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Launching the CGF

Cranking out the details and getting rolling.....



Over the past two years we have been working hard to develop a mountain guide cooperative called the Certified Guides Federation (CGF). This is a non-profit organization who's mission is to support AMGA and IFMGA certified guides by providing access and insurance in the United States.

The CGF's goal is to make independent mountain guiding possible. AMGA and IFMGA certified guides join the CGF and are provided liability insurance and permits for guiding clients. Membership is available to AMGA certified rock instructors, rock guides, alpine guides, ski mountaineering guides, and IFMGA guides.

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The CGF would like to thank the board for all their volunteered hours and continued efforts to make the CGF possible.

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CGF MEMBERSHIP

By becoming a part of the CGF cooperative you will have the opportunity to work independently across the country in world class venues with your own clients. The Guides Manual can be downloaded from the CGF website for additional details. Please read it over, contact the CGF with any questions, and **JOIN** the organization. By becoming a member you are not only getting access and insurance in the US, but also supporting the organization for future growth. Please see membership levels on page 2.

CGF INSURANCE

The CGF has just obtained an insurance policy through Lloyds of London providing for 2 million in aggregate coverage allowing AMGA and IFMGA certified guides to work on CGF permitted and non-permitted lands in the US as well as international guided trips. Guides must be a CGF member and follow specific protocol in order for the policy to be active. Please download the Guide’s Manual from the CGF website for detailed information about guiding through the CGF

There are limitations to the international policy. For example, guides living in foreign countries, guiding foreign clientele will not be covered. We have been told the risk is too high and this type of policy is not currently possible. The international coverage will only cover US guides working with US clients overseas on a per trip occurrence. For example, this policy will cover



guided trips where guides living in the US take US clients to Europe for a two week ski tour.

In addition, the policy will also allow foreign IFMGA guides to work on US soil under CGF permits. This is a huge step toward offering foreign IFMGA guides reciprocity and meeting the IFMGA requirements given to the AMGA when it became a member of the international community.

CGF PERMITS

Now that our insurance policy is in place we have sent out an number of permit applications to various areas around the US (please see list to the right). We need to hear from our members about your permit needs and the available opportunities in your area. This is just the start of what is possible. The CGF is your guide cooperative and it needs your leadership, energy, and support to succeed.

Currently we are working to secure permits for CGF members in the following areas:

- Acadia National Park**
- Black Canyon National Park**
- Boulder Open Space**
- Chugash BLM Area**
- Denali National Park and Preserve**
- Devils Tower National Monument**
- Eldorado Canyon State Park**
- Joshua Tree National Park**
- Mohonk Preserve**
- North Cascades National Park**
- Ouray Ice Park**

CGF MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- ☼ **Active Member:** (\$1000 per year) Benefits include liability insurance coverage, unlimited user days on most permits, and priority access to limited use permits.
- ☼ **Associate Member:** (\$300) Benefits include 20 days of liability insurance coverage and permit use.
- ☼ **Supporting Member:** (\$100) This membership level is for anyone wanting to support the organization but not looking to receive benefits.

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