



COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

DENVER GROUP

Mile High Mountaineer

September 2025



**After a summer hiatus, the Mile High Mountaineer is
back!**



A Tribute to Rich McAdams

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Rich McAdams, a beloved and enduring member of the Colorado Mountain Club for 46 years. A true mountaineer, dedicated instructor, and mentor, Rich played a pivotal role in shaping the CMC community through his leadership, friendship, and unwavering support.

Rich was not just a hiker and climber—he was a builder of people and programs. As an instructor and director of many of the CMC's educational schools, he empowered so many outdoor adventurers with the skills and confidence to explore Colorado's great outdoors safely and responsibly. His influence extended beyond instruction; he helped make the CMC stronger and more connected through his dedication, his integrity, and his belief in the power of the mountains to transform lives.

Rich accomplished much throughout his life, but above all, he will be remembered for the relationships he fostered. He was a friend to many—always ready with a kind word, a shared memory from the trail, or a helping hand. His warmth, humor, and wisdom left a lasting imprint on all who knew him.

Though we mourn the loss of Rich deeply, his spirit lives on in every summit reached, every student taught, and every friendship formed through the CMC. He is part of the landscape now—woven into the ridgelines and trails he loved so dearly. We will all miss him, but we carry him with us, always.

Prior to his passing, Rich gave a generous endowment to the Colorado Mountain Club Foundation to support the CMC as a whole, adult-level schools, and volunteer recognition. For those wishing to make a donation in Rich's honor, more information about the "Rich McAdams Funds" and a link to donate can be found on the Colorado Mountain Club Foundation's website: <https://cmcfoundation.net/>

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CMC MEMBERS NIGHT!

35% off at RAB Denver!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
RAB Denver: 1551 Platte St

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DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY, PLEASE REGISTER HERE:



Congratulations to the Denver Group's newest CMC Trip Leaders!

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Michelle Hartmann, Michael Bukay, Benjamin Galick, RA Burrell, Joshua Gluck, Lauren Barden, and Theo Lubke have all been approved as CMC trip leaders since March 2025.



Photo Submission from Geoffrey Johnson. Credit: [@geoffreyjohnsonimages](#)

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

Denver Group Contacts

COUNCIL

Denver Group Council
Meets Monthly, 2nd Tuesday (usually)

COMMITTEES

Leadership Committee
Schools Committee
Conservation & Trails Committee
Member Initiatives Committee

SECTIONS

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.

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