



ACMG

Training and Assessment Program

Hello and thank you for your interest in applying to the ACMG Training and Assessment Program (TAP).

As of April 30, 2018, the ACMG will be running the program for an undetermined period. For any courses beginning May 1, 2018, please use the following pages and application packages that are appropriate for your needs. If you have any questions, feel free to direct them to us at tap@acmg.ca.

If you have previously taken a course with the Canadian Mountain and Ski Guide Program at Thompson Rivers University, it is possible that we will not have your complete file and may request an update on your resume, letters of recommendations or other info.

Best of luck as you enter the guiding or climbing instructor paths.

The TAP Team

TAP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Guide Training Rock



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Guide Training Rock Application Package

Package Contents:

1. Program Description
2. Notice of Increased Risk
3. Application Information
4. Sample Format Guiding/Climbing Resume
5. Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

To Register:

- Review the application package to confirm you meet the prerequisites
- Complete the online application form: [TAP Application Form](#)

Payment and Cancellation Policy

The course fee is due once you are formally accepted and registered into the course and must be paid in full.

The following policies are strictly enforced.

1. To receive a refund, the ACMG TAP office must receive notice of cancellation by e-mail or post a minimum of 4 weeks before the course start.
2. There are no refunds of any kind if you cancel after the 4 week deadline.
3. The no refund policy includes personal injury, illness, medical reasons, family emergency etc.
4. If the TAP cancels the course, all fee payments will be returned in full.

1. Rock Guide Program

Rock guides specialize in climbing instruction and guiding on technical rock. This includes long, multi-pitch routes; sport climbs on terrain where no glaciation and no permanent or seasonal snow or ice exists.

There are four components to the Rock Guide Program. The first is the Guide Training Rock course, which is followed by the Apprentice Rock Guide exam. (You may wait one year after completing Guide Training Rock before taking the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam.) The third component is a supervised apprenticeship, which qualifies candidates for the final component - the Rock Guide exam. Apprentice Rock Guides have up to 3 years to attend the Rock Guide exam. The Apprentice Rock Guide certification is also a pre-requisite to the Alpine Guide Program.

Guide Training Rock

The goal of Guide Training Rock is to teach the technical rope work systems and techniques used by ACMG Rock Guides. A second goal is to screen candidate movement skills and knowledge of climbing systems. A third goal is to provide direction toward further involvement in the Rock Guide Program and other ACMG certifications.

During Guide Training Rock a Candidate Is Required to Demonstrate:

Personal "flash" climbing standard at a minimum of 5.10d, and minimum "red-point" climbing standard at 5.11a or better, either when placing gear on traditionally protected leads or while climbing bolt protected "sport" climbs. The candidate is current with modern climbing trends and familiar with the language and pedagogy of training for rock climbing. Candidates are expected to arrive with a strong recreational climbing background with an acquired knowledge of knots, belaying, anchors, protection strategies and climbing systems. It is assumed that the candidates can lead the climbs listed on the submitted resume. Candidates are expected to be physically prepared for a week of outdoor activity.

If you have already completed Guide Training Rock and are applying to the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam, complete the Apprentice Rock Guide application package (click on Apprentice Rock Guide on the ACMG web site or call the CMSG Program office for the ARG application package).

2. Notice to Participants of Professional Guide Training Courses - Increased Risk

The ACMG provides 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, travel and decision making in avalanche terrain, climbing and rescue in a multi-pitch environment, driving program vehicles, hiking in unusually rough and remote terrain, stress from examination and grading processes, 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

Prerequisites Required Before You Can Apply

- ❖ You must be 19 years of age or older
- ❖ Have a current Advanced (80 hr. minimum) First Aid and CPR certificate

To Apply You Must Submit

- ❖ Application form
- ❖ Copy of your current Advanced Wilderness First Aid. (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 resume which includes:
 - Educational background
 - Related work experience
 - Goals for becoming a guide
 - Other information you feel is pertinent
- ❖ Climbing Skills resume showing you have the minimum leading experience (see attached page for skills resume format)
 - 15 short routes (1 – 3 pitches) requiring protection placement. Minimum 5.10c
 - 15 sport climbs (fixed pro) flashed in the past year. Minimum 5.10d
 - Significant redpoints in the past year which indicate your top climbing standard
 - 15 moderate length routes (full day, multi pitch)
 - 2 or more longer routes (very long/multi day)
 - Any routes which require direct aid
 - Minimum 3 years' experience, preferably in a variety of areas on different rock types
- ❖ References familiar with your personal rock climbing background.
- ❖ Letter of recommendation or support. See guidelines on attached page.

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. Poorly organized applications or unformatted resumes jeopardize your acceptance as your background, skills and qualifications may not be clear and/or may compare unfavorably to other applications. Please retain a copy of your application for your records or in case of loss.

Application Deadline

Applications must be complete and received by the 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 or contact the Program Office at **403.679.9181**. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice.

Notification of Acceptance

All applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection. Once accepted, the course fee becomes due immediately and must be paid in full to confirm placement.

If accepted and it becomes clear to the instructors that you are not at the standard indicated 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 for the application review committee.

15 Short Trad Climbs (min. 5.10c)

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belay	Date	Style (if applicable)
<i>Name of route flash/redpoint</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>area or crag</i>	<i>Partner name</i>	<i>month/year</i>	
1.					
2.					
Etc.					

15 Sport Climbs (min. 5.10d)

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belay	Date	Style (if applicable)
<i>Name of route flash/redpoint</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>area or crag</i>	<i>partner name</i>	<i>month/year</i>	
1.					
2.					
Etc.					

Significant Redpoints in the past year

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

15 Moderate Length Routes (Full Day, Multi Pitch)

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belay	Date
<i>Name of route</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>partner</i>	<i>month/year</i>
1.				
2.				
Etc.				

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

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

Any Routes Requiring Direct Aid

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

5. Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

- A. *Please include the following in your letter:*
 - a. Your name, contact information, occupation, and position
 - b. The applicant's name
- B. *Based on your personal experience of the applicant, please include:*
 - a. Your relationship to the applicant (friend, mentor, and supervisor)?
 - b. The length of time you have known the applicant
 - c. Your impression of the applicant's general fitness, preparedness, technical skills, and hazard management, climbing skills)?
 - d. Your impression of the applicant's leadership and decision-making skills?
 - e. Your impression of the applicant's potential as a rock guide?
- C. *Additional comments are welcome.*
- D. *Please sign and date your letter.*