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COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

THE LEAD



Photo credit: Fantastic group photos across the Centennial State from this past year!

Happy New Year of Education & Adventure!

A Year in Review: Colorado Mountain Club's Education & Adventure Department

As we step into a new year, we want to express our deep gratitude to the members, volunteers, Trip Leaders, Instructors & School Directors for making 2024 a year of exploration, connection, and education. Your passion and dedication continue to fuel incredible opportunities for outdoor recreation and learning for CMC members!

By the Numbers: Trips

In 2024, the Colorado Mountain Club led **1,613 trips**, providing transformative experiences for **8,968 participants** across a variety of activities:

- **Hiking Trips:** 908 (56%) | 5,523 participants
- **Climbing Trips:** 194 (12%) | 868 participants
- **Other Trips:** 182 (11%) | 825 participants
- **Snowshoeing Trips:** 136 (8.4%) | 801 participants
- **Biking Trips:** 66 (4%) | 423 participants
- **Scrambling Trips:** 65 (4%) | 249 participants
- **Backpacking Trips:** 62 (4%) | 279 participants

These adventures were made possible thanks to our **482 trip leaders**, whose expertise and enthusiasm helped ensure safety and enjoyment for all.

By the Numbers: Courses

Our Education & Adventure department offered **247 courses**, engaging **3,315 students** in skills-based, hands-on learning. Course highlights include:

- **Climbing Courses:** 62 (25%) | 468 students
- **Wilderness Medicine/Risk Management Courses:** 35 (14%) | 587 students
- **Youth Programs:** 41 (16%) | 325 students
- **Avalanche Education:** 24 (8%) | 258 students
- **Risk Management Courses:** 15 (9%) | 672 students
- **Youth Climbing Programs:** 16 (6%) | 128 students
- **Other Courses:** 54 (22%) | 877 students

These courses empower participants with critical outdoor skills and foster a deeper connection to Colorado's natural landscapes.

Looking Ahead to 2025

We are thrilled to embark on another year of inspiring outdoor experiences. In 2025, we aim to expand our programming, engage even more participants, and strengthen partnerships that open doors to adventure and learning.

Whether you're interested in leading a trip, volunteering with our education programs, or joining one of our upcoming events, there are countless ways to get involved and make a difference. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, community, and outdoor discovery.

Stay tuned for exciting announcements, and thank you for being an essential part of the CMC family. Let's continue to explore, learn, and connect in the year ahead!



RSVP for our upcoming HYBRID Fireside Chat on February 19th for the latest update with our new location on West 32nd:

[RSVP HERE](#)

Continue to follow CMC building updates here:

[CMC Building Updates & Contingency Planning Resources](#)

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Director of
Education



VOLUNTEER LEADERBOARDS

TRIPS: Top 20 Trip Leaders of 2025!

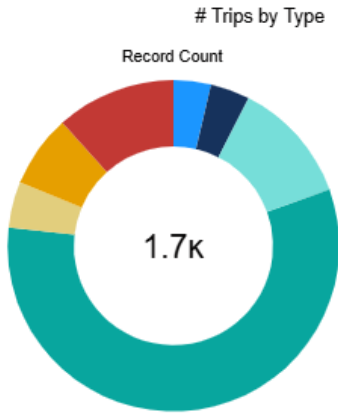
Full Legal Name ↓ <input type="checkbox"/>	Sum of CMC Activity: Registered Participants	Record Count
JOSE PACHECO	159	72
Wayne Howell	457	59
Dorothea Frohner	456	44
Dorothy Kucar	181	43
Christie Lee	136	31
Abbie Gentry	268	30
James Pat Kelly	123	28
Jim Guerra	173	27
Gregory McVie	129	27
Christopher Murphy	224	25
Richard McAdams	159	24
Mike O'Connor	115	24
Jeanne Eiss	124	18
Robbie Monsma	109	17
Shona Louise Campbell-Blair	126	16
Sheryl Lampert	89	16
Michael McMahon	101	16
Terry Ploski	39	15
Linda Lawson	78	15
Britt Jones	57	15

Thank you to everyone that led trips this past year! We are grateful to all of our talented and dedicated volunteers! CMC would not exist without you!

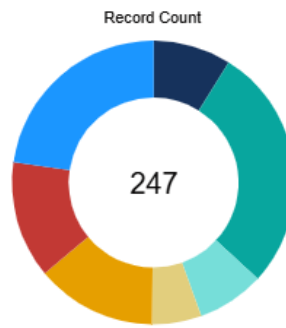
COURSES: Top 20 Course Instructors of 2025!

Leader ↓	Students	Record Count
Jane McManus	109	14
Uwe Sartori	126	13
Jeff Flax	60	9
Scott Kime	71	8
Sheryl Lampert	86	5
Joseph Preiss	48	5
Gordon Eaton	46	5
Art Hogling	88	4
Jonathan Hieb	44	4
Raquel Sapp	40	4
Glenn Barr	34	4
Rich McAdams	14	4
Carroll Steger	1	4
Marilyn Choske	43	3
Britt Jones	25	3
Eric Hunter	24	3
Ed Anderson	14	3
Linda Lawson	112	2
Norm Arlt	93	2
Brad Cotten	40	2

Thanks to everyone that led courses during the past year!



- Primary Activity Type
- Backpacking
 - Biking
 - Climbing
 - Hiking
 - Scrambling
 - Snowshoeing
 - Other



- Course Type
- Avalanche Education
 - Climbing
 - Climbing; Youth
 - Risk Management
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 - Youth
 - Other

TOTAL CMC COURSES (TYPE)

TOTAL CMC TRIPS (TYPE)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CMC Proudly Hosts BANFF for 4 nights at a NEW Venue!

Take in the worlds stunning natural beauty and join Colorado Mountain Club when Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour brings the spirit of outdoor adventure to Denver, CO, at the National Western Stockyards Event Center.

Tickets [HERE](#)

20 YEARS



BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL

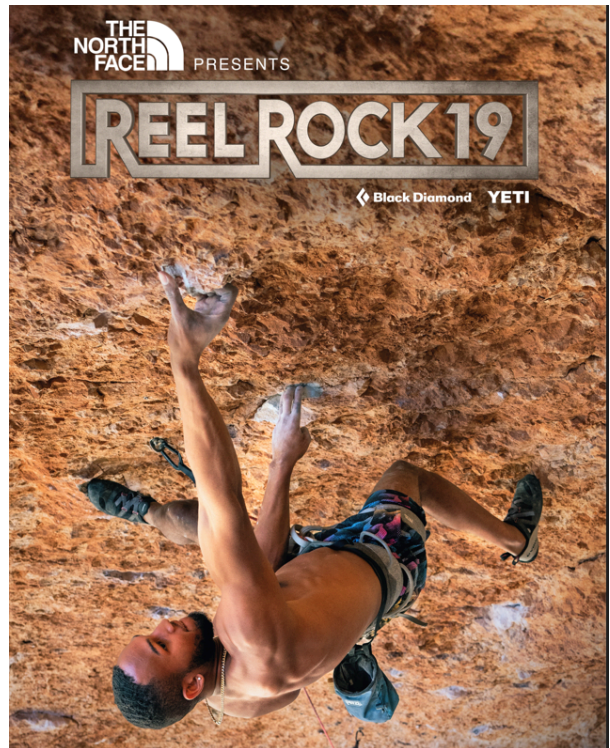
Catch the 20th Backcountry Film Festival coming to a theater near you!

Salida, CO: January 30th
Leadville, CO: February 12th
Colorado Springs, CO: TBA

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

CMC is Co-hosting **Reel Rock 19** with Colorado School of Mines! RR19 showcases three world-premier climbing films spanning disciplines, characters, and continents: a heartfelt story of second chances in love and climbing on Squamish's legendary Cobra Crack; an outrageous 18-day big wall epic on Patagonia's towering Torre Central' and the pursuit of a lifelong dream-a 5.15 first ascent-made possible by an unlikely partnership.

[BUT TICKETS HERE!](#)



LEADER UPDATES



Important Permit Updates!

1. IMPORTANT Changes with JeffCo locations for Trip Leaders

- Permits required for ALL use in JeffCo
- Permit card required to have on your person

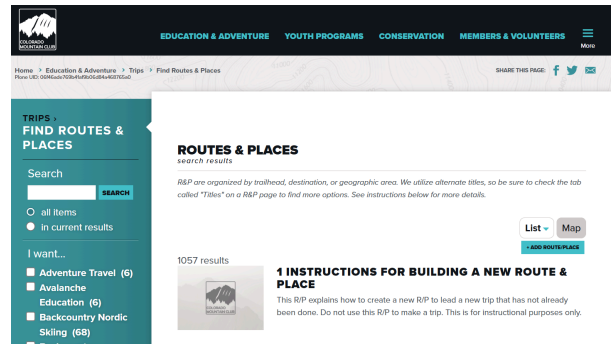
2. USFS Requests Due by Feb 1

[Learn More](#)

Website Update for Route & Places

- End of "TBD"
- Reminder of Alternative Titles
- How to submit additions to R&P catalog

[Learn More](#)



Join us for two Volunteer Workdays at the New Building!

We have two days of volunteer work available that will focus on repurposing the "Big Room". These two days will require a moderate amount of skill using drill and driver sets to disassemble the pews.

[February 5th](#)

[February 12th](#)

Spring / Summer 2025 Course Catalog Approaching!

- If you are School Director with a course that falls between **April 1, 2025** and **September 30, 2025** we need your course information for the upcoming catalog!
- Courses need to be posted on CMC.org to be linked and marketed appropriately.
- Reach out to your Education Chair first at your Group if you need posting to CMC.org.



Submit Here



WE ARE HIRING

MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

EDUCATION & OUTREACH MANAGER

We are currently looking for passionate and creative individuals, to get on board in our journey, collaborate and grow together.

JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

CMC is hiring for TWO Manager Level positions!

Do you have someone in your network that might be a good fit? Please share these two job posting with them!

Membership
Manager

Education &
Outreach
Manager (Bi-
Lingual / Onsite)

Marketing Request Form

If you'd like additional marketing help from Colorado Mountain Club, please fill out the [Marketing Request Form](#). Also, please remember to send social media ready photos to marketing@cmc.org to go with your request! The earlier that you submit your request, the higher the chance that it will be able to be added to our marketing calendar.

Submit Your Request



RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER



NOTICE to ALL Trip Leaders

The Colorado Mountain Club has commissioned a representative working group to examine policies and procedures for scrambling activities at the Club. **In the interim we ask that these trips are paused until this process has been completed.** For questions, comments, please contact Education Director, Graham Ottley.

THANK YOU!

Upcoming Wilderness Medicine Options at CMC!

- WFA Instructor Training **March 29th**
- Wilderness First Responder: **April 25-May 4, 2025**
- **NEW** Mountain Bike WFR-Recertification! **May 23-25, 2025**

[Learn More](#)



Level up your Avalanche Education with the Colorado Mountain Club (ATA & AIARE)

CMC offers four courses in coordination with three Groups this winter (Northern Colorado, Pikes Peak Group and Denver). Register now for:

- **Avalanche Terrain Avoidance***
- **AIARE Rescue*** (Requires AIARE L1)

Available at no cost to eligible CMC leaders and Instructors!

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