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## Denver Schools Committee (DSC)

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### Why you should read this newsletter!

This is the inaugural issue of the DSC newsletter, which is targeted at CMC school Instructors and Directors. It's goal is to inform you about important issues and topics regarding CMC schools, and to serve as a communication platform between you and the CMC staff and DSC. It will be emailed to you on a quarterly basis (or more frequently, as needed, in order to pass on urgent information).

If there are any topics or issues you would like to see addressed in upcoming issues of this newsletter, please send your concern to the editor at [jmartersteck@yahoo.com](mailto:jmartersteck@yahoo.com).

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## Topics of Interest

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## New CMC Interim Executive Director

Scott Robson decided to make a job change and is now the Executive Director of the non-

profit Civic Center Conservancy in Denver. The Club is extremely grateful for Scott's professional and dedicated service the past few years on behalf of the Club, and we wish him well in his new role.

In the meantime, Holly Barrass, the Club's Education Director (including YEP), has taken on the role of Interim Executive Director until a permanent replacement is found. The DSC and many CMC schools have been working closely with Holly, who has done a fantastic job serving in various roles for the club over the last four years, most notably the Education Director (including Youth Education Program Director). Here's a bit about her background:

Originally hailing from New Zealand, Holly now calls Golden home when not in the field. With over 500 field days of outdoor instructing to her name, Holly has worked in adventure tour guiding and has facilitated 25-day wilderness expeditions, backpacking courses, canoe trips, and an extensive amount of rock climbing courses. Recently, Holly has found a passion for wilderness risk management systems and polices. She graduated with a degree in Outdoor Education and is a certified rock climbing instructor in New Zealand and with the American Mountain Guides Association. An educator at heart, Holly is passionate about empowering people through the outdoors and the preservation of our wild spaces. Most of Holly's spare time is spent rock climbing and exploring those wild spaces – she loves getting into the backcountry on skis or with a backpack and has developed a recent interest in ski mountaineering races.

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## Private Land Lease near Winter Park

The CMC is still in the process of leasing a tract of land for Club use near Winter Park. This land will be available for year-round use without the need to acquire a permit in order to access it. We anticipate that this land will offer good use opportunities for our Navigation, Wilderness Trekking, Cross-Country Ski, Backpacking, Winter Camping and Wilderness Survival schools, with no need to acquire a permit (it does not offer steep or technical terrain and so may not be as useful for our technical schools). **However, until the lease is signed off, this area should not be used for any Club activities. Unauthorized use by the Club will jeopardize our ability to lease this land.**

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## 2018 Directors Meeting will be held May 22nd

School Directors, please reserve on your calendars the evening of May 22nd to attend the 2018 Directors Meeting. The tentative agenda will be:

- Pizza and beer social time
  - Introductions and new Directors
  - Permit status and leased land use
  - "One Club" policy
  - General Instruction
  - Open Issues
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## **New Day Hiking School Director needed!**

Are you interested in becoming a Director? We are looking for someone to lead the Day Hiking School, which has program plan and a curriculum, but no Director. Please contact Robbie Monsma (remonsma@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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## **The Technical Climbing School has been reorganized.**

You may have heard that TCS moved from the Denver Group to State. It has been organized into the following programs:

- Navigation (Nav I, II, III classes)
- Rock I (Basic and Intermediate rock classes)
- Rock II (Seconding, Trad Lead, Sport, Anchors)
- Rescue (Rescue I, II, III)
- Snow (Basic, Technical, Couloir Climb coordination)
- Ice (Basic, Technical Lead)
- BMS Coordinator (Couloir climb, High peak climb)
- Gear
- Curriculum

- Special Events (Public Relations, Marketing)

Many thanks to the new leaders of these TCS programs! Also, due to both the number of programs and the large number of students who are interested in participating in each program, we are always in need of instructors to help teach.

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## Thanks to several retiring Directors!

The CMC is most grateful to the following members who have served the CMC as a School Director and who have recently stepped down from that role:

**Bill Haneghan**, Technical Climbing School

**Joan Rossiter**, Ski School

**Dave Covill**, Knot Tying School

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## Become a Wilderness First Responder!

If you are interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), also known as a Wilderness First Responder (WFR), you now have an opportunity to complete this intensive medical training course through the CMC. **The course will be held June 6-15, with 6/11 as a day off.** The cost is \$625 for members. Please sign up for this course on the CMC calendar; the ID is 41806. The calendar page contains a lot more information about the course.

Please note: **we need eight registrations by early May, or we will have to cancel the course.**

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## Permits for 2019

Philip Swiny (Director of Safety and Operations) is reworking the permit documentation for 2019 and

should have them ready by May 04. Here is the link to the [2019 folder](#), which will contain info about applying for both local and USFS and other pertinent info.

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## **Buying on Amazon?! Use smile.amazon.com**

If you are making a purchase on Amazon.com, please use smile.amazon.com and select the Colorado Mountain Club as your beneficiary. Amazon.com will then donate to the CMC a small portion of each of your purchases -- at no cost to you. Thank you for supporting the Club in this easy but helpful way!

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## **Equipment Acquisition**

If you are a Director and need to purchase equipment for your School, you must complete an Equipment Acquisition Request form, which is available on Google Docs, and submit it to Logan in the CMC office (contact Philip Swiny, Director of Safety and Operations, for the link to the form). The reason for this policy is to ensure the Club is getting the best price on new equipment (thanks to pro deals with certain corporate partners) and to improve the Club's purchasing power. The form contains questions to justify the purchase, so that your purchase will be handled expediently.

Holly Barrass (Interim Executive Director) will be updating the Equipment Acquisition policy. In the meantime, note that equipment purchases are approved at the State level, and approval is relatively quick. It would be best for requests to be submitted at least a month prior to when the gear will be needed, so that if an item is out of stock, or shipping is delayed, etc., we will hopefully be able to avoid expedited shipping fees.

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## **New AMC Room policy**

Please review the new [AMC room policy](#) , which has been updated with some important

changes that may affect your School's room scheduling.

Note that there is a blue binder in each conference room that contains a checklist that summarizes the tasks that must be done each time you use a conference room. You must complete a checklist each time you use a conference room. Also, you must be sure everyone has left by 9:45 (or possibly incur a \$100 fine).

This policy has been implemented after negotiation with concerned parties, and the restrictions imposed are due to constraints beyond our control (including tenant sharing agreements, fire code, maintenance staff, etc.). Thank you for your understanding.

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## "One Club" Vision

The CMC has established a "One Club" vision with the goal of uniting and standardizing content for CMC Schools across the State. The DSC has begun working with the Club leadership to determine various ways that we can work together to foster this goal. Stay tuned!

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## Personal Locator Beacons

Per Philip Swiny (Director of Safety and Operations), CMC Schools can purchase Garmin products at a discounted rate. Note: if you would like to purchase an InReach device for personal use, there is a 20% Experticity pro-deal discount on Garmin products.

The following applies to all CMC Groups / Schools that might want to purchase an InReach device for group use:

1. The CMC supports and encourages the use of personal locator beacons on any CMC sanctioned trip as an added communication tool, particularly one that can be of assistance in the case of an emergency where cell phone service is limited.
2. Groups / Schools may purchase personal locator beacons as their budget allows, if they desire, which should be inventoried and will remain the property of the CMC.

3. Groups / Schools who decide to purchase locator beacons must commit to providing proper training on use of those beacons to anyone wishing to check out a beacon, per the manufactures recommendations.
4. Groups / Schools should create a simple check out form that includes a check out and check in date, trip leader name, destination of trip, and a sign off by the individual checking out the PLB that they have been trained on proper use of the PLB and understand how to use the device.
5. Priority of which trip leaders are able to check out their respective Group's personal locator beacons on any given week should be at the discretion of the School Director or Group Chair. Priority should be given to those trips entering into locations with limited or no cell phone service and/or trips that are of higher technical difficulty.
6. Most personal locator beacons allow a text or email message to be sent to some predetermined location besides the SOS signal which goes to 911. It is recommended that the phone/text number of a trip leader's family member or other point of contact within the respective local Group leadership should be designated to receive this standard preprogrammed message (rather than the CMC Golden office).

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