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Very Important – Read as if your Life depended upon it!

Now do I have your attention?

Reports have been slow in getting to our safety team. Whatever the reason, reports must be filled out promptly when the reportable item is fresh in your mind. Most importantly, in the case of an accident, we would like to contact the injured party and inquire about his/her current health status. Our members need to know we care about them and contact them in a timely manner. Please review the information below, even though some of this may be a repeat of what you already know.

What are the categories of incidents?

1. **Accident** - An accident is an event where someone is injured and professional medical care is sought.
2. **Incident** – An alleged violation of jurisdictional law or CMC policies, including the CMC Code of Conduct
3. **Near Miss** – an incident, near accident, or an accident in which professional medical care is not required. This may be a new category to some of you. It is treated less formally than an accident or incident. The goal is to give DS&L a “heads up” in protecting you as a leader. It also helps us in accident prevention and identifying the need for education.
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Where can I obtain trip leader forms?

1. On the Denver Group website: hikingdenver.net -> Trip Leader -> Trip Leader Support
2. On the CMC website main page under Leader Information -> (if you like forms, you'll love this page)

What do I do with this thing after I fill it out?

We are getting close to achieving online reporting. Until then, the ONLY way of reporting is to fill out the form and:

1. Mail it to the CMC office: 710 10th Street, Suite 200, Golden 80401
2. Scan the completed form and email it to: cmcoffice@cmc.org
3. Fax it to; 303-279-9690

Caution: DO NOT use the activity report as a form of reporting. No one will see it.

What Happens to these reports?

The office promptly forwards them to DS&L. In the case of an accident or incident, a safety investigator will follow-up within 7-10 days. If you do not hear from them, please call the office and inquire on the status of your report.

Near misses are followed up less formally on a case to case basis.

What about Complaints and the rare Compliment?

This goes both ways. If you are having a problem with a participant, please tell us. We can help you resolve issues. If a particular participant really stood out or stepped up in helping you, we will send them an email or letter conveying your praises. Please make your participants aware of this avenue. Someone may just surprise you or another leader with a compliment. How do you do this?

1. Clicking on "Compliments & Complaints" on the home page of the Denver Group website (upper right corner)
2. Send an email to: DenverSafetyandLeadership@hikingdenver.net or to the DS&L Committee Chair or Safety Director. Currently (unless someone wants to have our jobs)
 - Linda Lawson at lkl14er@comcast.net
 - Deb Robak at kaborbed@comcast.net.
3. Email the CMC office.

We are very careful in being discreet and sensitive when following up on complaints. Confidentiality is highly important to us.

Did you know?

The Denver Group website was set up through the amazing volunteer work of Sharon Kratze. It is extremely user friendly. It can be accessed by going to www.hikingdenver.net or simply going to the Denver Group on the CMC website. Through the help of Chris Bartle, DS&L had been populating the Trip Leader page. Please visit it. There is a lot of helpful information and I promise you, it won't all be a snore-fest. Here are some features to name a few:

1. Emergency Contact Card which should be in ALL leaders packs. Go to: <http://www.hikingdenver.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Emergency-Call-Service.pdf>
2. Substitute leader list. Volunteers welcome.
3. Trailhead Checklist
4. DS&L Committee Meeting Minutes
5. Denver Group Policies
6. Denver Leader & Safety Newsletters Archive (my personal favorite)
7. Every form you could possibly need and then some more.

Are you done yet?

One last thing, familiarize yourself with [the www.hikingdenver.net](http://www.hikingdenver.net) site. It contains a great deal of information and is easy to navigate. If you don't believe me, just look at the first page. Please keep your trip participants informed of the Denver Group hikingdenver.net site and what it has to offer. I am surprised at how many people are not aware of its existence.

What next?

Don't fall asleep yet. Look below!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Save the date: November 4, 2012

Leader Appreciation Night*

Time: 12-5 pm

Place: AMC Conference Rms A-D

*All existing leaders and TLS attendees are welcome.



Avalanche Education:

AVALANCHE TERRAIN AVOIDANCE

The Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA) Seminar is meant to teach casual winter hikers (such as snowshoers and cross country skiers) how to avoid avalanche terrain. This course is the mandatory minimum for any CMC Denver leader, certified as a leader after October 1, 2011, who wishes to lead hikes during the winter season (November through April). All leaders certified prior to October 1, 2011 are grandfathered from ATA for 5 years beginning October 1, 2011. Fees: Trip Leaders \$20; DG members \$30; General Public \$35

Session 1 – Lecture November 17, 2012, AMC

Optional Field Day November 17, 8:00 – 1:00pm

The field day is designed to show students what both avalanche prone and non-avalanche prone terrain looks like; this can be accomplished whether or not there is snow

Session 2 – Lecture January 5, 8:00 - 11:30am, AMC

Optional Field Day January 5, 12:00-5:00pm

Session 3 - Lecture February 12, 6:30-9:30pm AMC

Optional Field Day February 16, 8:00-1:00pm

AIARE LEVEL 1

Session 1: Lecture & Field Days February 1, 2, 3

Session 2: Lecture Date TBD; Field Days March 2 & 3

Denver Safety & Leadership Committee is again offering **50% tuition scholarships for the 2013 AIARE Level 1 session**. DS&L is offering 10 scholarships for each session. AIARE Level 1 training is required for all new winter backcountry trip leaders certified after September 30, 2011. All existing winter backcountry leaders were grandfathered for five years. Tom Creighton is the AIARE LEVEL 1 School Director.

*The application is posted on the next page of this newsletter

Trip Leader Application for Avalanche Scholarship

CMC Denver Group

2013 AIARE Level 1 School

Directions: Copy this application into your word processor, complete it and email it to:

DenverSafetyandLeadership@hikingdenver.net or lkl14er@comcast.net

- **The deadline for filing a scholarship application is October 31, 2012.**
- **Scholarship recipients must register for the class by contacting the CMC office.**

The Denver Group Safety & Leadership Committee has limited funds available for AIARE Level 1

Scholarships. The total number of scholarships awarded is 10 for each of the two AIARE Level 1 sessions available in 2013.

The amount of each award is 50% of the normal student fee of \$195, or \$97.50. The 2013 fee has been reduced from \$240 charged for the start-up year. Scholarships will be distributed between Denver skiing, snowshoeing and climbing activities, based on applicants' trips led during FY 2012 (from the CMC "Trip Count" database), training completed (from CMC individual "Training Records" database) and history of volunteer service to CMC (a subjective ranking by the DS&L committee). Awards also may be considered for selected new trip leaders. The Denver S&L Committee will approve all selections. Applicants will be notified of their status after the November 15th DS&L selection date.

Memo of Understanding

Regarding Scholarship Awards

for Denver Group AIARE Avalanche Training

This is a memo of understanding between _____ (Applicant) and Denver Group Safety & Leadership Committee (DS&L) establishing expectations in return for financial assistance to attend AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Training. Recipients are expected to lead DG winter backcountry trips and/or instruct at DG winter schools, including the ATA class, for at least two subsequent winter seasons. This is not a binding agreement, but an understanding that the Applicant will try to fulfill.

Signed, _____ (Applicant) Date _____

Leader Name:

Member #

Home Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Date Received by DS&L _____ Approved: _____ Date: _____

WILDERNESS MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE

Limit of 12 heartbeats

Indian Peaks*, James Peak, Byers Peak, Vasquez Peak, Comanche Peak, Cache La Poudre, Neota and Rawah

*Permit required; obtain from Membership Services or Scheduling Committee Representative, David Longenecker

Limit of 15 heartbeats

Eagles Nest, Mount Evans, Ptarmigan Peak, Lost Creek, Never Summer

CMC Bags All 14ers in One Day During 14er Challenge.

The Colorado Mountain Club summited every publicly-owned 14er in the state during the Colorado 14er Challenge Sept., 8, getting about 400 climbers up and down safely, some of them over some of the most gnarly pitches in the world, some of them climbing their first-ever 14er.

It took some last-minute scrambling and some heroic efforts on the part of bold climbers, but participants in CMC led trips bagged every peak, as a result they helped the club celebrate its 100th birthday with a maraschino cherry on top of a whip-cream covered banana split the size of Mt. Elbert.

The climb headquarters in Frisco was rocking all day Saturday as reports came in from climb teams by SPOT, photos, video and audio.

More than 100 leaders and trip participants celebrated in style the next day at a party in Frisco.

And come December 8 at the centennial series holiday party, the CMC auditorium will be rocking as we remember it all with the world premiere of a documentary produced by CU-Denver film students.

And then we'll spread the Colorado Fourteener Challenge story around the world by showing the documentary to audiences near and far, and years from now they'll be asking themselves, "What was that group that climbed all those peaks in one day?"

It was the Colorado Mountain Club.

Congratulations to all.

Sherry Richardson - Climbs Director

Ryan Ross - Event Director

FLY FISHING TRIP LEADER CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

Effective August 20, 2012

All existing Fly Fishing Trip Leaders are grandfathered prior to the adoption of these criteria by DS&L Committee.

- Successfully complete Denver Group Trip Leader School
- Successfully complete Denver Group Fly Fishing School or have equivalent experience
- Successfully complete Wilderness First Aid or have equivalent training or experience
- Successfully complete two LIT trips: One "A" hike and one Fly Fishing Trip; LIT may substitute a hike at a "B" or "C" level or backpack should they so elect to do so providing the LIT meets the B or C classification requirements or backpack requirements; the Fly Fishing Trip must be scheduled through the Denver Group Fly Fishing Section and demonstrate the following Flying Fishing trip requirements during the LIT Fly Fishing Trip:
 - Members of the trip must let the LIT trip leader know where they will be fishing and estimated return time
 - LIT schedules a return time and place for the group to meet at the end of the day; this necessitates all members have a time piece
 - LIT is aware of need for trip members to "Buddy up" with another member of the trip and keep in touch with them while fishing. (This requirement is for safety. If one of the two individuals needs help, then the other one can locate the rest of the group along the river or lake and assist as required)
 - Review safety and etiquette guidelines for Wading Fly Fishing with the members on trip prior to fishing.

These topics are covered in the CMC DG Fly Fishing Handbook used in the FF School.