



**COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB**

**DENVER GROUP**

## **Mile High Mountaineer**

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Toasting a succesful grad hike!

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## **Wilderness Trekking School for 2025**

WTS information for 2025 has been released. This is an excellent learning opportunity for both new and experienced hikers and is a prerequisite for many other courses. Please click [HERE](#) to see details.

### **ATTENTION: ALL Denver Group Trip Leaders, Senior School Instructors & School Directors -**

#### **Denver Group Leadership Scholarship 2025 CHANGES**

The Denver Group Leadership Scholarship is a program established in appreciation of our leadership volunteers who share their time, expertise, and passion with our members. The program provides financial benefit to support qualifying leader's efforts in furthering their education and skill development.

This program's initial year (2024) was very successful and has put us in the position to make improvements that expand this benefit and make it available to even more of our active leaders.

A few of the changes include:

- 1) The Maximum Scholarship amount has been increased from one hundred dollars (\$100) to two hundred dollars (\$200). Therefore, each approved Scholarship amount will be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Applicant's requested Denver Group School's tuition cost, but no greater than two hundred dollars (\$200) per course [i.e. The lesser of 100% of the tuition amount or \$200]; and
- 2) The minimum number of required trips needed to qualify for a scholarship has been reduced from six (6) trips to three (3) trips led in the prior twelve (12) month period. To qualify the applicant must have been the "primary" trip leader of the trip.

We hope you will take advantage of this scholarship benefit and register for some of our great **courses taught by the Denver Group.**

For full information and the on-line application, go to Denver Group Leadership Scholarship page on CMC.org by clicking this [link](#).

**Please remember that Wilderness First Aid, AIARE, and ATA are CMC State run schools and are NOT funded under the Denver Group Leadership Scholarship program.**

## CMC Foundation Research Fellowships

The Colorado Mountain Club Foundation is soliciting applications for research fellowships focused on the Rocky Mountain Region. Students who are enrolled in colleges and universities both in and outside of Colorado may apply. Click [HERE](#) for details.

## Special Event - Nurture the Land, Yourself, and Others

The Boulder Group is hosting a an evening of discussion about preservation, conservation and regeneration of the Land and how you can be part of its enrichment, and yours. For more information about this 26 Feb event click [HERE](#)

## 2025 Beginner Snowshoe School

Learn about snowshoe selection and fit, appropriate dress, and keeping warm, prepping for a trip, trail techniques, breaking trail, and fall recovery. You'll be able to select a snowshoe trip off the CMC calendar with confidence. Location and carpool details TBD the week before class day depending on where the snow is. **Registration is now open.** For more information go [here](#).

## ATTENTION: Winter Trip Leaders

The Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA) course is a basic seminar and 1/2 field-day to help you recognize when and where avalanche danger may exist and how to avoid it. Sources of information and methods for planning avalanche-safe routes will be presented.

ATA is recommended for all CMC trip leaders (regardless of sport or season) and **required** for leaders who travel in snow-covered areas but do not travel in avalanche-prone terrain. AIARE Level 1 (or equivalent) is required for trip leaders who travel in avalanche prone terrain.

The final session of this season will be 15 Feb. Find out more or sign up [HERE](#).

## Speaking of Avalanches...

Wayne Howell recently attended a webinar that was part of the AIARE Tuesday Night Education Series on "What Happens During an Avalanche Rescue" with a focus on RECCO Reflectors and their place in organized search efforts. It includes some good information on companion rescue using avalanche transceivers/probes/shovels and also a good description of the way the RECCO system works and how it might be used in incidents beyond avalanches (such as a lost hiker search). The webinar may be viewed [HERE](#). A list of the all of the webinars from this year's Tuesday night series is available [HERE](#).

Do you need to brush up on your companion rescue skills? Click [HERE](#) for a list of some confirmed places where you can practice search and probe techniques

What happens after you rescue someone who has been caught in an avalanche? A new organization called After the Avalanche is trying to answer this question. Check out their beta website and some free resources [HERE](#).

## The Denver Group Council is looking for a few good members!

Give back to the club and volunteer to help manage and influence policies, events/activities, and new directions for our group. If interested, email the Co-chairs at [cmcdgccc@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgccc@gmail.com).



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## Upcoming Trips, Courses, and Events

Check out the [CMC Calendar](#) to find your next outdoor fun!

[Schools and Course offerings](#)

[Become a Trip Leader!](#)

Stay active, explore more places, and make new friends.

## PSAR Corner

The Backcountry Incident Management School sponsored an evening with the Alpine Rescue Team/JeffComm911 on 19 Dec 2024 at the Alpiine Rescue Teams's facility in Evergreen, CO. The purpose of the session was to hear what the people on the "other end" of a 911 call or an inReach message need from us, and what we can do to prevent having to call for search and rescue in the first place. Information from this session will be published in three parts, the first part (focused on 911 calls) was in the January 2025 edition of the Mile High Mountaineer. The second part of notes from this presentation, about communications other than dialing 911, may be accessed [HERE](#).

## SAR Night at the Banff International Film Festival

Per info from Graham Ottley, Thursday 27 Feb will be a SAR-themed night at the Banff International Film Festival. Click [HERE](#) for details on the Festival.

## Tech Tip - RSS Feed for the CMC Blog

Thanks to Robbie Monsma for passing on the following.

Get a free rss feed app (desktop or phone) and subscribe to the CMC Blog using <https://www.cmc.org/blog>. This will alert you to everything published in the blog.

### Denver Group Contacts

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*Meets Monthly, 2nd Tuesday (usually)*

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## Call for Submissions

Have an item you'd like included in a future Mile High Mountaineer newsletter?

**The next deadline is the first Sunday of the month.** Guidelines:

- Articles should be 200 words or less, **OR** submitted as a PDF
- MHM editor reserves the right to determine what's included in the newsletter and edit submissions for clarity and length
- Photo submissions are welcome, but please include a photo credit and caption

- Submissions must be relevant to the Denver Group of the CMC and/or its members; paid advertisements are not accepted.

Please send submissions to: [cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com).

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