

Wanted: Instructors for WTS

Please submit application by Tuesday, August 4, 2026 for Seniors and by August 11, 2026 for assistants. Applying to be an instructor is an ONLINE process.

Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) is now looking for instructors to teach in our next session. This is not only a wonderful opportunity to give back to the club; it is also a chance to contribute to the quality, safety, and overall hiking competency of our membership. Here is a chance to make a difference. Whether you are currently an instructor or just want to become more active with the CMC, you will feel great knowing that you are helping our hikers be safe and skilled on the trails.

You should have the flexibility to accommodate all paces and skill levels from beginner to advanced hiker, love the mountains, and be eager and able to teach people the skills necessary for safe backcountry travel. WTS gives preference to those instructors who can participate during the entire group meeting on all meeting nights and attend all field days.

Note – This session, subject to student and instructor availability, we are offering a Zoom group for all five Tuesday night meetings. All students and instructors in a group must meet via Zoom instead of In-Person. Full video and audio capability with Zoom is required. At least one instructor in a Zoom group must have or gain the skills to host a virtual meeting. Your application will include a question on whether you are interested in teaching via Zoom.

Note –In-Person group meetings will be conducted at the CMC Basecamp or other sites near Golden, to be determined.

Instructor teams are generally made up of a senior instructor, one returning assistant, and one new assistant. Candidates who are not initially assigned to an instructor team will be placed on a waitlist. As the instructor teams are configured, the waitlist will be used to fill vacancies, to assign instructors as substitutes, or to identify instructors to facilitate make-up field days. (Due to enrollment limits, not all instructors who apply may be selected.) Assignments will be based on the information that you provide in the WTS Instructor Application). Click on [WTS Instructor Application](#) to apply. Instructors who are selected will be notified by two weeks before the start of the class.

Don't have all the evenings and field days available to teach? This may be OK, since we frequently need instructors for make-up days and as substitutes. Just indicate the days that you will be available on the Application.

Senior Instructors must:

- Be an Active CMC leader
- Have current certification in WFA or WFR or higher (within last two years).
- CPR certification is no longer required
- Successfully complete an Avalanche Awareness class within the last five years.
- Have been an instructor for at least two recent WTS sessions
- Be able to attend all field days

Assistant Instructors must:

- Be a recent graduate of WTS
- Be recommended by their senior instructor

For more information about WTS, please refer to the other pages on this website:

[Course Materials — The Colorado Mountain Club \(cmc.org\)](#)

[Schedule - Current session – Instructor Edition — The Colorado Mountain Club \(cmc.org\)](#)

Additional Events Instructor Orientation Night: All selected instructors are strongly encouraged to participate in this opportunity to meet other instructors, share ideas and best practices, learn tricks of the trade, receive training on team dynamics, review the materials to be taught during the field sessions, and get answers to any questions.	Tuesday, September 1 6:00 pm at CMC, Dinner provided
Instructor Map & Compass Field Day: refresher training and point marking	Saturday, September 5
Instructor Snow Day: refresher training	Saturday, November 7
Instructor Appreciation Night: review and celebration of session highlights	Tuesday, November 3 6:00 pm at CMC, Dinner provided

If you are interested in volunteering as a WTS instructor, please complete the application [WTS Instructor Application](#) by **Tuesday, August 4, 2026 for Seniors and by August 11, 2026 for assistants.**

Recruiter – Senior Instructors (new and experienced), Dave Callais 303-237-3726 or dctstrider@comcast.net

Recruiter – Experienced Returning Associate Instructors and new First Time Assistant Instructors, Ken Gurvin 720-542-6720 or kgurvin@comconsultantsco.com

Plan ahead. Schedule your wedding or world cruise around WTS. Click on [Schedule - Next session – Instructor Edition — The Colorado Mountain Club \(cmc.org\)](#) for the schedule for the NEXT session after this one.