



MILE HIGH MOUNTAINEER

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Fly Fishing School 2020

Yes! A River Runs Through It!

If you have ever wanted to learn to fly fish or improve your existing skills, this school is for you. Designed for both beginning and novice anglers the CMC Fly Fishing School has a long history and reputation for quality and cost-effective fly-fishing instruction. Our instructors help students learn in the classroom as well as on the water. Instructors teach students about fly fishing equipment, casting, knots, flies, fish behavior, wading safety and more! Completion of this school (or similar fly fishing experience) is required for the Denver Group's Fly Fishing section trips.

Class Schedule:

Class #1 Tuesday March 24, 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Class #2 Tuesday March 31, 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Tentative Field Days:

Saturday, April 4 — 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pine Valley Ranch.

Saturday, April 11 — 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pine Valley Ranch.

Saturday, April 18 — Senior instructors will arrange a location along the Front Range.

Fees and information: Tuition is \$210.00, students will receive a 90-page fly fishing handbook, 30 assorted flies, many fly fishing accessories, a value of \$100! You will need a 5-weight fly rod, reel, floating fly line, chest waders and wading belt, wading boots and a valid Colorado fishing license before the first field day. Saturday April 4. We will provide guidance on equipment purchases in the classroom, so if you don't already have equipment please wait until you receive that guidance.

The CMC fly fishing section has some rental rods and reels and the school instructors will assist you in equipment selection during the class nights. This class is popular and fills up fast!

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Denver Group Contacts

COUNCIL

[Denver Group Council](#)
Meets Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

COMMITTEES

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Denver Group Organizational Chart

Attention Technical Trip Leaders!

In an effort to promote growth of technical climbing activities at the CMC, Denver Group transferred responsibility of technical climbing schools and trips to the State Technical Climbing School Committee. If you are a current or aspiring Denver Group technical trip leader, please click the link below to learn more about this change.

[Learn More](#)

Annual Reports

The Denver Group of the Colorado Mountain Club comprises many committees and sections, each of which has its own activities and goals. Want to know what they've been up to this year? Check out this round-up of annual reports (all links in PDF format):

- [Conservation Committee](#)
- [Denver Safety & Leadership](#)
- [Photography Section](#)

Please refer to the [December Mile High Mountaineer newsletter](#) for annual reports from the other Denver Group committees and sections.

Fellowships and Research Grants for Students

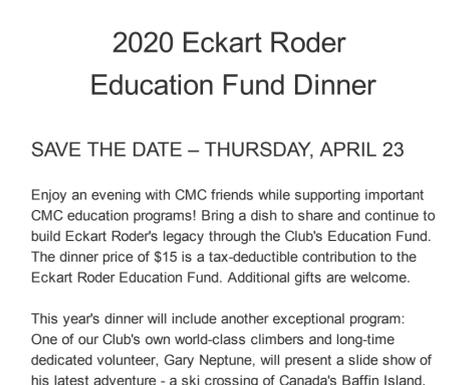
Since 1982, The Colorado Mountain Club Foundation has awarded fellowships for research consistent with the statement of purpose adopted by the founders of the Colorado Mountain Club in 1912:

To unite the energy, interest and knowledge of the students, explorers, and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature, art and recreation; to stimulate public interest in the mountain area; to encourage the preservation of forests, flowers, fauna and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

The Foundation solicits applications from students enrolled in Colorado colleges and universities conducting research in the Rocky Mountains or this region or students outside Colorado whose research is focused on the Rocky Mountain region. The Foundation awards grants ranging from approximately \$500 to \$2,000, in disciplines such as biology, chemistry, environmental studies, forestry, geography, geology, history, and law. Although fellowships are normally awarded to graduate students, undergraduates are also eligible. Students in colleges or universities outside of Colorado are welcome to apply as long as their research is carried out in the Rocky Mountain region and supports the CMC Statement of Purpose.

Grants are made to individuals only, for research under the direction of a faculty member of an institution of higher learning. Application must be sent by April 16, 2020 to Paula Cushing at Paula.Cushing@dmns.org. The faculty sponsor must submit a letter under separate cover in support of the student and the proposed research.

[Learn More](#)



2020 Eckart Roder Education Fund Dinner

SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Enjoy an evening with CMC friends while supporting important CMC education programs! Bring a dish to share and continue to build Eckart Roder's legacy through the Club's Education Fund. The dinner price of \$15 is a tax-deductible contribution to the Eckart Roder Education Fund. Additional gifts are welcome.

This year's dinner will include another exceptional program: One of our Club's own world-class climbers and long-time dedicated volunteer, Gary Neptune, will present a slide show of his latest adventure - a ski crossing of Canada's Baffin Island. Gary is the founder of Neptune Mountaineering in Boulder and a veteran of numerous climbs, ski races, and ski tours worldwide. Gary, his wife Bibi and John Huston made the 100+ mile crossing above the Arctic Circle in April, 2019. Their ski route past Mt. Thor and Mt. Asgard is said to be the most beautiful ski tour in the world.

Eckart was a long time, tireless volunteer for the Colorado Mountain Club until his tragic death in a ski lift accident in 2003. The Education Fund was started to honor and remember Eckart the man, the person we climbed with and loved. Since 2004, the fund has awarded grants to help the Denver, Boulder, Pikes Peak, Fort Collins and El Pueblo groups with worthwhile education projects. These have included advanced training for leaders in climbing and skiing, risk management, team building, training in avalanche awareness and preparedness, and other important education efforts.

[Tickets](#)



Quick Start School:

Using Caltopo

Thursday, February 20
American Mountaineering Center
Golden, CO

Come hear CMC's own Jeff Berton demonstrate mapping and explain CalTopo. CalTopo is a free web-based mapping and trip planning tool for the backcountry. Jeff will show basic and more advanced CalTopo functions.

Did you know we can draw and measure routes, identify avalanche prone terrain, adjust contour lines and see your route profile with Caltopo? Bring your laptop and work along with Jeff, then create your own map with support from Jeff (and other geeky helpers).

[Register](#)

Call for Volunteer!

Quick Start Seminar Coordinator

Seeking coordinator for Quick Start Seminar series. "Quick Starts" are a series of seminars that highlight topics about recreating in Colorado. Quick Start Seminars are targeted at new members to increase new member engagement. Quick Start Seminars are great place to learn something new ... or refresh something familiar.

Quick Start Seminars are generally held at the American Mountaineering Center or delivered via webinar. Generally, the lectures are one hour in length (not a full hands-on class).

The duties of the Quick Start Seminar Coordinator include identifying lecture topics, reserving lecture space, hosting lecture.

If you're interested or have questions, reach out to [Cyndi Lehr](mailto:Cyndi.Lehr).

Thank You, Fall 2019 WTS Instructors and Committee!

by Joe Griffith, Director

The WTS committee most sincerely thanks the volunteer instructors who so generously gave their time, expertise, and enthusiasm to make WTS such a resounding success. We recognize each of these individuals, both those who taught for the first time and those who return year after year, for their commitment and dedication.

Senior Instructors: Norm Arlt, Marc Borai, Karl Ford, Fred Jorgensen, Carol Munch, Tim Musil, Michael O'Connor, Terry Ploski, and Sarah Thompson

Associate Instructors: Tom Bratton, Maggie Burns, Mike Caruso, Jerry Clayton, Jason Gross, Sue Holden, Linda LaRocque, Julie Luce, Richard Ostrosky, Garrett Pettingell, Brent Plow, Ray Polster, Nancy Ruiz, David Sanders, Robin Starr, and Kim Thornberry

Assistant Instructors: Vincent Collins, Alexandra Dzyuba, Zeb Grandpre, Kyle O'Neil, and Richard Rosengren

Substitute and Make-Up Instructors: Craig Atkins, Tammy Cullins, Alexandra Dzyuba, Tom Hartzel, Sue Holden, Carol Munch, Tim Murray, Russell Peterson, Garrett Pettingell, and Ray Polster

The WTS director most sincerely thanks the committee whose dedication, expertise, and hard work made the session possible.

WTS Committee: Norm Arlt, Marc Borai, Dave Callais, Ken Gurvin, John Lindner, Tim Musil, Martha Mustard, Rich Ostrosky, Terry Ploski, Robin Starr, and Sarah Thompson

Social Activities Calendar

Saturday February 1 - Grand Lake Winter Carnival.

<https://gograndlake.com/annual-events/wintercarnival/>

Sunday February 2 - Free Day at the Denver Zoo.

<https://www.denverzoo.org>

Saturday February 8 - Dinner at Citron Bistro, 5:00 p.m. This restaurant at 3535 S. Yosemite (near Hampden) has a great and affordable menu. Those interested can ride with us afterword on RTD Light Rail to the Symphony (see below). Come to one or both events. For directions and reservation (required), call Bob Shedd, 720-290-6014.

Saturday February 8 - Colorado Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Great program features Chopin's Second Piano Concerto, Debussy's "La Mer" and more. Discount tickets \$29. To sign up, or to cancel, you must call or email the host by 11:30 a.m. on the day of the concert. Bob Shedd, rshedd@aol.com or 720-290-6014.

Friday February 14 - TGIF at 6. La Belle Espresso & Wine Bar.

www.labellorette.com
A cozy place to grab a bite or beverage, 2423 S. University Blvd. pleslie.leslie@gmail.com

Sunday February 16 - "Culinary Adventure" (in Edgewater) Lunch choices include lobster rolls, crepes, gyros, and more from the 13+ food vendors. To join us meet Bob and Patricia at 1:00 p.m. near the Amethyst Coffee stall, suite 124 in the new Edgewater Public Market 5505 W. 20th Ave. or catch up with us via Bob Shedd's cell phone: 720-290-6014.

Sunday February 16 - Fair weather day walk around Sloan's Lake Meet Bob at 2:00 in the parking lot at the southeast corner of Sheridan Blvd. and 25th Ave where we will start the walk around Sloan's Lake, weather permitting, otherwise we'll try again next Sunday. (RSVP requested) For questions contact Bob Shedd, rshedd@aol.com or 720-290-6014. We encourage you to bring friends along. CMC leader: Patricia Leslie pleslie.leslie@gmail.com

Thursday February 20 - Colorado Environmental Film Festival, 5:30 p.m. at the AMC.

This first night of the film festival is a free "Community Night." World class environmental films from local and national organizations will be featured over 4 days. Thursday's location is the Foss Auditorium, American Mountaineering Center 710 10th St. Golden.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday February 21-23 - Film Festival continues. Tickets can be purchased for single and multiple sessions. See the full film showings schedule [here](#).

CMC Acronym List

List

The Denver Group often uses acronyms when referring to many schools and committees. Need a cheat sheet? Here you go!

[Acronym List](#)

Free Beginner Snowshoe Clinics

Reminder: Free Beginner Snowshoe Clinics for members only are on the [CMC calendar](#) now. Registration for each clinic will open 30 days before the Clinic Date. Sign up for only one date per member, please. One lesson will prepare you to join a regular snowshoe trip.

[Calendar](#)

Technical Climbing Courses: Spots Open!

Sign up for 2020 ice climbing and Alpine Climbing School "modular track" courses.

[Register](#)

Volunteer Needed: Classification Change Coordinator

The Denver Group's Classification Change Committee is seeking to fill its volunteer position.

The committee is responsible for the award of "A," "B," "C," and "D" hiker ratings. The committee also awards the "Easy," "Moderate," and "Advanced" skier ratings.

This is an interesting position that requires just a few hours each month to review classification change requests in addition to interfacing with CMC staff and school directors.

For more information please contact Lee Janssen at lee.k.janssen@gmail.com.

Call for Submissions

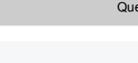
Have an item you'd like included in a future Mile High Mountaineer newsletter? **The next deadline is Friday, February 21.** Guidelines:

- Articles should be 200 words or less, **OR** submitted as a PDF
- MHM editors reserve the right to determine what's included in the newsletter and edit submissions for clarity and length
- Submissions must be relevant to the Denver Group of the CMC and/or its members; paid advertisements are not accepted (please contact cmcpres@cmc.org for information on advertising in *Trail & Timberline* magazine)

Please send submissions to: milehighmountaineer@gmail.com.

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

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