

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSTY

Canadian Mountain and Ski Guide Program

## Assistant Rock Guide Exam

### Application Package

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Submit completed application form to:

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Kamloops, BC  
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## 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 Assistant 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. Assistant 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 Assistant 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 Assistant Rock Guide Exam. You may wait one year after completing Guide Training Rock before you are required to take the Assistant Rock Guide Exam.

If you have already completed the Guide Training Rock and are applying to the Assistant 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 who 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 incase 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.acmg.ca](http://www.acmg.ca) or contact the Program Office at (250) 372-0118. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice. **Applications can be emailed, faxed or mailed to:**

**Canadian Mountain and Ski Guide Program  
Thompson Rivers University  
P.O. Box 3010  
Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5N3  
fax: (250)371-5845  
email: [acmg@tru.ca](mailto:acmg@tru.ca)**

#### **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)

<b>Route</b>	<b>Difficulty</b>	<b>Location/Area</b>	<b>Belayer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Style (if applicable)</b>
<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.					

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

<b>Route</b>	<b>Difficulty</b>	<b>Location/Area</b>	<b>Belayer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Style (if applicable)</b>
<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.					

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### Significant Redpoints in the past year

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

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

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

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

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

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### Any Routes Requiring Direct Aid

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

## 5. Payment and Cancellation Policy

### Course Deposit

**The course deposit (\$500) is due once you are formally accepted into your course and must be paid in full to confirm placement.**

The remaining course fee is due 6 weeks before the course start date. Course fee information is posted online ([www.acmg.ca](http://www.acmg.ca)) in the “Dates and Fees” section.

Fees include: facilities, administration, instruction, and assessment while on the course. Candidates are responsible for all their own equipment, meals, transportation, and accommodation unless otherwise indicated; additional details are provided prior to each course.

**If final payment is not received 6 weeks before the course starts you will be withdrawn from the course.**

### Payment Methods

You need your student number to facilitate the following payment methods.

1. Cheque or money order payable to Thompson Rivers University. Can be included with your application package.
2. On the web – log on to TRU Online at [www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca) > Quicklinks > TRU Online > Students. Your username is a small “c” in front of your student number. Your passcode is your birthdate YYMMDD. Use Visa or MasterCard via the “make payment” function.
3. By phone – telephone the TRU Finance Department at 250-371-5646 during regular business hours. You must have your student number when you call. You can use Visa, MasterCard or American Express.
4. Through your bank – using your bank’s electronic payment services. Set TRU up as a payee.

### Cancellation and Refunds

**The following policies will be strictly enforced.**

If notice of cancellation is received by TRU **6 weeks or greater** prior to the course start date, all monies paid will be refunded.

**There will be no refunds of any kind if notice of cancellation is received less than two weeks before the course starts.**

**Notice of cancellation must be made in writing (email is fine) to the Canadian Mountain and Ski Guide Program.**

If the CMSG Program cancels the course, all fees will be refunded in full.

## 6. Registration Form – Assistant Rock Guide Exam

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year/month/day

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (i.e. father, mother, wife etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate Course Dates and Locations

First Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Please refer to Payment and Cancellation Policy for payment information.

### Medical Information

Please respond YES or NO to the following questions. Please specify or provide details as needed.

Do you have any drug allergies?

Do you require any medications?

Do you have any medical conditions that the instructors need to be aware of?

Do you have any food allergies/restrictions?

**Application checklist. If documentation is missing, your application may be rejected unless a reasonable explanation is attached.**

Climbing Skills Resume (updated) <input type="checkbox"/>	First aid certificate <input type="checkbox"/>
References <input type="checkbox"/>	Registration form <input type="checkbox"/>

**I acknowledge having read the application package including the Cancellation Policy and Waiver and I agree to the terms and conditions described, and certify all information in my application is true and correct.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_