



INTERIM 2026

February 2 - 13
On-campus and
Off-campus options

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

Students and faculty spend a two-week Interim period 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.

The Presentation of Learning will take place on Friday, February 13th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Key Dates

October 30: Students will select their top 4 Interim choices during Advisory.

November 7: 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.

November 14: Interim assignments announced.

November 18: Change request deadline.

November 21: 50% deposit due to the Business Office.

February 2-13: Interim

February 13: Presentation of Learning (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)



MARINE BIOLOGY: SCUBA DIVING

The CRMS SCUBA Interim certifies students with no prior experience as NAUI Open Water Divers. Training begins in Carbondale with classroom sessions and pool work in Glenwood Springs, then continues at the Marine Lab in Key Largo, Florida.

In Key Largo, students continue with NAUI SCUBA certification requirements. They will also study coral reef ecology, field identification, microplastics, zooplankton, and coral restoration. The course concludes with three days of diving, citizen science projects, and exploration of Everglades National Park, Florida Bay, and the beauty of Key Largo.

Location: Carbondale, Colorado and Key Largo, Florida

Pre-requisite: Students who have completed or are currently enrolled in AP Environmental Science

Price:
\$3,670



MARINE BIOLOGY: KINO BAY

We will be travelling 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 be diverse! They will include alcatraz bird monitoring, offshore boat rides to study marine mammals, geologic evolution of the Gulf of California, medicinal plant mapping / surveying with the Comcaac community, estuarine explorations, and sea turtle monitoring with a local conservation group. This Interim is ideal for students looking to take a deep dive into intersection of cultural and environmental studies!

Location: Prescott College Kino Bay Center, Bahía Kino, Mexico

Pre-requisite: Students who have completed or are currently enrolled in AP Environmental Science

Price:
\$2,985



BACKCOUNTRY POWDER SKIING & AIARE AVALANCHE 1 COURSE

Backcountry skiing returns to the roots of the sport—an authentic adventure built on skill, athleticism, and connection to wild winter landscapes. Through guided backcountry tours and completion of AAIRE Companion Rescue and Avalanche Level 1 courses, students gain the knowledge and confidence to safely travel beyond the resort.

Location: Elk Mountain Range, Colorado

Pre-requisites:

- Advanced Intermediate to Expert Skiers/Riders
- Skiers and Snowboarders must be familiar with using touring skis/splitboards
- Beacons, Shovels, Probes provided,
- Only limited additional equipment available for rent

Price:
\$875



SILVERSMITHING

In this interim, students will immerse themselves in the art of silversmithing. They'll learn how to use a jeweler's 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 and techniques. The silversmithing interim is open to all students, from those who have never worked with silver to those with advanced skills. Open to all!

Location: On campus in the Jewelry Hogan

Price:
\$650



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 execute graphics, 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 whose mission is to “Create an inclusive community by promoting confidence, leadership, and social justice through skateboarding”. 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 confidence, leadership, and social justice. Open to all!

Location: On campus in the Adobe

Price:
\$275



CIVIL RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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 museum and memorials, visit key sites from the Civil Rights Movement, volunteer with local organizations, and look at the current status of our voting laws. We will spend February 2nd and 3rd on campus and fly to Atlanta on the 4th. We will return on the 11th and spend the last full Interim day on campus preparing for our presentation of learning.

Location: We will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia and staying there for two days. We will then travel to Montgomery, Alabama where we will stay for the rest of the trip and visit locations in and nearby the area.

Pre-requisites: Students must be in 10th-12th grades to participate. *Open to 9th-grade students with approval from leaders.

Price:
\$1,140



SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION: KINO BAY

This is an academic adventure interim, focused on language development. Students will stay with host families, take language classes each day, and engage in the local community through a service project, the host families, and cultural classes. We will also learn about the place through marine ecology and the Comcáac community, the indigenous people of the region.

This interim is ideal for Spanish language learners who are ready for and want an authentic, real-world, immersion experience.

Location: Kino Bay, a small peaceful coastal town located on the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California), in the state of Sonora, Mexico.

Pre-requisites: Students should be currently enrolled in or have completed Spanish 3 or above. Current Spanish 2 students considered with teacher recommendation.

Price:
\$2,945



SEW ADVENTUROUS: BAG MAKING AND BIKEPACKING

In this interim, we will approach bikepacking from the ground up. Cycling is one of the most efficient means of human travel, and self supported bikepacking unlocks the ability to explore vast areas with minimal impact under our own power. In this interim, we will spend the first week creating our own custom bike bags. In the process, students will learn the basics of sewing and pattern making. Each student will also sew one bag to add to CRMS' inventory of loanable bike bags. We will then put our handiwork to the ultimate test, spending part of the second week exploring the American Southwest under our own power.

Pre-requisites: Open to all intermediate/advanced riders who are interested in bikepacking, sewing, and the original DIY culture of the sport.

Price:
\$915



MARBLE CARVING

Discover the timeless art of marble carving in this immersive 2-week class, where you'll design and create your own sculpture from start to finish! Learn essential carving techniques while exploring the rich history of marble art and the fascinating mining process behind this iconic material. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, our local artist will guide you through each step, from concept to finished masterpiece. By the end of the course, you'll have a unique sculpture to showcase and a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship behind this ancient art form. Open to all!

Location: On campus, Day trip to Marble, CO

Price:
\$550



THEATER WITH THEATRE ASPEN

Get ready to devise and stage an original production! If you like to act, write, make music, design sets, or run tech behind the scenes, this is your chance to transform your ideas into a fantastic performance. As we collaborate with Theater Aspen Edu and a Broadway mentor, students will benefit from direct coaching. All participants, from experienced thespians to those new to the stage, will sharpen their acting, voice, and movement chops while building the rock-solid confidence needed to bring a play to life. For our grand finale, we will showcase our masterpiece in a performance for the full school community. Open to all. Those with theater experience are strongly encouraged to bring your skills and leadership.

Location: On campus in the historical CRMS Barn Theatre. Trips to theater performances in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Price:
TBD

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a generous donation)



AIARE LEVEL 2 AVALANCHE COURSE & WINTER LEADERSHIP

In this two-week winter leadership course, students will begin their Interim experience by earning their AIARE Level 2 Avalanche Certification through Aspen Expeditions. Building on their training, students will apply their new skills in snowpack analysis, terrain assessment, and backcountry decision-making on several guided ski tours in the surrounding mountains. During the second week, the group will travel to Marble, Colorado, for an immersive stay at Beaver Lake Lodge. There, students will refine and apply their avalanche safety and leadership skills in a more focused backcountry environment—putting classroom learning into real-world practice in the heart of Colorado’s winter wilderness.

Location: Elk Mountain Range, CO

Pre-requisites: Students with an AIARE Level 1 and Companion Rescue

Price:
\$984



TECHNIQUES, SAVES & WAVES: ACA INSTRUCTOR AND SWIFTWATER CERTIFICATION

This interim seeks to prepare students to be whitewater professionals. Students will develop their paddling, safety, and leadership skills in the whitewater mecca of Columbus Georgia. The Chattahoochie River is known for excellent year round river running and playboating right in downtown. Students will take part in an American Canoe Association instructors course as well as a American Canoe Association Swiftwater course. Both will be taught by CRMS instructors. Students will get hands on practice teaching kayaking and rescue scenarios daily. Along with this they will be able to hone their skills on world renowned waves like “Good Wave” and “Push Button”, setting them up for kayak team season.

Location: Columbus, GA

Pre-requisites: Class 3 Kayakers with a combat roll

Price:
\$1,547



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: PUERTO RICO

Through an immersive “Reef to Ridge” experience, you will learn about agritourism, food justice, conservation, and regenerative farming practices in southeastern Puerto Rico where the mountains meet the coast. During your time you will stay on the coast of Patillas and the mountains of Yabucoa, learning from various local leaders about how they are trying to turn Puerto Rico into a thriving agricultural hub using sustainable farming traditions. While visiting and working at the different farms, you will learn the importance of farmer to farmer knowledge, diverse agroecosystems, seed saving, bridging of science and ancestral knowledge, land access, and local, nutritious food access. In addition, you will have the opportunity to visit a local school and work in their community garden while learning about how students are getting involved in the agricultural movement happening in Puerto Rico. Learn to be an ethical leader through farmwork, art, and a community exchange and see how healthy, local food makes healthier people, stronger communities, and resilient cultures. Open to all!

Location: Puerto Rico

Price:
\$3,550



GEOLOGY & CINEMATOGRAPHY: CYPRUS

The aim of this interim is to create a geology YouTube video documentary on The Anatomy of Oceanic Crust through the specific lens of gravel bike packing through the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Ocean. Students will experience the whole process of preparing for, mapping out, shooting, editing and animating a short documentary on this remarkable geologic process. This interim is integrated into the curriculum of geology and cinematography classes. On interim, the group will embark on and document the adventure of traversing the Troodos Ophiolite in Cyprus in the first week and then hunker down in a beachside AirBnB in the second week and construct the video.

Location: Cyprus

Pre-requisites: Students who have taken photography/videography and geology, or are currently in those classes have priority. Bike 2 or above (or Matt Bowers' approval).

Price:
\$3,535

Price:
\$550



WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER

A Wilderness First Responder certification delivers the skills you need to be a professional in the outdoor industry and for your own personal backcountry adventures. This Interim is the full 10-day WFR certification in backcountry medicine. Instructors from Desert Mountain Medicine will provide classroom instruction and hands-on scenarios that teach students how to gather medical information, manage and care for patients in the field, and evacuate patients when necessary. Open to all (16 and older).

Location: On campus

Pre-requisites: 16 and older

Price:
\$1,200



HOLOCAUST STUDIES: GERMANY & POLAND

The tour begins in Munich, Germany, the center of Hitler's rise to power. We then travel to Berlin, and visit memorials to the range of victims and visit the Jewish quarter. We then go to Krakow, Poland to visit the Jewish quarter and Oskar Schindler's Factory and end our study at Auschwitz.

Location: Germany & Poland

INTERIM FULL

Pre-requisites: 11th and 12th graders

Price:
\$1,070 + flights