

## 2026 Field CPD Sessions

### Technical Update

Discussion topics include: fixed-point lead belay applications, material and equipment strengths and limitations, lowers, reversing belay systems, and lightweight rope applications. There will be additional time for questions and practice in an open format. This is a great opportunity to brush up on your techniques and engage with fellow ACMG members from various streams.

### Reflections and Learnings from the Training and Assessment Program

Current Training and Assessment Program instructors will present several case studies from previous TAP courses and exams. Focussing on the decision-making process, the outcomes, and reflecting on the learnings that were gained in each instance, while also facilitating discussion and additional considerations from the members in attendance. Identifying details such as names and dates will not be shared in order to maintain a reasonable level of anonymity for those who were directly involved.

### Improvised Rock Rescue Techniques

This session will focus on improvised applications and rescue scenario problem-solving. Refresh your improvised rescue skill set in technical rock terrain, through the practice of various creative solutions to rescue scenarios that guides have encountered in the field.

### Field Navigation

This session will review traditional map and compass navigation techniques and terrain assessment skills. Matching the terrain to the map and using terrain features to navigate are key competencies for guides. There will be ample opportunity to practice and engage with fellow ACMG members.

### Helicopter Use Principles for Guides and Instructors

This session will focus on the basics of helicopter use for ACMG members who work outdoors. If you use helicopters for lodge exchanges, or would like to refresh or update your helicopter knowledge in case you require a rescue, this is a great session to attend. A Training and Assessment Program instructor, helicopter pilot, and a representative from a local rescue agency will be on-hand to discuss and provide insight into helicopter use by guides.

### Snow Anchors and Crevasse Rescue Techniques

This session will review snow anchor construction and the variety of applications that may be

required during crevasse rescue. Topics will include: single line and drop loop rescue systems, adding mechanical advantage, reversing systems, and rope ascending.

### **Short Roping Applications for Snow and Ice**

This session focuses on short roping techniques specific to snow and ice, with opportunities to complete some load testing, and to practice 1:1 and 2:1 short roping. There will also be a chance to discuss and experience the limitations of short roping with lightweight/hyperstatic ropes.

### **Experiential Top Rope Climbing Techniques**

This session will review common experiential top rope climbing program applications, group management, and risk management techniques. It's a great refresher to kick off the summer top rope climbing instruction season, and to practice common instructing applications with your ACMG colleagues.

### **Via Ferrata Guiding Techniques**

This session will occur in the David Thompson corridor and will focus on the common techniques required to effectively guide via ferratas. Equipment, belays, group management, and via ferrata rescue applications will be explored, with an opportunity to practice these skills.

### **Light Weight Rope Kits and Crevasse Rescue Techniques**

This session is a great update and/or refresher heading into the start of the winter guiding season. The session will review light weight rope applications and crevasse rescue techniques, with additional time for questions and practice.