

Colorado Mountain Club

Boulder Mountaineering School

Traditional Rock Leading School

Dear CMC Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Boulder Group's Rock Leading School. The purpose of this school is to train prospective and beginning leaders in the proper techniques to lead rock climbs safely and efficiently. It is anticipated that sixteen people will attend. As a bonus for their volunteer efforts, qualified Boulder Rock School assistants and rock climb co-leaders will be given preference. If you meet the requirements listed below, please complete the RLS application and student waivers. Selection will be based on past climbing experience and recommendations from past BRS senior instructors and CMC trip leaders. Previous rock leading experience is not required. The minimum requirements are as follows:

- 1. Current CMC membership.
- 2. Ability to attend the lecture and all three field trips.
- 3. Completion of Basic Rock School or equivalent.
- 4. Demonstrate ability to comfortably follow/top-rope outdoor rock climbs at the 5.6 level.

This class will consist of one evening lecture and three field trips on the dates listed below. The cost of the class is \$110. The climbs selected for you to lead will be based on your ability and comfort level. You will be required to lead at least one climb without a safety top-rope during the final field trip as a requirement for successful completion of the course.

Introductory lecture:Tuesday, June 10, 7pm, clubroom (located next to Neptune's)Field trip #1:Saturday, June 14, all day, location to be determined by instructorField trip #2:Saturday, June 21, all day, location to be determined by instructorField trip #3:Saturday, June 28, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Required equipment:

- Rock climbing harness
- Rock climbing shoes
- Rock climbing helmet
- Belay/rappel device

- Leather belay gloves
- Prussik loops
- Nut removal tool
- 2 locking and 2 regular carabiners

Helmets, ropes and basic lead rack will be provided. However, you are encouraged to bring and use your own gear if you wish.

Please mail the *application* (www.cmcboulder.org/bms/applicationForms/rlsApp.pdf) and *student waivers* (www.cmcboulder.org/bms/applicationForms/studentWaivers.pdf) as soon as possible, but no later than May 18 to:

Ben Coryell, Rock Lead School Director, 11501 Washington St., Apt. 116, Northglenn, CO, 80233 or scan all pages into a file and email to <u>rls@cmcboulder.org</u>.

Please do **not** include a check. You will be notified of your selection by May 20. Please pay for the course online through the state website at <u>cmc.org</u>.

Ben Coryell, Rock Leading School Director