



# HMI Wilderness Medicine & Avalanche Courses: INFORMATION FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS

**Questions?** After reviewing this document, if you have questions, please call HMI at 719-486-8200 x107 or email [lholewski@hminet.org](mailto:lholewski@hminet.org). Thank you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

## Registration

Course registration typically runs from 4-7pm on the night before your course starts and then again from 7-8am on the first day of your course (unless otherwise noted on the website and in your confirmation email). **Please arrive NO LATER than 15 minutes before the start of your class.**

## Typical Daily Schedule

Most courses **start at 8am** and run **until ~5pm** each day, unless otherwise noted. Some evening sessions may be scheduled. Quizzes, lectures followed by skills practice sessions, role playing, simulations, improvisation drills, tests, and outdoor activities in various weather are all part of the day-to-day activities on HMI courses. You should be available for all scheduled classes and activities. Positive participation is required.

## Course Payment

WFR R and AVY students pay 100% of tuition at registration. WFR students pay 50% deposit (of tuition) at registration and the balance at course check-in.

**Tuition is non-refundable/non-transferable** as per the following:

WFR R and AVY- loss of 50% of tuition payment.  
WFR- loss of course deposit (50% of tuition).

If for any reason the entire course is cancelled by HMI, a full refund will be given.

## Lodging & Meals

Optional lodging is available for certain courses. Lodging is guaranteed only for individuals who have signed up in advance. Lodging is in rustic wood heated cabins. Each cabin has two bunkrooms (4-6 beds) with a central common room. **You will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, or sheets.** Bathroom facilities and showers are available 100-200 yards away in our West building.

*If you are staying in our on-campus lodging* you are also welcome to utilize our kitchen to cook your own meals or you may eat in town at several different restaurants. There is a refrigerator, freezer, microwave, stove, oven, instant hot water, and a large supply of pots, pans and cooking & eating utensils. You must provide your own food. Please label your food and clean up after yourself after every meal. Individuals using the kitchen should design a rotation schedule for mopping and heavy duty cleaning once a day at a minimum. Cleaning supplies are available in the mop closet. Occasionally there will be times when the kitchen is not available for student use while on a course. This will be clearly communicated in your pre-course information.

*If you are not staying on campus,* you can bring your lunch and eat in our dining room. You must provide all of your own food.

## Leadville Area Lodging Options

For Leadville area lodging at local hotels, youth hostels, bed & breakfasts, or private campgrounds, please contact the Greater Leadville Chamber of Commerce at 719-486-3900. Camping on the San Isabel National Forest is typically available (Spring-Fall), call the Leadville Ranger District at (719) 486-0749.

## Camping

If you are camping, **please do not do not camp on HMI's property and please do not use HMI's showers and kitchen.** Showers are available in town at the local pool or the Leadville Youth Hostel for a small charge.

## Arrival Times

Please plan to arrive the morning of your course between 7am and 8am. If you are lodging on campus for the duration of the course, you are welcome to arrive anytime after 4pm the day before your course. If possible, please call and let us know when to expect you. Anyone arriving after 7pm will find signs directing you to the cabins and bathrooms.

## Departure Times

Plan to depart on the final day of your course.

## Directions to HMI from Denver:

Take I-70 West  
Exit #195 Copper Mountain/Leadville exit  
Follow Highway 91 South, approx. 24 miles into Leadville.  
\*At the 2nd stoplight, go right (west) onto West 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
In just under 1 mile, 6<sup>th</sup> Street ends at McWethy Drive.  
Go right (north) onto McWethy, also known as County Road 4.  
Follow County Road 4 as it bears to the left (west) in ¼ mile.  
In 2½ miles, you will cross train tracks, and the Arkansas River.  
Approx. ½ mile the road splits into 3 (middle is dirt); go left (south).  
Pass the Mt. Massive Golf Course on your right  
At the end of the golf course (about ½ mile from the fork)-  
Take your 1<sup>st</sup> right (west) onto County Road 5A (the paved road that follows the power lines).  
The HMI driveway is ½ mile down on the right (north) side of the road.  
You may park anywhere in the first cul-de-sac you come to on the left.

## Directions to HMI from the South (Buena Vista):

You will be on Highway 24, heading north toward Leadville.  
Approx. 3 miles before town on the left.  
Note signs for the Leadville Fish Hatchery and County Road 300  
Go left (west) onto County Road 300, crossing Railroad tracks  
½ mile to 1<sup>st</sup> paved road on right, go right (north)  
North for about 1 mile to the first paved road to the left (west)  
The paved road that follows the power lines west is County Road 5 A.  
(If you pass the golf course, you have missed the turn.)  
The HMI driveway is ½ mile down on the right (north) side of the road.  
You may park anywhere in the first cul-de-sac you come to on the left.

## Direction to HMI from West (Vail):

I-70 to Minturn Exit  
Follow Highway 24 south (approximately 35 miles)  
Go into Leadville to 2<sup>nd</sup> stoplight  
See \* "From Denver Direction"

## Parking

HMI has limited parking. You may be required to move your car and/or leave keys available for moving it, especially during snow removal season. If you are staying in a cabin, please feel free to drive your belongings down to the cabin area- then move your car back up to the cul-de-sac.

## Shuttle Information

Colorado Mountain Express (tel. 970-468-7600 OR 800-334-7433) is a shuttle service that runs between Summit County and Denver International Airport. It does not deliver passengers all the way to Leadville. Colorado Mountain Express will take you to/from the Frisco Transportation Center and the Airport; this discounted service is called "Summit County Point-to-Point." It is cost effective if you book online at the CME Web site, [www.coloradomountainexpress.com](http://www.coloradomountainexpress.com). If you call to reserve, the cost is slightly more. When you retrieve your luggage, you can find the Resort Express Check-In Counter near the Hertz rental car desk. Be sure you tell them to take you to the Frisco Transportation Center. If you are going to the airport, a well-labeled Colorado Mountain Express van will meet you in



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the parking lot of the Frisco Transportation Center. You will need a credit card to make the reservations.

The Dee Hive (tel. 719-486-2339) is a local service that will take you between HMI and the Frisco Transportation Center. Because they cannot fill their van, Dee Hive rides to/from the airport are very expensive. Instead, we recommend using The Dee Hive as a way to get to Frisco, which is a convenient drop-off and pick-up point for people using Colorado Mountain Express to go to/from the airport. Between 8 AM-6PM, the Dee Hive will take you to/from HMI and to/from Frisco. There are discounted rates for more than one person. You will need to make a reservation with them *at least* 24 hours in advance, although more notice is better for them.

## Minors Attending Adult Courses

Many HMI adult programs welcome minors (those under the age of 18), and many young people have successfully completed these programs. **Parents: Please note that, during adult courses, there is no supervision of students during non-class time (i.e. in the evenings, on days off).** Students are responsible for their own cooking and transportation. Minors attending WMI Wilderness Medicine courses may need to complete additional paperwork. Please call Libbey Holewski at 719-486-8200 x107 for more information.

## Daily Chores

**Absolutely everyone who attends any HMI program, whether you stay on-campus or off-campus, can expect to help with daily cleaning and chores.** This includes tasks such as sweeping & mopping floors, cleaning classrooms & bathrooms, and generally cleaning-up after yourself. You are expected to leave your cabin (if applicable), the kitchen, bathrooms, classrooms and other facilities cleaner than you found them.

## Dogs

**Please do not bring your dog to HMI.** If you are stopping in for a short visit, please leave them in your car. (If you need to walk them, then we ask that they be on a leash, under control, and in your presence at all times.) Please pick up after your dog. Dogs are **NOT** permitted on campus for anything longer than a short visit.

## What to Bring

At a minimum, all courses require students to have appropriate seasonal clothing to be outside for several hours at a time. A water bottle, waterproof clothing, various insulating layers, hand & head layers, sturdy boots, a headlamp or flashlight, watch, and daypack are all necessary items. Some courses will require additional personal equipment (such as avalanche courses). In those cases, a list will be provided. If you are staying on campus, you will need a sleeping bag, bottom sheet and pillow/pillow case; you may also opt to bring a full set of linens. You will also need to bring a personal towel.

## School Store Sales & Equipment Rental

HMI does have various school supplies, logo items, etc... for sale. Please ask if you need something. If you need some gear, please ask if we have it available to rent.

## Alcohol

**Alcohol is not permitted** on the HMI Campus.

## Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in any HMI buildings. During a fire ban, you may be required to smoke inside personal vehicles only.

## Other Groups

Your course may not be the only group on campus. Please respect the needs of other groups and work out times to share the use of facilities as needed. HMI will make as many arrangements beforehand as possible.

## Phones & Messages

Cell phone reception is generally reliable. There are also four phones available for your use- one in the mudroom (ext. 203), one outside the

back door of the mud room (ext. 204), one in the mail room (ext. 201), and one outside the front door (ext. 202). You may inform potential callers to try extensions 201, 202, 203, or 204, especially in the evenings. Incoming calls will be routed to students if the timing is appropriate and there is an available phone, otherwise we will take a message for you. Messages are posted on the message board. The HMI phone number is 719-486-8200. Faxes can be sent to 719-486-8201.

## Wireless

There is wireless throughout HMI's campus that you are welcome to use. The wireless network is hmiwifi. You will be provided with the password to access this wireless network upon your arrival. Since we operate as a school during the school year, we do have a firewall on our wireless network, so some website may not be available. If you need access to a specific site that is not working, please let us know. Please do not use HMI's wireless network to illegally download movies or any other illicit activity.

## Mail

Letters and packages will be organized in the foyer. Mail should be addressed to:  
Your Name and Course  
c/o High Mountain Institute  
531 CR 5A  
Leadville, CO 80461

## Classrooms & Who's Hall – Barnes & East Buildings

All students are welcome to use these spaces. Please leave each room a little cleaner than you found it. Please do not wear telemark or hiking boots inside the buildings.

## Mud Room – Barnes Building

Please use this room to store your belongings during the day. This will really help to keep the clutter down throughout the building. During snow and mud season, we ask that you leave boots and outdoor shoes here and switch to other clean/dry shoes inside.

## Bathrooms

Please sweep and clean up after yourself. If you need additional paper supplies- please ask for them. Cleaning supplies are available in the mop closet in the Barnes building (outside the kitchen in the hallway).

## Climbing Wall – East Building

The climbing wall is open for courses longer than 4 days. You must have signed an HMI Risks & Release form to use the wall, and review the posted rules before climbing.

## Entire Upstairs & Downstairs Offices – Barnes Building

Students may not come upstairs unless specifically invited. The workspaces upstairs are for Semester faculty and HMI staff. The downstairs office is for administrative use only.

## Recycling

Outside on the east end of the Barnes Building is the HMI recycling area. Please read and follow the directions carefully. We store recyclables for extended periods of time- please carefully and completely clean out and correctly sort all containers! (Dirty and/or incorrectly sorted recyclables are thrown out). Thanks for your help.

## Cabins

If you are staying on campus, you will be staying in one of our cabins. Each cabin has two bunkrooms with 4-6 beds and a central common room. You will need a sleeping bag (or linens) and pillow. The cabins have wood heat only and no running water. You can use the nearby West Building bathrooms at night. If you burn wood, you should plan to split some for the next folks. A headlamp is very useful for getting to/from your cabin and for use in your cabin after your cabin-mates have gone to sleep.



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### **Campfires**

Please check with the Director of Programs before using the fire circle or starting a campfire.

### **Other HMI Programming and Facility Use Options**

HMI is always looking for strong partnerships to develop additional programming that meets the needs of our alumni, educators, outdoor industry professionals, other non-profits, schools and businesses. We can offer a variety of custom programs, based on need. The HMI staff and campus stand ready to provide simple lodging or comprehensive training programs for groups or individuals as desired. Please feel free to contact Libbey Holewski at (719) 486-8200 x107 or [holewski@hminet.org](mailto:holewski@hminet.org) for more information.

### **HMI Mission Statement**

The High Mountain Institute engages students with the natural world. Our school boldly unites rigorous intellectual inquiry, experiential learning, wilderness expeditions, and share responsibility in a strong community. Our students realize their potential – as leaders, independent thinkers, and thoughtful citizens.

### **HMI Non-Discriminatory Statement**

The High Mountain Institute admits students and employs faculty and staff of any gender, race, color, religion, sexual preference, national and ethnic origin, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students, faculty and staff of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, and other school administered programs.