



# COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

## DENVER GROUP

## Mile High Mountaineer

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### Telemark Ski School

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 telemark skiers learn and/or improve their telemark skiing skills. The 2026 Telemark Ski School (TSS) offers 3 separate Sunday sessions, one in January and two in February; all sessions are at Loveland Ski Area. We begin each session by grouping you with others of like ability and assigning you your instructor for the day. The second and third TSS sessions in February 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 in between. But taking all three 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 9 pm or [mjchoske@gmail.com](mailto:mjchoske@gmail.com).



### Wilderness Trekking School - Starts April 7

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 as possible for fitness level.

The curriculum includes safe backcountry travel techniques and opportunity to practice them in a supportive environment. Students plan and complete a graduation hike with their field group. 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 week before class, \$190 on and after Tuesday, March 31. Registration opens Tuesday, January 13.

For more information, including a complete schedule of lectures and field trips and enrollment instructions, please visit our website at [Wilderness Trekking School](https://www.wilderness-trekking-school.org), 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*

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Up  
Now!

## CMC + AIARE

The Club is part of the American Avalanche Association (A3) Recognized Provider Network. This means that The Colorado Mountain Club meets A3 Risk Management Standards for inclusion in the A3 Recognized Provider Network. This approval reflects a mature, well-documented, and consistently applied approach to avalanche education risk management that aligns with industry best practices and A3 expectations.

Looking to take an avalanche education course with CMC? Register for one of the upcoming courses:

AIARE L1, January 13-15, 2026 (Berthoud Pass) (\$595)

AIARE L1, January 16-18, 2026 (Berthoud Pass) (\$595)

AIARE L1, February 6-8, 2026 (Berthoud Pass)(\$595)

AIARE L1, March 6-8, 2026 (Berthoud Pass) (\$595)

AIARE L1 , March 13-15, 2026 (Berthoud Pass) (\$595)

AIARE L1, April 10-12, 2026 (Berthoud Pass) (\$595)

AIARE Avalanche Rescue January 31, 2026 (Berthoud Pass) (\$165)

## 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.

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](mailto: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 first Sunday 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: [cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com).

Questions, comments, or submissions? E-mail [cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com).

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