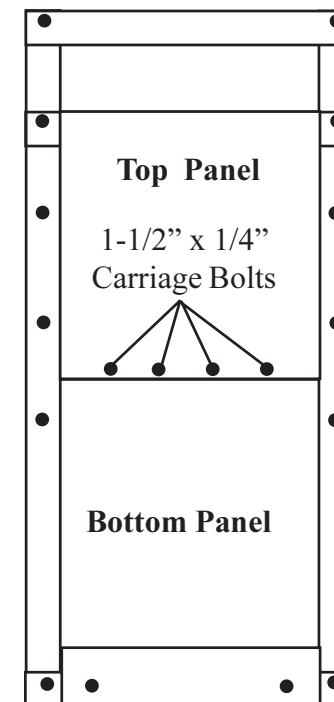
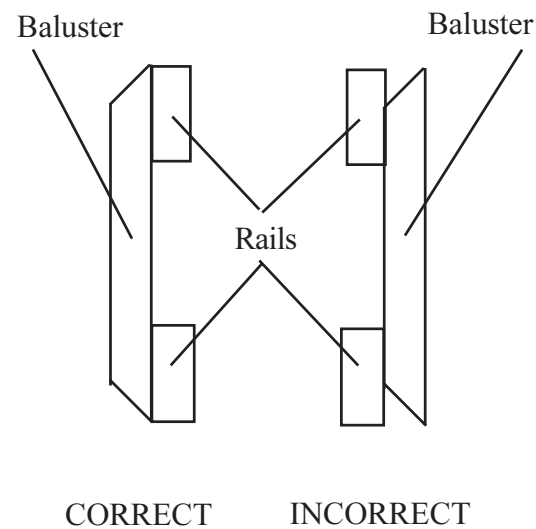


Illustration 9
SIDE View of Balusters fastened to Rails



If the bolt holes do not line up, you did not install the Horizontal Rail (Step 9) correctly.

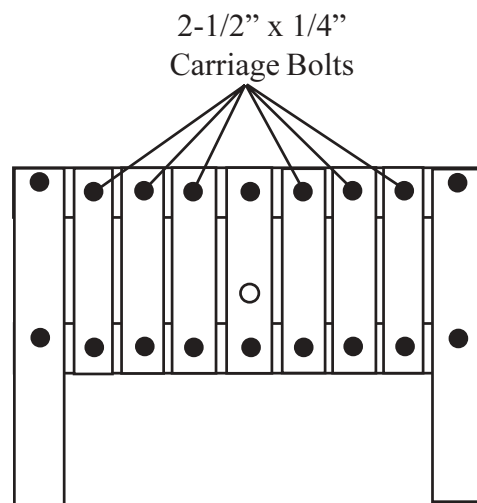
Be sure that when installed the 5/8" hole is 5" from the bottom of the Baluster, and the bottom connects to the Horizontal Rail and the top connects to the Top Rail.

NOTE: The angle cut at the top of the Balusters must point down and away from the Rail. See Illustration 9 for examples of correct and incorrect installation.

STEP 11. FASTEN TOP ONLY OF SAFETY BALUSTERS (SEE ILLUSTRATION 10)

In a similar manner, install the TOP ONLY of the six identical Safety Balusters at Holes #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 using a total of six 2-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts.

Illustration 10
View from INSIDE Tower



STEP 12. FASTEN BOTTOM OF SAFETY BALUSTERS (SEE ILLUSTRATION 11)

Fasten the BOTTOM ONLY of the six identical Safety Balusters at Holes #1, 3, 5, and 7 using a total of four 2-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts. Leave the bottom of Balusters #2 and #6 open for time being.

Illustration 11
View from INSIDE Tower

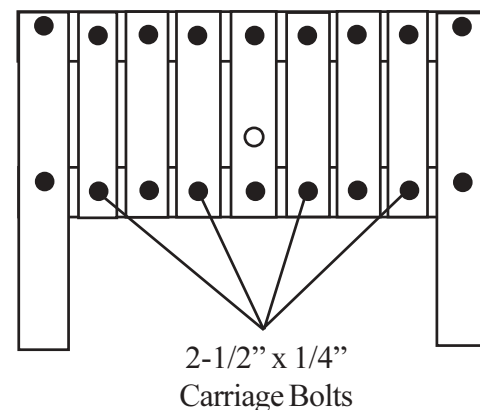
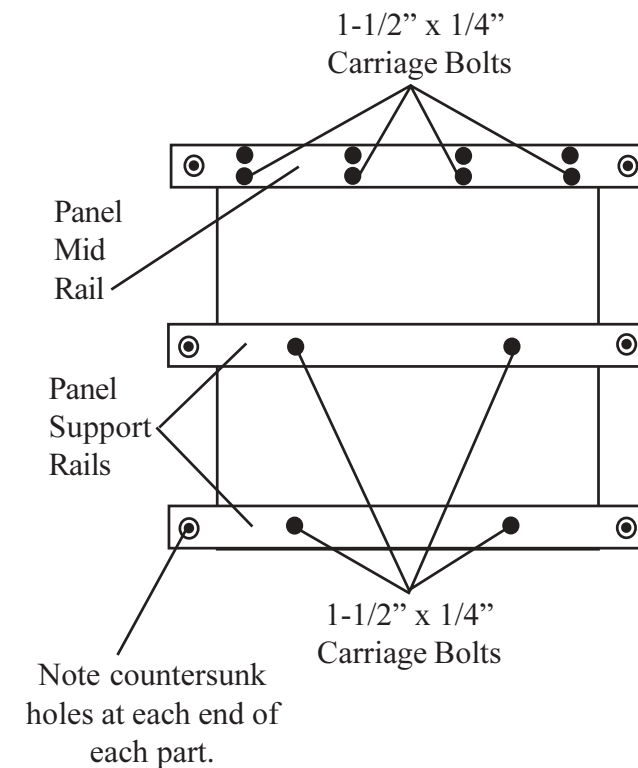


Illustration 5
View of BACK of Bottom Panel



STEP 6. FASTEN MIDDLE SUPPORT PANEL TO BOTTOM PANEL (SEE ILLUSTRATION 5)

Fasten an Alpine Climber Panel Support Rail (one of three identical) to the middle of the back of the Bottom Panel with two 1-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts.

Use the pre-drilled holes 24" up from the bottom of the Panel. The bolts go through the Panel, then into the Rail.

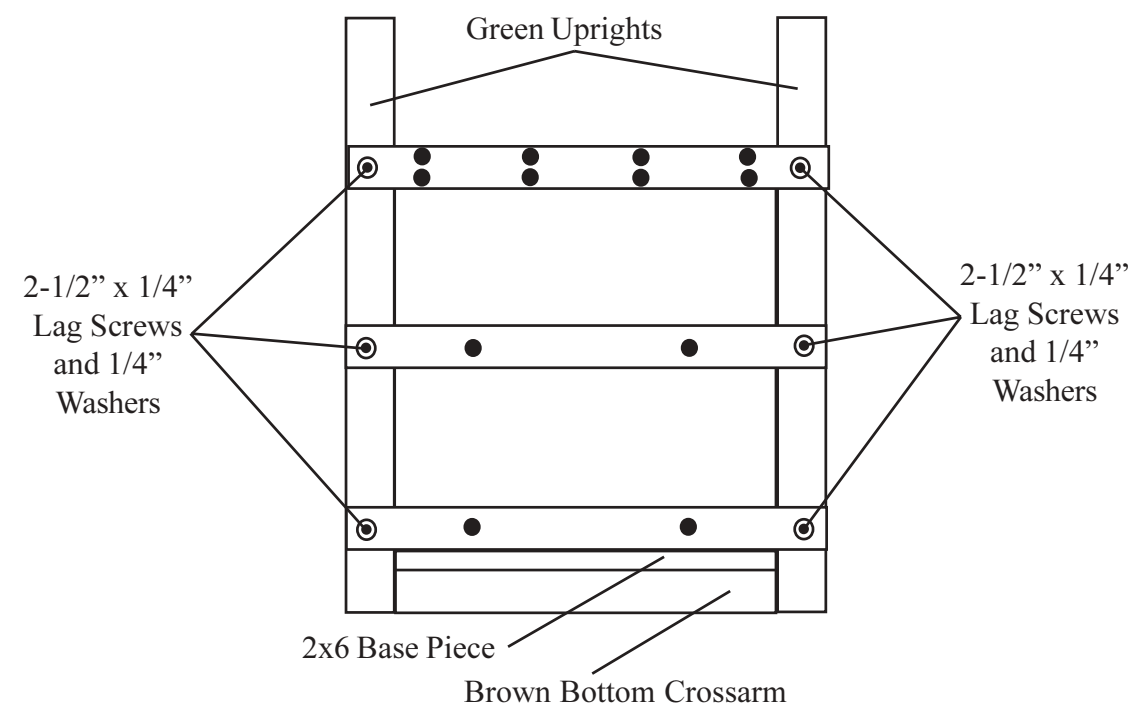
STEP 7. FASTEN PANEL MID RAIL TO BOTTOM PANEL (SEE ILLUSTRATION 5)

Locate the Panel Mid-Rail, which has ten holes drilled in it. Fasten this to the top of the back of the Bottom Panel with four 1-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts. The bolts go through the Panel, then into the Rail.

Orient the Mid-Rail so that the corresponding set of four attachment holes are facing UP; they will be used to fasten the bottom of the Top Panel.

Illustration 6

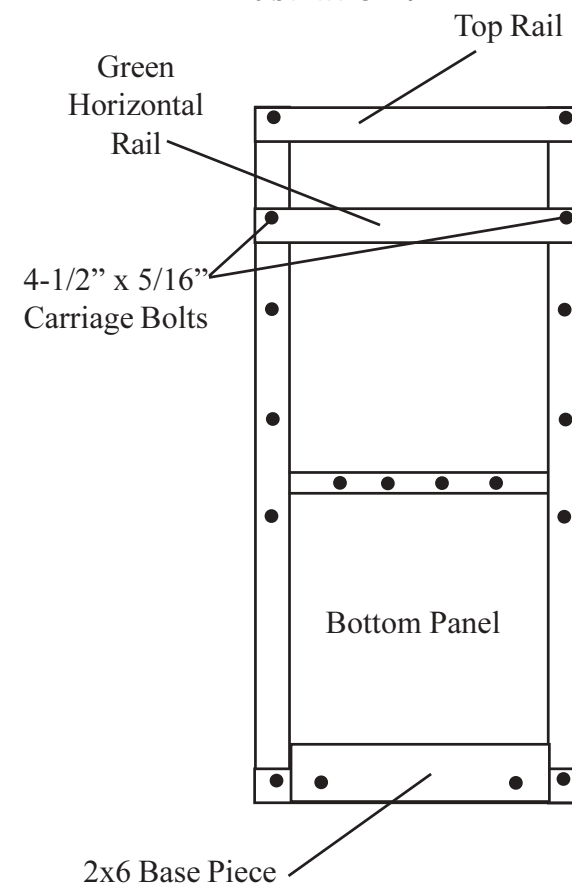
View of BACK of Bottom Panel



STEP 8. INSTALL THE BOTTOM PANEL (SEE ILLUSTRATION 6)

Lift the bottom Panel, with the three Supports attached, into position so that the Bottom Panel is resting on the 2x6 Base Piece you installed in Step 4. With six 2-1/2" x 1/4" Lag Screws and 1/4" Flat Washers, fasten the end of each Support and Mid-Rail to the Uprights. You will need to use a 7/16" Socket Wrench as the holes are counter-sunk to eliminate protruding hardware.

Illustration 7



STEP 9. FASTEN HORIZONTAL RAIL TO UPRIGHTS (SEE ILLUSTRATION 7)

Bolt the green Horizontal Rail to the Uprights using the pre-drilled holes 18-20" down from the top of the Uprights.

The Horizontal Rail **MUST** be on the same side of the Uprights as the Top Rail at the top of the Tower on that side.

The off-set holes in the Horizontal Rail **MUST** "match" the offset holes in the Top Rail (i.e. if the offset holes in the Top Rail are UP, the offset holes in the Horizontal Rail must also be UP.)

Use two 4-1/2" x 5/16" Carriage Bolts and 5/16" Safety Nuts. **Tighten securely.**

STEP 10. INSTALL "SAFETY BALUSTER FOR ROPE" (SEE ILLUSTRATION 8)

Observe the Top Rail and note the 7 (seven) bolt holes going across. Looking from outside the Tower, we will refer to these holes, from left to right, as Holes #1-7.

Locate the Safety Baluster for the Rope, which has a 5/8" hole drilled through it 5" up from the bottom. Use two 2-1/2" x 1/4" Carriage Bolts and 1/4" Safety Nuts to fasten this to the **INSIDE** of the Top Rail and the **INSIDE** of the Horizontal Rail (just installed in Step 9) at Hole #4.

Illustration 8

View from INSIDE Tower

