



Mile High Mountaineer

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2024 Telemark Ski School

The 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 telemark skiers learn and/or improve their telemark skiing skills.

The 2024 Telemark Ski School (TSS) offers three separate Sunday sessions, one each in January, February, and March; all sessions take place at Loveland Ski Area.



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We begin each session by grouping students with others of like ability and assigning them to an instructor for the day. The second and third TSS sessions in February and March may find you in a higher-level class, dependent on your practice and improvement from session to session.

The best way to use the School is to take at least two of the Sunday sessions and practice during the time in between them. But taking all three sessions is even better! This is YOUR year for telemark skiing - come join the fun! **You can register [HERE](#)**. Scroll down to the list of three Telemark Ski School sessions (A, B, and C) and click on those dates, one at a time, that you want to attend and register on **each** webpage.

For more information or questions answered, contact Marilyn Choske, Co-Director, at 303-905-8510 before 9pm or at mjchoske@gmail.com.

A New Leadership Benefit!

The Denver Group Leadership Scholarship

The **Denver Group Leadership Scholarship** is a new program established to express appreciation to our volunteers and to provide financial benefit to qualifying Denver Group volunteers for their continued efforts on behalf of all Denver Group members.

These scholarships are available to use towards tuition for any Denver Group Schools volunteer-taught courses, with the exception of Technical Climbing School (TCS). You may apply for these scholarships if you are a Denver Group member who is **currently an active volunteer trip leader, or senior school instructor, or a member in training to become a new trip leader**. For full details regarding this scholarship program and to apply for it, go to [Leader Resources on CMC.org](#).

This program starts on January 1, 2024, and will be administered by your Denver Group Leadership Committee (DGLC) on behalf of the Denver Group Council. If you have any questions about it or if you would like to volunteer with DGLC, please contact us at dgleadershipcommittee@gmail.com.

Beginner Snowshoe School

One-day sessions open for [registration!](#)

Learn about snowshoe selection and fit, appropriate dress and keeping warm, prepping for a trip, trail techniques, breaking trail, and fall recovery.

Most of the dates now have waitlists, but there are still some openings. Cancellations do happen so don't hesitate to get on a waitlist. If demand cannot be satisfied with this schedule, we'll add more sessions. We urge you to sign up for the earliest session that works for you so you can enjoy the CMC's regular snowshoe trips for the rest of the 2024 winter season.

Are you using the RIMS app?



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The CMC's RIMS (Recreation Impact Monitoring) mobile app is used to collect data on Colorado's public lands. This data is used to inform land managers and aid in making decisions about stewardship, planning, and land management.

The app features four main monitoring modules: visitor use, trail assessment, camping assessment, and signs and facilities. App users can rate conditions as excellent, fair, poor, and extremely poor.

RIMS is free to download and available to both volunteer organizations and the general public. Find out more about it [HERE](#).

In the news...

The US Forest Service and BLM are proposing new protections for the [Thompson Divide](#) south of Glenwood Springs. Voice your support [HERE](#).

The [Center for Western Priorities](#), based in Denver, is a nonpartisan conservation and advocacy organization that serves as a source of accurate information, promotes responsible policies and practices, and ensures accountability at all levels to protect land, water, and communities in the American West. Sign up for their excellent newsletter [HERE](#).

Know Before You Go

Colorado is preparing for the voter-approved reintroduction of gray wolves to our state. To educate residents and recreationists, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has put together [extensive information](#) about this project.

Their brochure ["Living With Wolves"](#) is an excellent resource for learning about these elusive creatures. Did you know that, like other types of wildlife, "wolves avoid humans and are unlikely to approach people or homes"?

Learn how to identify a gray wolf and its tracks, how to recreate in wolf country, what to do if you encounter a wolf, and other useful info. This brochure also tells you how to report a sighting.

In addition to being "bear aware", become "wolf aware"! These animal populations are very important to the health of our ecosystems. Let's live together peacefully.



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Activity Difficulty Ratings

Before signing up for a CMC activity, or creating a trip that you want to lead, make sure you understand how the physical difficulty of CMC trips is defined. You can review these ratings [HERE](#). Scroll down to find the activity you're interested in [a couple of the links at the top are currently broken.] Caution: "Easy" can be a misunderstood rating. It doesn't mean that it's easy for everyone. You'll get the most enjoyment out of any trip when you accurately assess

your ability and interest level. Contact the trip leader or instructor if you have questions about any trip.

Now get out there and have some fun!



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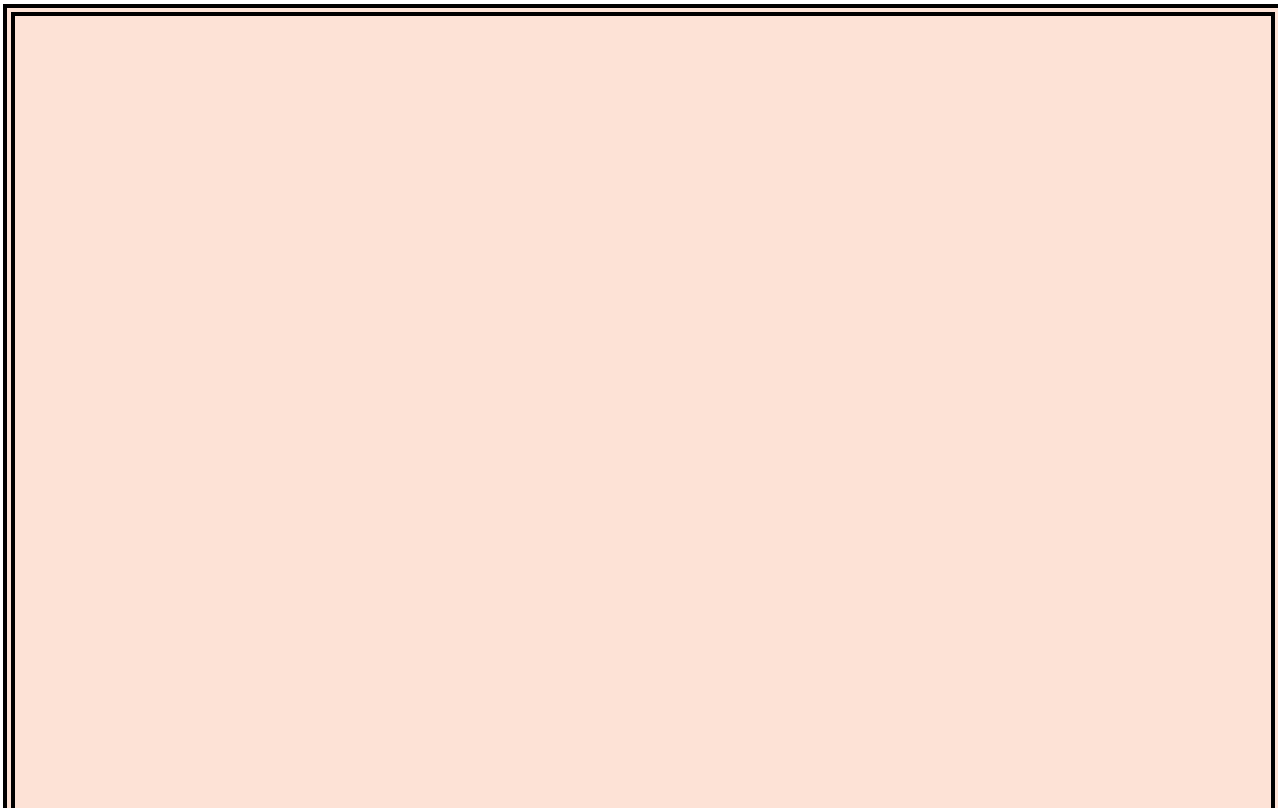
Upcoming Trips, Courses, and Events

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.





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Have a safe and happy holiday season!!

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Meets Monthly, 2nd Tuesday

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Ascending Hikes
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Over the Hill Gang (RMOTHG)

Call for Submissions

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

The next deadline is Sunday, January 7. 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.

Questions, comments, or submissions? E-mail cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com.

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