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Wilderness Trekking School Starts Sept. 8, 2026

Hiking may not be as easy as it looks! Do you know all you need for staying found, for braving Colorado's rapidly changing weather, for handling an emergency? Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) is for all – whether you want to bag a few 14ers – OR – want to enjoy the scenery. WTS is a comprehensive course on day hiking in the mountains, with no prerequisites. If you're new to hiking, WTS provides the opportunity to learn how to travel safely and confidently in the backcountry. If you're an experienced hiker, WTS gives you a chance to review and enhance your skills, and possibly to fill in some gaps. It is also a great introduction to the Colorado Mountain Club and a place to meet new friends. Student ages range from 18 to 80, with about half under 40. WTS is a prerequisite for Backpacking School, Alpine Scrambling Course, and Technical Climbing Schools.

The course consists of streaming videos on your own, five Tuesday night in-person small group meetings (with a possible Zoom option), five field days, and weekly homework (yes, really!). Students are divided into groups of 8-11 people based on preferred field day, with consideration given to fitness level where possible.

The curriculum includes safe backcountry travel techniques and opportunity to practice them in a

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WTS is a great place to learn and practice new skills, make new friends, and become a safer, more confident backcountry traveler.

Tuition is \$170 until 1 August 31, \$190 on and after Tuesday, September 1. Registration opens Tuesday July 7.

For more information, including a complete schedule of lectures and field trips and enrollment instructions, please visit our website at [Wilderness Trekking School](#), or search “wts denver” on CMC.org. Information is also available by calling the CMC office at 303-279-3080.

“This course is way beyond what I thought it was going to be - it has challenged me physically and emotionally (I have overcome many fears).” –WTS Student

*“I thought I came into the class with a lot of knowledge, but I learned far more than I expected!”
–WTS Student*

Join the BPX Committee!

BPX is looking for that special member who not only loves backpacking but gets a kick out of volunteering. We are interviewing for Committee Chair, Trip Leader Coordinator and Events/Social Media Coordinator. The BPX Committee meets monthly via Zoom and holds 3-4 in-person events each year. Volunteer hours average less than eight hours a month. The BPX section is now in its 6th season delivering high-quality programming, and now the Committee needs “YOU” to keep it going and growing.

Please contact Louise Campbell-Blair, Chair, BPX Backpacking Committee to chat about these opportunities at lcampbellblair@hotmail.com. Join us and be part of a great team!



Paul Doak telemark skiing Canadian powder! Photo Credit: Jim Kennedy

Telemark Ski School 2027

The Telemark Ski School - Denver Group has over 40 years of providing quality instruction to hundreds of students from all over Colorado and beyond! We help beginner-, intermediate-, and advanced-level skiers learn and/or improve their telemark skiing skills. The 2027 Telemark Ski School (TSS) offers 3 individual Sunday sessions, one in January and two in February, plus a midweek February session. All sessions are at Loveland Ski Area. Each begins with grouping you with others of like ability and assigning you your instructor for the day. The TSS sessions in February may find you in a higher-level class, dependent on your practice and improvement from session to session. Make the most of the School by taking at least two sessions and practicing in-between. But taking all three--or four--is even better! This is YOUR year for telemark skiing--come join the fun! For more information or questions answered, contact Marilyn Choske, Co-Director, at 303-905-8510 before 9pm or mjchoske@gmail.com.

Join The Denver Group Council

What the Denver Group Council Does — and Why You Should Join!

The Denver Group Council is the leadership team that supports and guides the Colorado Mountain Club's Denver Group, the largest and most active group in the CMC. We connect members with opportunities to explore, learn, and lead in the outdoors, while making sure courses, trips, and community programs thrive. The Council works closely with committees, volunteers, and the state organization to keep things running smoothly—from approving new classes and supporting instructors, to fostering inclusivity, conservation, and a strong member community.

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Serving on the Council is a rewarding way to give back to the outdoor community while shaping the future of the CMC. You'll gain leadership experience, meet passionate outdoor enthusiasts, and have a direct impact on the experiences members enjoy every season. Whether your strengths are in communication, event planning, DEI, or big-picture strategy, there's a place for you on the Council.

If you care about the outdoors, want to build community, and are looking for a meaningful way to contribute, consider joining the Denver Group Council—we'd love to have your voice at the table!

If interested, email: cmcdgcc@gmail.com

Denver Group Contacts

COUNCIL

Denver Group Council

Meets Monthly, 2nd Tuesday (usually)

COMMITTEES

Leadership Committee

Schools Committee

Conservation & Trails Committee

Member Initiatives Committee

SECTIONS

Adventure Travel

Ascending Hikes

Backpacking

Bobcats

Fly Fishing

Over the Hill Gang (RMOTHG)

Photography

Call for Submissions

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

The next deadline is the 3rd Friday 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: cmcdnewsletter@gmail.com

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