



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Bringing Hands-On Education
To local students

Our Mission

Since its founding in 1976 the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum has been dedicated to safeguarding the spirit and evolution of snow sports that has shaped our State's development. We believe in preserving this legacy for present and future generations and engaging the public through interactive exhibits and compelling hands-on education programs. Our commitment is underscored by the scope of the collection, and our care for these artifacts using the best practices in collection stewardship.

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The vision of the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum is to preserve and interpret the history of skiing and snowboarding and honor those who have made significant contributions to the sport. The 10th Mountain Division soldiers (WWII ski troopers) are an integral part of the legacy

For K-12 students, the programs are designed to address state education standards, The Colorado Model Content Standards in Economics, Geography, History, Physical Education, Science and Visual Arts. Our programs provide an engaging, hands-on journey into Colorado's History

Program Options

Programs 1 and 2 include a guided tour of the museum. The scheduled program along with the guided tour is 1.5-1.75 hours in length. Programs begin at 10am or 11am Monday thru Friday. Outreach programs are available on your site.

Note: Please be on-time.

\$4.50 per student

One adult chaperone per 10 students required

Free for adults

1. Traversing Tennessee Pass

Students will explore the history of the 10th Mountain Division WWII soldiers as they traversed Tennessee Pass on a training exercise. Students will work together in this hands-on activity to discover what the soldiers packed into their 90lb. rucksack.

2. Observing Snowflakes in Nature

Students will uncover the science behind ice crystals, how they are formed (snowflake morphology), identify their amazing features and classify types of snowflakes in this hands-on snowflake catching activity.

Schedule Your Field Trip

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Located on the third level of the Vail
Village Parking Structure

A La Carte Activity

You can add an activity to enhance your program or create your own program

Activities are 40 minutes in length

~ **Museum Tour** – (\$3.00/student) Take a guided tour through the museum and its exhibits, explore Colorado’s rich snow sports history and the science and technology of *then* and *now*.

~**10th Mountain Division veterans’ fireside chat**- (\$3.00/student) Your group will join a 10th Mountain veteran for a presentation on the history and culture of what training life was like in WWII as a ski trooper (this activity scheduled for Fridays only).

~**Let’s Yodel**- (\$3.00/student) Your group will learn the technique of going from your regular voice to falsetto (this activity is scheduled for Thursdays & Fridays).

~**Self-guided tour**- (\$1.00/student) You will lead your students through the museum on this self-guided tour, follow the numbers, learn about the people, places and artifacts that have shaped the history and culture of snow-sports in Colorado.

~**Activity book & Scavenger hunt**- (\$1.00/student) You’ll facilitate your students in groups of 3-5, on this journey through the museum’s exhibits where they will gain knowledge and identify cool artifacts!

HISTORY OF COLORADO & SKIING

Gold was discovered in the mountains of Colorado in 1859. The early pioneers soon learned that webbed snowshoes were useless in the deep powdery snow of the high mountains. They preferred Norwegian snowshoes or skis.

It would have taken another decade to settle Colorado if it had not been for skis. The long runners provided a dependable way for the mail to get through when trains stalled, telegraph lines were down, and drifts and avalanches prohibited travel on the primitive roads and trails.

The first documented use of skis in Colorado, as reported in Frank Hall’s *History of Colorado*, occurred during the winter of 1859-60 in a snow-locked mining camp along the Blue River near present-day Breckenridge. The 10 men remaining in camp made themselves skis and traveled down-valley where they built a cabin and claimed a town site called Eldorado West. The same history source reveals that the following winter, men on skis were carrying all provisions over the range from South Park to Georgia Gulch.



History of the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum

The Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum and Hall of Fame, was established in 1976 to preserve the history and culture of skiing and now snowboarding. The museum is a non-profit organization 501(c) (3) and primarily funded by donations, special events, grant dollars and membership.

The museum collections contain over 14,000 artifacts. The museum exhibits included: Spirit of Olympic Champions, Ski & Snowboard, National & Colorado Ski Patrol, the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of fame and the 10th Mountain Division exhibit that explores the 10th’s contribution in WWII & their influence in bringing about the ski industry we know today.

