



# Colorado Rocky Mountain School



## FALL TRIP: OCTOBER 2 - 6, 2023

Students will sign-up for Fall Trip during SMB on Tuesday, September 12, with their Advisors. Please note the key bullets below and scroll down for a brief description of this year's offerings.

**Prerequisite Requirements:** Highlighted trips require prerequisite experience. Talk to your advisor if you are unsure if you are qualified for a trip.

### TRACKING

Students in Rock Climbing 1 will track onto a climbing trip that corresponds with their level of climbing.

MTB 1 or Kayaking 1 have spots reserved for them on the corresponding level 1 Fall Trip and will be automatically signed up.

### MAKE THOUGHTFUL & INTENTIONAL TRIP DECISIONS

Everyone (except Level 1 River, MTB, or Climb afternoon active students) need to select 4 trips that they are *qualified* to participate in. *All students* need to be prepared to be assigned to *any* of their top 4 choices!

### WEIGHTED LOTTERY

We use a weighted lottery (and additional adjustments to create balanced groups) to assign students to trips. This results in our desired mixed-grade trips while still giving upperclassmen a better chance to get into one of their top choices.

### FALL TRIP STUDENT ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS

Open to 11th and 12th grade students. Please make note of Fall Trip Assistant interest in the "Notes" column of the sign-up spreadsheet.

## ABSENT DURING SIGN-UPS?

Please email your top 4 choices (that you are qualified for) to your advisor ASAP.

## DEADLINE FOR TRIP-CHANGE REQUESTS

Due to the complications of changing food, gear, and overall group dynamic at the last minute, we will not be accepting any trip-change requests starting at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 22nd.

## 2023 FALL TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

### Day Hiking 1 Grand Valley

Enjoy car camping in Colorado National Monument and day hiking myriad trails around the Grand Valley each day.

### Trail Running 2: Location TBD

Run or hike 6-10+ miles/day through our glorious backyard!

*\*\*Pre-req: XC or equivalent and a desire to trail run.\*\**

### BP1: Braun Hut-Packing & Service

Backpack to and stay at two different alpine mountain huts and help tackle a service project.

### BP2: Thompson Divide

Backpack in our own backyard through the Thompson Divide – described as an unsung “Crown Jewel” of Colorado’s public lands. *\*\*Pre-req: Wilderness or equivalent\*\**

### BP2: Fly Fishing & Fly Tying ~\$35

Backpacking, learn/practice fly-fishing, and gourmet cooking.

*\*\*Pre-req: Wilderness or equivalent\*\**

### BP2-3: Peak Climbing Yule Creek

An advanced level challenging backpacking trip targeting high peaks and passes.

*\*\*Pre-req: Wilderness or equivalent\*\**

### Canoe 1: Ruby-Horsethief Paint/Draw ~\$48

Canoe and learn/practice painting and drawing through Ruby & Horsethief Canyons along the Colorado River.

### Canoe 1+: Labyrinth Canyon ~\$30

An introduction/opportunity to canoe and day-hike through Labyrinth Canyon on the Green River in Utah.

### Kayak 1+: Ruby-Horsethief Canyons

Learn to kayak while exploring the Colorado River through Ruby and Horsethief Canyons.

*Reserved for Kayak 1 active students or equivalent.*

### Kayak 3: Cataract Canyon ~\$40

Begins at the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers, Cataract Canyon is home to numerous class 3-5 rapids.

*\*\*Pre-req: Kayak 3, or equivalent/approval from Peter Benedict (River Program Director).\*\**

**Climb: Maple Canyon**

Apply your new climbing skills to the spectacular conglomerate rock of Maple Canyon Utah.

*\*\*Pre-req: Climbing experience. Climb 1 students will be placed in this trip or another climb trip based on best-fit/approval from Tracy Wilson (Climb Program Director).\*\**

**Climb: Indian Creek**

Challenge yourself in some splitter crack climbing in the Wingate Sandstone of Utah and camp in red dirt! *\*\*Pre-req: CRMS rock climbing 2 or equivalent/approval from Tracy Wilson (Climb Program Director).\*\**

**Climb: Rifle**

People come from around the west and the world to climb Rifle's steep limestone.

*\*\*Pre-req: climbing experience. Climb 1 students will be placed in this trip or another climb trip based on best-fit/approval from Tracy Wilson (Climb Program Director).\*\**

**MTB 1+: Grand Valley**

Highline Lake, Loma, 18-Road – just some of the World Class riding in the Grand Valley!  
*For MTB 1 students and riders who want a more moderate mtb experience.*

**MTB 2+: Moab**

Self-proclaimed as the “Greatest Mountain Biking on the Planet,” this trip offers technical challenges in an otherworldly, Mars-like landscape. *\*\*Pre-req: MTB 2 or equivalent/approval from Matt Bowers (Bike Program Director).\*\**

**MTB 3: Crested Butte**

Long, steep, challenging rides in the community that helped invent the sport.

*\*\*Pre-req: MTB 3 or equivalent/approval from Matt Bowers (Bike Program Director)\*\**