

CHAPTER 18 – NEXT STEPS

So – you have graduated from Wilderness Trekking School! What is next? There are other schools within the Colorado Mountain Club where you can further your education and training. If you would really like to give something back to the club, many volunteer opportunities exist. Would you like to meet people who share your interests?

EDUCATION

The CMC offers numerous schools covering a wide range of mountain-oriented, recreational sports and activities. Go to <http://www.cmc.org/denver/index.aspx>.

Hiking/Camping

- Backpacking School (BKPS)
- Basic Winter Camping School
- Wilderness Survival School (WSS)

Mountaineering

- Basic Mountaineering School (BMS)
- High Altitude Mountaineering Seminar/School (HAMS)

Rock Climbing

- Beginner Rock Climbing Seminar (BRCS)
- Rock Seconding School
- Trad Lead Climbing School
- Technical Ice Climbing School (TICS)

Ski Schools

- Backcountry Ski Touring School
- Ski Mountaineering School
- Telemark Ski School

Specialized Skills

- Avalanche Awareness School
- Fly Fishing School
- Leadership School (for trip leaders)
- Wilderness First Aid School (WFA)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The CMC could not exist without the support of its members. Nearly all of the schools, trips, and activities offered by the club are run by volunteers. Here are just a few of the many ways in which you can contribute:

- Leading hikes
- Teaching courses
- Writing articles for newsletters
- Organizing social activities
- Assisting with research projects
- Working in the museum/gift shop

Upon successful graduation from WTS and with a recommendation from your instructor team, you are qualified to join the school as an assistant instructor. If you would like to

Graduation

give back in that fashion, please contact the WTS director or other member of the committee. Your skills and experience are wanted here!

SPECIAL INTEREST SECTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

If you would like to meet more people with similar interests, the opportunities within the club are nearly endless. A sample list is provided below.

- Adopt-a-Highway Trips
- Backpacking Section
- Bicycling Section
- Conservation Committee
- Downhillers Section
- Fly Fishing Section
- Free Heel Skiing Section
- High Altitude Mountaineering Section
- Ice-skating Section
- Newsletter Committee
- Outdoor Recreation Information Center (ORIC) Committee
- Photography Section
- Rocky Mountain Over the Hill Gang
- Social Activities Committee
- Summit Seekers Section
- Technical Climbing Section
- Trail Maintenance Projects
- Trailblazers Section

If you are interested in learning more about any of the activities mentioned in this chapter, please contact the CMC office at 303-279-3080, ext. 2 or at 800-633-4417, ext. 2. Or you can visit the CMC web site at <http://www.cmc.org/>.