



Colorado Mountain Club - Denver Group

Basic Mountaineering School

Student Application for Admission

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

CMC Membership Group: _____ Member Since (Year): _____

BMS applicants must be current CMC members and over 18 years old.

Date Denver C Classification granted (month/year): _____

Enclose copy of C Classification Notification or Change Request if available. Call the office for help finding copies.

Preferred Day for BMS Field Trips: Sat _____ Sun _____ Either Day _____

For maximum flexibility in assigning student groups, you are encouraged to check Either Day. If you prefer to be assigned to a student group with a family member, climbing partner, or other BMS applicant, agree on the preferred field trip day and indicate their name. There are no guarantees that you will be assigned to the same group. Requests to be assigned to the same group should indicate the reason(s) for the preference. In some cases, students learn self sufficiency and more complete mountaineering skills by being in a group where they cannot rely on current friends and develop new relationships with the other students in the group.

I request assignment in a student group with:

Reason(s) for group assignment preference:

Payment: Check #: _____ MasterCard: _____ VISA: _____

Card #: _____ Expiration: _____

Signature: _____

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE AND FULLY LEGIBLE.

Applications with missing information or without the required enclosures and verification of completion of BPS/WTS/Waiver and current hiking classification will not be considered. Feel free to use the back of the pages or a separate sheet for more information.

Please send this application to the CMC office by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2010.

710 10 St. Ste. 200, Golden, CO 80401 or FAX: 303-279-9690. Call 303-279-3080 x 2 to verify receipt.



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Please answer the following questions as completely and candidly as possible. Your training and experience will be considered in the student group assignments. Do not inflate or underestimate your experience and accomplishments!

1. How many CMC trips did you complete in the last two years?

A Classification = B Classification = C Classification = D Classification =

2. How many CMC trips did you lead as a trip leader or LIT in the last two years?

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3. What CMC schools, seminars, or other training have you completed? Year

4. List training outside of CMC such as first aid, mountaineering, rock climbing, or avalanche schools. Year

5. List volunteer CMC activities where you helped or lead/taught (for example teaching in CMC schools, served on CMC committees, trail maintenance, office support.)

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6. To help assess your level of experience, what backpacking/hiking trips and/or mountain climbing trips have you complete in the past year? Include names of peaks, CMC trip ratings, trips outside the CMC, longest days, distance/vertical, and/or other measures of the duration, distance and difficulty.

Questions 7 & 8 ask about skills and experience NOT required by BMS, but are included to help assess your level of proficiency and experience for class assignments.

7. Have you done any top-roping or climbed technical rock routes in the last year that required using ropes and placing rock protection?

8. Basic ice axe skills are a prerequisite for BMS. Have you done any snow climbing with an ice axe or crampons in the last year? Do you have any experience ice climbing? Include names of routes, ratings or difficulty, and other descriptions of the climbs.

9. List other activities and sports you enjoy and your level of proficiency. (For example; kayaking – beginner, alpine skiing – intermediate, mountain biking – expert, etc).



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10. Why do you want to enroll in BMS and what do you hope to gain from the experience? What do you plan to do with the skills, knowledge and experience you acquire? How will the skills and experience gained in BMS fit with your hiking, mountaineering and climbing goals, both near term and in the future?

11. For your safety and the safety of your group, list any medical conditions which may limit your participation in BMS or medical characteristics your instructors need to understand. Also, please list medical or first aid training/experience.

In Case of Emergency, Notify:

_____ Telephone Number(s): _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____



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- **Are you willing to challenge yourself mentally and physically?**
 - BMS requires an extensive amount of reading and preparation for the classes and field trips and to pass the quizzes, knot proficiency test, final examination, and graduation climb.
 - Each lecture and field trip builds on knowledge and experience gained the prior week, as well as building a team dynamic, so important in mountaineering.
 - Please carefully review the BMS lecture and field trip schedule.
 - You must attend each lecture and pass each field trip in order to continue in BMS.
 - Some field trips may begin as early as 3-4 AM and end after dark, depending on the trip, weather conditions, and other circumstances.
 - You must be willing to make the time and energy commitment required to complete BMS.
 - Even if you believe you are qualified, if you cannot commit to finishing BMS, please wait until another year to apply and allow students that can commit to BMS to attend the current class.
 - The number of students accepted each year into BMS is limited by the number of volunteer instructors.
 - Purchase of your own harness, climbing helmet, and ice axe are recommended for BMS and future mountaineering trips.
 - BMS will have crampons, helmets, and ice axes available for rent.

Signature

Printed Name

Date of Application