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## CANADIAN MOUNTAIN AND SKI GUIDE PROGRAM

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### **Application Package**

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

## 1. Rock Guide Program

Rock guides specialize in climbing instruction and guiding on technical rock. This includes long, multi-pitch routes; sport climbs; and top rope climbs on terrain where no glaciation and no permanent or seasonal snow or ice exists.

The goals of the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam are to train and assess candidates in instruction and guiding of rock climbs in non-glaciated and non-alpine terrain and to provide counsel toward further supervised work experience and future ACMG courses. Apprentice guide exams initiate the process of “apprenticeship” giving the aspirant an opportunity to have his or her decision-making skills reviewed by an experienced guide.

The Apprentice Rock Guide Exam simulates a variety of rock climbing instruction and guiding scenarios during which instructional skills, rescue systems, movement skills, decision-making, and rope applications are evaluated.

The Guide Training Rock course is a prerequisite to the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam. You may wait one year after completing Guide Training Rock before you are required to take the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam. Apprentice Rock Guides have up to 3 years to attend the Rock Guide exam.

If you have already completed the Guide Training Rock and are applying to the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam, proceed with this application package. If you have not completed Guide Training Rock, return to the web site and click on ‘Guide Training Rock’ or contact the Program office for the correct 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

- ❑ You must be 19 years of age or older
- ❑ Have a current Advanced (80 hr.) First Aid and CPR certificate (Wilderness First Aid is preferred; however OFA 3 will be accepted).
- ❑ Complete Guide Training Rock with a recommendation to proceed to the exam

#### TO APPLY YOU MUST SUBMIT

- ❑ Registration form (attached)
- ❑ Copy of your current Advanced Wilderness First Aid and CPR certificate. (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.
- ❑ Climbing Skills resume: See attached format example. An update to your personal skills resume if you completed the training course the previous year.
- ❑ References that are familiar with your rock climbing background, (please include contact information).

#### 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](http://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](mailto: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

A personal skills resume can be set up in a spreadsheet format to more conveniently list the types and styles of climbs. This will present relevant information in a concise format.

### 15 Short Trad Climbs (min. 5.10c)

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

### 15 Sport Climbs (min. 5.10d)

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

### Significant Redpoints in the past year

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belayer	Date
<i>Name of route</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>area or crag</i>	<i>partner name</i>	<i>month/year</i>
1.				
2.				
Etc.				

### 15 Moderate Length Routes (Full Day, Multi Pitch)

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belayer	Date
<i>Name of route</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>partner</i>	<i>month/year</i>
1.				
2.				
Etc.				

### 2 or more longer routes (very long / multi day)

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belayer	Date
<i>Name of route</i>	<i>difficulty</i>	<i>area/crag</i>	<i>partner</i>	<i>month/year</i>
1.				
2.				

### Any Routes Requiring Direct Aid

Route	Difficulty	Location/ Area	Belayer	Date
<i>Name of route</i>	<i>difficulty</i>	<i>area/crag</i>	<i>partner</i>	<i>month/year</i>
1.				
Etc.				