

How to become a Scrambling Trip Leader (STL) with the Northern Colorado CMC

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The procedures and guidelines below are for the Northern Colorado CMC Trip Leaders who want to lead scrambling trips for the CMC:

- Be a **current CMC Trip Leader** in good standing.
(If you are not currently a trip leader, please contact the NoCo Leadership and Safety Director about becoming a trip leader.)
- Have the **mountain skills** adequate for the discipline for which approval is sought. See the links below for the State Scrambling Trip Leader Standard.
 - a. State Trip Leading Standard
At the beginning of the standard you will find a description of the scope and terrain covered by the scrambling discipline.
- Submit an application (see below) to the NoCo CMC Scrambling Trip Leader Committee and receive approval to proceed to the next step.
- A Scrambling Trip Leader In Training (SLIT) will plan, manage, and demonstrate good technical and leadership skills on at least one scrambling trip, with an approved Scrambling Trip Leader Evaluator acting as a co-leader, and receive a positive evaluation for the discipline(s) covered by the Scrambling LIT trip.
- Receive approval from the NoCo Council. Note that the Scrambling Trip Leader Committee (STLC) will make a recommendation to the Council and the Council will make the final decision on approving TTLs.

How to apply

- The [Scrambling Trip Leader Standard](#) can be found on the Northern Colorado Technical Trip Leader Resources page.
- The Scrambling Trip Leader Application can be found at
<https://forms.gle/kkJNRRU3xbWZrvM9A>
- The STLC will review the application (including your resume) and will vote on applications regularly. If approved to move forward in the process, the candidate will be notified to schedule a Scrambling Leader in Training (SLIT) Trip.
- A SLIT will be scheduled with applicants, based on availability of evaluators. The STLC will provide the candidate a list of approved Scrambling Trip Leader Evaluators and contact information with whom they can communicate to arrange a SLIT trip.

Staying Current

- STLs agree that they will lead trips at or below their current level of ability.
- STLs must maintain standards that apply to Trip Leaders statewide. (WFA, Avalanche/AIARE, etc.). These are outlined in the State Trip Leader Manual.

- STLs will stay up to date on current CMC trip and operating policies.
- STLs must at a minimum complete one of the following annually:
 - a. Instructor (Senior or Assistant) participation in relevant CMC education course (e.g. ASC or BMC)
 - b. Completion of outside course or certification (e.g. AMGA)
 - c. Leading *or co-leading* a scrambling trip. This trip is preferred to be an official CMC trip, but the leader can submit a trip report for a non-CMC trip to STL Committee for review/approval.

FAQs:

Q: I still have questions... who may I contact?

A: Please contact a STL Committee member: Bill Broderick, Brad Warren, Dimitri Poppeliers or the Leadership and Safety Director for the NoCo Council.