

# **The Kootenay Mountaineering Club: Summer Mountain Leadership Course, 2011 July 1 and 2, 2011**

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Trip leaders are the backbone of the KMC, without them, we could not offer a great program of summer mountain activities. To further develop our trip leaders and expand our summer trip schedule, the KMC is excited to announce the first Summer Mountain Leadership Course.

This 1.5 day course will be held in the Kokanee Range and will cover a variety of topics and skills suitable for recreational leaders covering all aspects of running a successful KMC trip from the initial planning stages right through to the post-trip debrief. The course will be instructed by ACMG certified Mountain Guide Shaun King. Shaun is not only an experienced mountaineer, climber and skier, he is also a great instructor.

This course will cover a lot of ground - literally and figuratively - including:

- All aspects of trip planning, from Google Earth to route cards and contingency plans;
- Glacier and snow travel including roping up for glacier travel, ice axe and crampon use;
- Short roping techniques, and use of the climbing rope for [class 3](#) and [class 4](#) rocky terrain;
- Group skills such as pacing, communication, group management, and developing situational awareness.

The course begins with a four hour evening session at the Silver King Campus of Selkirk College in Nelson and continues for a full day in the Kokanee Range on mixed snow and rock terrain.

In recognition of the importance of our volunteers, the KMC will subsidize a portion of the course fees for suitable applicants. Suitable applicants are those who have shown, or indicate a commitment to leading summer mountaineering trips. Participants are expected to come prepared to put at least one summer trip on the KMC summer trip schedule. You can find a list of suggested trips [here](#).

A complete course outline including fees and KMC subsidy can be found [here](#).

To apply, follow the instructions with this [application form](#).

Good luck and happy climbing.