

MISSION STATEMENT

BACKPACKING SCHOOL

At its core, the Colorado Mountain Club is about education.

For our *Students*:

- We offer a community of those who love being the backcountry
- We share our love of and experience in the mountains
- We provide training in foundational outdoor skills and knowledge
- We provide experiences in the mountains to develop confidence needed to enjoy in the mountains safely and responsibly
- We encourage them to aspire to more challenging schools and experiences and help them prepare

For our *Instructors*:

- We support and promote continued learning
- We develop and support leadership skills

For the *Colorado Mountain Club*:

- We build a strong foundation in wilderness knowledge, skills and ethics among members
- We attract new club members with interesting and challenging wilderness education
- We help retain members by inspiring them to aspire to continued education and new challenges

For the *Mountains*:

- We promote stewardship of the backcountry