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CANADIAN MOUNTAIN AND SKI GUIDE PROGRAM

Application Package

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Canadian Mountain & Ski Guide Program
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*Digital Registration forms can be found at:

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

1. Pre-exam Training

Pre-exam training is only available to apprentice guides in the Rock, Alpine and Ski Guide certificates.

Apprentice guides do not have to be registered for a certificate exam to participate in this course.

The course is 4 days long (except the rock which is 2 days).

The pre-exam training course is intended as a “bridge” course between apprentice and certificate exams. The goal of the course is to ensure apprentice guides are up-to-date with certificate standards and expectations and to assist apprentice guides with their preparation for certificate exams.

Specific objectives will vary depending on the certificate but will include:

- Review trip planning, guides meeting and client briefing expectations
- Review application of roped travel techniques (i.e. shortroping, multi-client rope configurations, glacier travel)
- Review technical rescue skills
- Review marking categories and standards for certificate exams
- Practice guiding (in exam mode) with instructor feedback in all assessment categories
- Instructor coaching on how to train and prepare for a pending certificate exam

Additional information is provided prior to each Pre-exam Training course.

If you have passed an apprentice exam (Rock, Alpine, Ski) proceed with this application package.

If you have not, return to the web site 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).

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 – Pre-exam Training Course

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).
- ❑ Have passed an Apprentice Guide exam (Rock, Ski, Alpine)

TO APPLY YOU MUST SUBMIT

- ❑ Registration form (attached)
- ❑ Copy of your current Advanced Wilderness First Aid if it has expired since your last CMSG course. (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.
- ❑ Personal experience update (rock / alpine climbing or backcountry skiing) since your apprentice exam.
- ❑ Related guiding experience resume
- ❑ Other training or information you feel is pertinent

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 fee 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.