



INTERIM 2024

February 5 - 16
On-campus and
Off-campus options

Interim is about immersion, exploration, and hands-on experiential learning!

Students and faculty spend Interim focusing on experiences that are unified in a way that our regular schedule is not. The variety of offerings and the ability to tailor Interims to include immersive experiences make for groups that are highly motivated and keenly focused. The balanced selection of academic, adventure, artistic, and service projects take place locally on the CRMS campus as well as off-campus to regional natural areas and urban centers. This year we have a 2-week format that provides time to delve more deeply into our Interim explorations.

The Presentation of Learning will take place on Friday, February 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Renée Thibodeaux // 970-963-2562 x 114

Key Dates

November 2: Students will select their top 5 Interim choices.

November 10: Interim Scholarship Applications are due.

Students currently receiving financial assistance are welcome to apply for an Interim Scholarship. Awards are based on financial need, the number of application received, and previous awards granted for Interim.

December 10: 50% deposit due to the Business Office.

January 10: Interim balance due to the Business Office.

February 5-16: Interim

February 16: Presentation of Learning (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

To Learn More:

Please join us during Family Weekend for one of our presentations in the CRMS Barn to learn more about this year's interim offerings.

Friday, October 27th at 10:10 a.m.

Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m.



CLAY CREATIONS & CONVERSATION

How can art get us talking about things that matter

Ceramics: Taking a clump of clay and forming it into something useful, whimsical, or wild. We will cover all aspects of the art-making process during this interim as students practice the technical aspects of crafting with clay. Most importantly, we will spend two weeks as creatives experimenting, exploring, inventing, taking risks, and having fun in the ceramic studio. Students will engage in ceramic projects based on their interest, ability, and stated goals. We will use ceramic design as a tool to inspire conversations and collaboration as we work with guest speakers and artists. This interim will include field trips in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond. Inexperienced and highly experienced ceramicists are encouraged to participate.

**On & Off-campus
\$305**



SILVERSMITHING

In this interim, students will immerse themselves in the art of silversmithing. They'll learn how to use a jewelry saw, solder, set stones, file, sand, and polish their pieces. Students will create intentional pieces to keep and share. They will be encouraged to experiment, discover their talents, and explore various ideas. The silversmithing interim is open to all students, from those who have never worked with silver to those with advanced skills.

**On-campus
\$550**



SKI BUILDING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Students will spend the Interim term learning about the concepts, materials, methods, and tools that produce a pair of skis. Working as a member of a fabrication team, each participant will design and build their own pair of skis based on their respective desires for performance and aesthetics. This is a great Interim for someone who wants to work as part of a team, get their hands on some power tools, and spend time in a manufacturing environment!

**On-campus
\$770**



WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER CERTIFICATION

What if your friend broke an arm in the backcountry? What if she received a serious burn while cooking on a Whisperlight stove? What do you do? These are the skills you need to be a professional in the outdoor industry and/or for your own personal backcountry adventures. This Interim is the full 10-day Wilderness First Responder certification in backcountry medicine. NOLS instructors will provide classroom instruction and hands-on experience with how to gather medical information, manage and care for patients in the field as well as evacuate when necessary. Students will learn how to conduct a thorough patient assessment, build splints out of resources available, identify a medical emergency, work as a team to care for a patient and more. This course provides excellent life skills and a certification that is recognized worldwide for jobs in the outdoor industry.

Pre-requisite: Must be 16 years or older to participate.

**On-campus
\$988**



BACKCOUNTRY POWDER SKIING

Skiing where your imagination, skill, and fitness takes you, provides an opportunity to return to the roots of the sport and to find authentic skiing adventure. To do so safely we will begin the Interim with four days of classroom and field-based avalanche education (Level 1 and Companion Rescue). Armed with these skills we will seek out adventure in the backcountry terrain of the Elk Mountains. We will apply our new awareness and skills to find skiing opportunities that provide an experience that connects you to the history and roots of the sport, the winter wilderness, and the promises of skiing something different, special, and perhaps even sublime.

Pre-requisites: Black diamond to double black skiing/riding skills. CRMS can provide transceivers, shovels, probes, and has a LIMITED number of backcountry skis. Participants need their own boots. Snowboarders should be proficient with using a splitboard. Instructor approval is required.

**On-campus
\$710**



BLUEGRASS MUSIC

There is something that happens when you step into your first bluegrass jam. Your adrenaline spikes. The hairs on your neck stand on end. The bass notes move through your heart and lungs and seismically find their way to the deepest recesses of your soul. Somehow, when the song kicks off, everyone knows what they are doing. They just KNOW. And there you are. You are in it. You are part of it. Surrounded and enveloped in some kind of history where you can't even seem to find the origins. Is it Africa? Is it Europe? Is it the churches in a deep recess of an Appalachian holler? It's DEEP. Profound. And you can almost smell the old wood of a cabin and the moss and trees.

Come learn how to partake in the tradition of bluegrass music and bluegrass jamming and take a skillset forward that you can use for the rest of your life anywhere on the planet. This interim will culminate in going to Midwinter Bluegrass Festival in Denver, where we will not only watch bluegrass music, but partake in the jams.

Pre-requisites: Experience in *any* string instrument - beginners to experts welcome. Students will pick their instrument of focus: guitar, banjo, fiddle, cello, dobro, or standup bass.

**On-campus
\$TBD**



PHOTOGRAPHY: EXPOSING THE HISTORY OF FILM

In this Interim we will trace the history of film from its origins to modern applications. We will explore historical methods of capturing and developing an image on film and other media to express unique artistic visions, all while exploring our own Roaring Fork Valley.

Upon returning to campus, students will edit their photographs and select their favorite shots to be displayed in the Jossman Building.

Pre-requisites: Students will need to have access to a manual film camera. This Interim is for anyone interested in film photography.

**Cost will be within this range, and may vary slightly with unforeseen airfare/lodging changes.*

**On-campus
\$200-500***



BUILD A SKATEBOARD GIVE A SKATEBOARD

How can we use skateboarding to connect and communicate with the world around us? You will cut, shape, design, and assemble one complete skateboard to keep and ride. In addition, you will cut, shape, and design one deck to donate. The donation decks will be sent to the Skate Like a Girl non-profit organization that “Empowers skaters, especially young women and/or trans people, to grow into strong, confident leaders who promote and implement social equity.” This interim will be hands-on and involve woodworking, design, and graphic skills. We will look back on the history of skateboarding to inspire our work and have the opportunity to innovate as well. Our collaboration with Skate Like a Girl will direct artwork towards a theme of female empowerment and social equity.

**Cost will be within this range, and may vary slightly with unforeseen airfare/lodging changes.*

**On-campus
\$200-300***



LEARN TO SAIL IN SAN DIEGO

For time immemorial, brave souls have ventured to the sea.

On this interim, students will spend seven days sailing in San Diego Bay. Students will earn their US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification, sailing J80s, J105s, and J120s with instruction provided by JWorld Performance Sailing. The course will include classroom and on-water instruction and will take place in San Diego, California. No previous sailing experience is required.

Off-campus
\$3,000



CIVIL RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Let's anchor our words to the actual events; let's visit past landscapes that speak to our present; let's dialogue with people who hold fast to a vision of a better and more just future. Our travels take us to the southern United States to learn about the history of the Civil Rights Movement, all while considering contemporary issues of social justice and equity. Traveling through Georgia and Alabama, we will participate in a nonviolence training, visit Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative memorial and museum, work with refugee children and learn about resettlement, and look at the current status of our voting laws. If the values of justice and equity resonate, if engaging with people who pursue those values inspire, this interim is for you!

Pre-requisites: Students must be in 10th - 12th grades to participate.

**Off-campus
\$1,335**



OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP & WFA

The trip is open to all students excited about the outdoors, adventure, leadership, and hard work. Broken leg on a remote peak? Mountain bike crash with a head injury? Want to lead outdoor trips or be a professional guide in the future? Want to be a Wilderness Assistant when you are a senior? This is the course for you. We will travel to the backcountry St. Paul Lodge on Red Mountain Pass in the heart of the San Juan Mountains. The core of this trip is a 16-hour intensive Wilderness First Aid course that results in a nationally recognized certification. Taught over three days, this class will give you the skills you need to cope with backcountry emergencies. We will follow this training with adventures in the outdoors focusing on group leadership. We will also do a 1-day Avalanche Companion Rescue course taught by Aspen Expeditions. You will gain crucial understanding of group dynamics, leadership styles, and crisis decision making. Through practice, rescue scenarios, and intense group adventures, you will hone your outdoor abilities. By the end of the trip you will have the confidence, skills, and experience to take your outdoor leadership to the next level.

Pre-requisites: Intermediate to expert skiing/riding skills. CRMS can provide transceivers, shovels, probes, and has a LIMITED number of backcountry skis. Participants need their own boots. (snowboarders need a splitboard/skins - rentable from Cripple Creek Backcountry in Carbondale).

**On & Off-Campus
\$795**



MARINE BIOLOGY: KINO BAY

We will be traveling to Kino Bay to explore the ecosystems of the Gulf of California and develop an intercultural sense of place within the local communities. Our studies will include bird monitoring, an offshore boat ride to study marine mammals, geologic evolution of the Gulf of California, medicinal plant mapping/surveying with the Comcaac community members, estuarine explorations, sea turtle monitoring with a local conservation group, and a camping trip to Estero Santa Rosa.

Preference: Students who have taken or are in AP Environmental Science.

**Off-campus
\$3,347**



TRADITIONAL CLIMBING SKILLS: JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

If you want to visit some of the best climbing areas in the world you need to know how to trad climb. This interim will be an intensive course learning about traditional climbing gear, how to build solid anchors and how to lead crack climbs using gear. We will be visiting Joshua Tree National Park in southern California. Considered one of the premier trad climbing venues in the country, the park offers numerous opportunities for learning this style. We will progress through the fundamentals of placing gear, building solid anchors, mock leading trad climbs, rappelling, and basic self-rescue techniques. We'll also be learning about the cultural history and unique geology of the area.

Pre-requisite: Students must have completed at least Climb 2 to participate.

**Off-Campus
\$1,586**



GRAND CANYON: HORSE PACKING

Canyon exploration on horseback provides a direct link to a historical past first etched on the red rock walls that we will visit. It creates a unique and symbiotic partnership between human and animal that cannot be replicated by any other relationship. And it allows for the opportunity to travel at the speed of horse, which is inherently thrilling. We will ride through geological time, enjoy home-cooked meals (compliments of the outfitter), sleep in durable, roomy canvas tents on camp cots, and enjoy nightly campfires sipping 'hot drinks' and enjoying each other's company.

Pre-requisite: This trip will include long days in the saddle. Previous horseback riding experience is a necessity.

Off-Campus
\$2,387



SWIFTWATER RESCUE: CHILE

¡Vamos a Chile! Have you ever wanted to kayak in Patagonia? Get certified to be a swift-water rescue technician? Immerse yourself in Patagonian language and culture? We have too!

We plan to travel to the Río Futaleufú, and take classes to become certified as a Swift-water Rescue Technician!

Preference: Kayakers who are comfortable paddling Class 3+ and 90% combat roll.

**Off-campus
\$3,500**

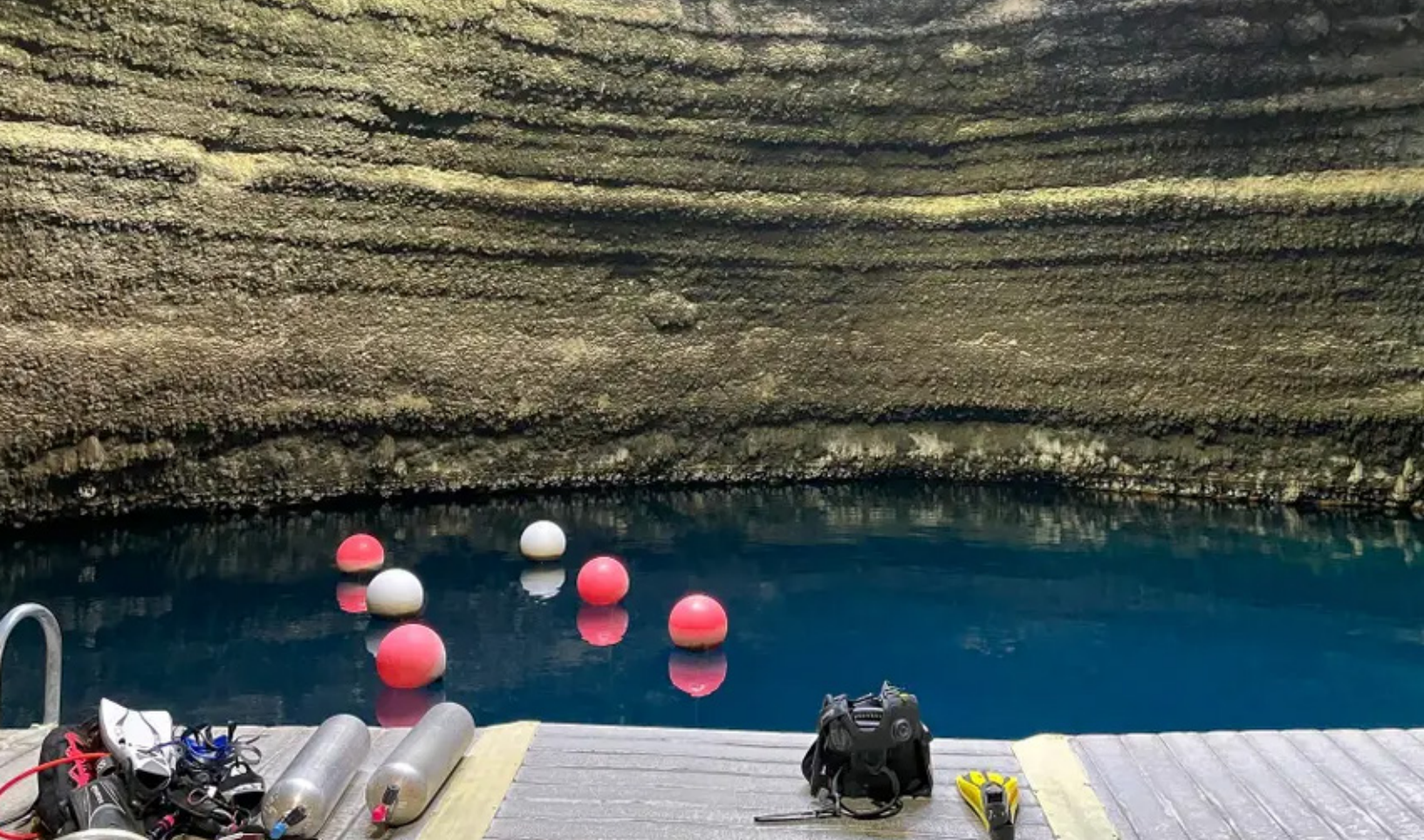


SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

In this travel Interim, students will immerse themselves in Spanish by traveling to Alajuela, Costa Rica. The main objective is to have a true language immersion experience and consider our place in a world of responsible tourism. The interim will consist of morning language classes, entirely in Spanish and tailored to each student's level with no group larger than five. In the afternoons, we will provide English enrichment or other after-school program lessons with a local school. Students will stay with individual host families, giving them the opportunity to continue their language learning at their home. Finally, we will have some days to explore nearby communities.

Preference: Students enrolled in the Spanish program: currently taking Spanish 2 or beyond.

Off-campus
\$3,300



OPEN WATER SCUBA

Dive into the adventure of a lifetime with our 2-week scuba course at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School! Explore the mesmerizing underwater world right here in the heart of the Rockies. Whether you're a novice or a seasoned diver, our expert instructors will guide you through the ins and outs of scuba diving, ensuring you have the skills and confidence to explore the depths. With breathtaking mountain scenery as your backdrop, this course offers a unique blend of thrill and tranquility. Don't miss this opportunity to discover a whole new world beneath the surface! Students will practice skills at the Glenwood Rec Center, Aspen Rec Center, and at the Midway Crater in Utah.

**On & Off-campus
\$647**