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CANADIAN MOUNTAIN AND SKI GUIDE PROGRAM

Application Package

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*Digital Registration forms can be found at:

<http://www.tru.ca/act/adventure/cmsg-certprg/apply/apppackages.html>

1. Alpine Guide Program

Alpine Guides specialize in alpine, rock and waterfall ice climbing terrain.

The goal of the Apprentice Alpine Guide exam is to certify guides to work with supervision in all types of alpine climbing terrain. A second goal is to continue the aspirant guide's learning process in applying techniques in a wide variety of conditions.

Candidates are expected to come prepared and able to demonstrate and be examined on information contained in the Technical Handbook for Professional Mountain Guides and as taught on Guide Training – Rock, the Apprentice Rock Guide exam, Guide Training – Ice, and Guide Training - Alpine; and the ITP Level 1 Avalanche course. The guiding standard requires movement up to 5.10 in rock shoes; 5.8 in mountain boots, alpine ice to 70 degrees and water ice to Grade 4 with confident and efficient movement.

Guide Training – Alpine is a pre-requisite to the Apprentice Alpine Guide Exam. Apprentice Alpine Guides must wait 1 full year and no more than 3 years before attending an Alpine Guide exam.

If you have already completed Guide Training – Alpine and are applying to the AAG Exam, proceed with the application package. If you have not attended Guide Training – Alpine, return to the ACMG web site and click on 'Guide Training – Alpine' or contact the CMSG Program office for the application package.

2. Notice to Participants of Professional Guide Training Courses - Increased Risk

TRU and the ACMG provide training intended to develop professional skiing, climbing, hiking, rescue, and wilderness travel guides. To train professional guides it is necessary for students to participate in activities that have higher levels of risk than what may be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards. This may include, but is not limited to activities such as: lead climbing where the climber places his or her own protective equipment, climbing without helmets, travel and decision making in avalanche terrain, climbing and rescue in a multi-pitch environment, students driving program vehicles, hiking in unusually rough and remote terrain, stress from examination and grading processes, students making route and hazard assessment decisions on behalf of other students, unsupervised activities; and continuing with an activity when it may not be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards (for example, when fatigued, in inclement weather, or in high hazard conditions).

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

AT THE START OF EACH COURSE or EXAM YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LEGAL RELEASE DOCUMENT (Waiver). YOU CAN VIEW A COPY ON-LINE. WE RECOMMEND YOU SEEK LEGAL ADVICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

3. Application Information

PREREQUISITES REQUIRED BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY

- ❑ Have a current Advanced (80 hr.) First Aid and CPR certificate (Wilderness First Aid is preferred; however OFA 3 will be accepted).
- ❑ CAA Industry Training Program Level One for Avalanche Operations certificate
- ❑ Completion of Guide Training - Ice and Guide Training - Alpine with a recommendation to continue to the exam.

TO APPLY YOU MUST SUBMIT

- ❑ Registration form (attached)
- ❑ Copy of your current Advanced Wilderness First Aid. (If you will be taking your first aid course after the application deadline, attach a confirmation of registration for the first aid program you are taking – this must be complete, and confirmation received by our office (copy of certificate or letter from the first aid provider) in advance of the course date.
- ❑ Copy of your CAA Level 1 certificate
- ❑ Personal resume update
- ❑ Updated climbing skills resume. See attached format example.

CONCERNING APPLICATIONS

Allow yourself adequate time to create a well-structured, organized, and complete application that arrives on time. Your application plays a significant role in whether you will be accepted into the program or not. Poorly organized applications or unformatted resumes jeopardize your acceptance as your background, skills and qualifications may not be clear and/or may compare unfavourably to other applications. Please retain a copy of your application for your records or in case of loss.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be complete and received by the CMSG Program office by the application closing date. Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.

Application deadlines, course dates and fees can be viewed online at www.cmsg.info or contact the Program Office at (250) 371-5838. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice. **Applications must be delivered via e-mail. They should be saved in a .pdf package and e-mailed to cmsg@tru.ca. They should only be faxed if you don't have any other options.**

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the course, once accepted the course deposit is due and must be paid in full to confirm placement. See payment details below. **If accepted and it becomes clear to the instructors that you are not at the standard indicted on your application, instructors have the right to remove you from further participation.**

4. Sample Format for Climbing Skills Resume

Work Experience

Route <i>Name of route</i>	Difficulty <i>grade</i>	Location <i>area or range</i>	Supervising Guide	Date <i>month/year</i>
1.				
2.				
Etc.				

Personal Experience - create a separate category for each style of climb (rock, ice, alpine)

Route <i>Name of route flash/redpoint</i>	Difficulty <i>Grade</i>	Location/Area <i>area or range</i>	Belayer <i>Partner name</i>	Date <i>month/year</i>	Style (if applicable)
1.					
2.					
Etc.					