

**60%
FACULTY
With
Advanced
Degrees**




21 OLYMPIANS

**293" AVERAGE
SNOWFALL**
2 All School Powder Days



**79
COURSES
Offered**

**6.25
Miles of Hiking
Trails on Campus**



25 SPORTS TEAMS

17 ADVANCED & HONORS CLASSES

**7 CURRENT
US Ski & Snowboard
TEAM MEMBERS**



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**Steamboat
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**



**83
STUDENTS**



**Student to
Teacher
Ratio 5:1**



**150
ACRES OF CAMPUS**



**Students
Accepted to 4
Year Colleges**

100%

**26 COUNTRIES
Visited on Global Studies**

Get Outside

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE INTENTIONALLY STEP AWAY FROM TEXTBOOKS AND CELL PHONES, IMMERSING OURSELVES IN HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD LEARNING. IN THEIR PLACE, WE PACK OUR MAPS TO NAVIGATE UNFAMILIAR TERRAIN, SLEEPING BAGS TO REST UNDER THE STARS, HARNESSSES AND HELMETS FOR SCALING ROCK FACES AND EXPLORING NEW HEIGHTS, AND TENTS TO CREATE A HOME IN THE WILDERNESS. THESE TOOLS BECOME THE FOUNDATION OF OUR EDUCATION AS WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, BUILD RESILIENCE, AND DEEPEN OUR CONNECTION TO THE NATURAL WORLD.



ORIENTATION EXPEDITION

Each fall students, led by faculty, embark on an annual 3-day backpacking trip in the high country regions of Colorado. Working in small groups you'll practice Leave No Trace ethics, backcountry stewardship, collaboration, and perseverance. No experience is necessary!

DESERT WEEK

Step beyond the classroom and into the wild. In the fall, spend six days exploring Southern Colorado and Utah's breathtaking deserts while building technical and leadership skills. Choose your adventure! Canyoneering, climbing, fly fishing, canoeing, or mountain biking—and push your limits in an unforgettable outdoor experience.



WINTER WONDERMENT

Throughout the winter you'll have opportunities to ski other resorts, explore the backcountry, sleep in a quinze, and ice climb in Ouray.

SERVICE WORK
Give back, make an impact. Whether on campus or in the Yampa Valley, you'll dive into weekly service—building bike trails in our backyard, mulching city parks, teaching 2nd graders to ski, or stocking the food bank. Global Studies students take it further, connecting you with communities worldwide through hands-on service and cultural exchange during your month abroad.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

While we don't offer traditional sports, it doesn't mean you can't get after it in the afternoon. Pick up any of these activities whether you're an expert or have never tried them before. You will participate in mountain sports like hiking, skiing, climbing, fishing, and mountain biking. You can also participate in traditional team sports at our local public high school.



ATHLETICS

"SMS teachers work hard to not only give you a great education but they help you with pursuing your goals and dreams of ski racing." -Student '20

At Steamboat Mountain School, athletics are anything but ordinary. From traditional team sports through our partnership with SSHS to mountain and snow sports with SSWSC, there's something for everyone—whether you're competing at a high level or just in it for the fun. Plus, our flexible mod schedule ensures your classes align with your peak season, so you can focus on your sport without the hassle of online or summer courses.

Train year-round with your team;
5-7 days per week with a top coaches

30 SMS ALUMNI HAVE BEEN ON THE US SKI OR SNOWBOARD TEAMS

16 COMPETED IN OLYMPIANS

2 OLYMPIC MEDALS



GLOBAL STUDIES

"The GS (Global Studies) program is probably the single most defining program for the development of critical thinking, global awareness, self-awareness, and community. Education is more than the rhetoric that is presented through the typical textbooks. At SMS they have rewritten the standard of education, through the use of the GS program, outdoor athletic activity, and high personal standards." -4 Year Parent '19

Join an adventurous group of travelers, excited to learn and ready to explore the world beyond the Rocky Mountains. Unlike any family vacation, GS will challenge your independence and encourage growth.



- Spend 4 weeks each year in a developing country - in the past, we have visited Ecuador, Morocco, India, Vietnam, Columbia, and Tanzania.
- Prepare for your trip in weekly meetings leading up to the departure to understand risk and group management, smart travel, and country-specific curriculum.
- Immerse yourself in a new culture through homestays, outdoor adventure, and meaningful service projects.

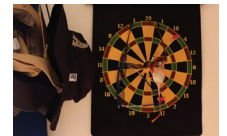
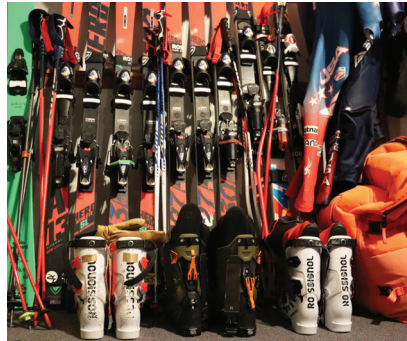


Boarding Life

THIS IS YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME, MAKE IT YOUR OWN!

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Beyond laundry and time management, our residential program shapes independent, capable leaders. Rooted in our core values, it empowers students to balance academics, wellness, and social life while fostering respect, resilience, and lifelong confidence.



Senior Spotlights

Meet **IAN MCLARNEY** Current Hometown: Steamboat Springs, Colorado

What drew you to SMS in the first place? Coming from a private school in New York City, I wanted a small school environment where I could truly thrive and build meaningful connections with my teachers.

What have been your best experiences at Steamboat Mountain School? When you think back on your favorite moments, what comes to mind? My favorite experience at SMS was my sophomore year Desert Week trip. We rode incredible trails in Moab and Fruita, improving our technical mountain biking skills while enjoying great food and unforgettable adventures in the desert.

What do you think are the most important things you've learned in your time at SMS? I think one of the most important things I learned is how to interact and work in groups to solve problems, either in the wilderness or the classroom.

Any particular lesson you still remember from your time at SMS?

For my new student orientation, we did a relay race where one of the stations was stuffing a sleeping bag into its sack. Still to this day, every time I stuff a sleeping bag I do it as fast as humanly possible and reminisce fondly back on my days at SMS.

What's next: Dartmouth College to study Earth Sciences.

Meet **SUNNY WINN** '25 Where do you live? Steamboat Springs, Colorado

What drew you to SMS in the first place? Why did you apply?

I applied to SMS because I wanted a small, immersive classroom environment where I could develop critical thinking skills while being part of a tight-knit community. The outdoor education program also drew me in, offering incredible opportunities to travel the world, ski after school, and take part in adventures like climbing fourteeners, going on a hut trip in rural Colorado, and backpacking in Moab—experiences I wouldn't have had elsewhere. Plus, my dad attended SMS in the '80s, and applying felt like a way to connect with him and carry on a piece of his legacy.

What do you think are the most important things you've learned in your time at SMS?

Reflecting on my time at SMS, I have developed essential skills in active listening and meaningful communication, the ability to step outside my comfort zone and embrace uncertainty, and the resilience and self-sufficiency needed to navigate challenges. Additionally, I have learned the importance of balancing independence with seeking support when necessary.

What's next: Claremont McKenna College to study International Relations.



COLLEGE + UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

2019-2024 MATRICULATION IN BOLD

- Alfred University
- American University of Paris
- American University of Rome**
- Appalachian State College
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Augustana College
- Babson College**
- Bates College**
- Baylor University**
- Bennington College
- Bentley University**
- Berkeley College of Music**
- Boston College**
- Brandeis College
- Carleton College**
- Champlain College
- Chapman University**
- Clark University
- Clarkson College**
- Colby College**
- College of Charleston**
- Colorado College**
- Colorado Mesa University**
- Colorado School of Mines**
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins**
- Cornell College
- Culinary Institute of America
- Dartmouth College**
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Fort Lewis College**
- Franklin University Switzerland
- George Washington University**
- Gonzaga University
- Hampshire College
- Harvard College**
- High Point University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Keene State College
- Kenyon College
- Lewis and Clark College
- Lipscomb University
- Louisiana State University
- Lynn University
- Macalester College
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Merrimack College
- Miami University - Oxford
- Middlebury College**
- Montana State University**
- New York University**
- Northeastern University**
- Northeastern New School of Humanities, London**
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College**
- Oregon State University**
- Pace University
- Pepperdine University
- Quinnipiac University
- Regis University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- St. Michael's College**
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seton Hall University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Southwestern University
- St. Lawrence University**
- St. John's College, Santa Fe
- St. Olaf College
- Stonehill College
- Syracuse University**
- Swarthmore College**
- Texas Christian University**
- Union College
- United States Coast Guard Academy**
- United States Military Academy at West Point**
- University of Alabama
- University of Alaska, Anchorage

- University of Arizona
- University of British Columbia**
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles**
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Colorado**
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver**
- University of Hawaii at Manoa**
- University of Maine
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts, Boston
- University of Montana
- University of Nevada, Reno
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina, Asheville
- University of North Dakota
- University of Oregon**
- University of Puget Sound**
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California
- University of Toronto**
- University of Utah**
- University of Vermont**
- University of Washington, Seattle
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wyoming
- Wake Forest University**
- Washington State University
- Western Colorado University**
- Western Washington University**
- Westminster College**
- William Jewell College
- Williams College**
- Woodbury University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute



Your Journey TO COLLEGE & BEYOND

Build Meaningful Connections

Strengthen relationships with peers, mentors, and the broader community.

Engage & Explore

Try new extracurriculars, reflect on academics, and plan for summer opportunities.

Look Ahead

Discuss future aspirations with family, consider coursework pathways, and visit a college campus.

9TH GRADE

Assess & Explore

Take the PSAT, attend the Aspen college fair, and visit a college.

Deepen Connections

Strengthen relationships with peers and mentors, and deepen extracurricular involvement.

Reflect on Goals

Continue conversations about academic and career paths, and discuss financial plans.

Plan Ahead

Try something new, consider summer opportunities, and plan future coursework.

10TH GRADE

Prepare for Testing

Take the PSAT, create a testing plan, and aim for 1st SAT/ACT in fall-spring.

Engage in School Programs

Attend all school programming and participate in college counseling.

Build Leadership

Continue extracurricular activities and take on leadership roles.

Explore Colleges

Attend college fairs, visits, and research schools virtually.

Prepare Application Materials

Create a resume, consider teacher recommenders, and draft personal essays.

Plan for the Future

Craft a balanced college list and carefully consider summer opportunities.

11TH GRADE

Start Application Work

Begin summer preparations, create a detailed timeline, and request teacher recommendations.

Explore Colleges

Attend college visits, both in and out of school, and continue researching colleges of interest.

Prepare Financials

Apply for financial aid (if applicable) and take final SAT/ACT tests (if needed).

Refine Applications

Focus on essay writing, self-reflection, and completing application materials.

Maintain Communication

Continue family discussions about college plans and goals.

12TH GRADE

