

REGISTRATION and INFORMATION

# 2026 Colorado Regional Mine Rescue Contest

*All Indoor Competition – 2 Day Mine Rescue Competition  
July 27-31, 2026 • Embassy Suites –  
John Q. Hammons Conference Center, Loveland, CO*



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# Welcome to the 2026 Colorado Contest!

## General Information

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2026 Colorado Regional Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench, Technician Team & Pre-shift (if applicable) Contest at the Embassy Suites Hotel and John Q. Hammons Conference Center in Loveland, Colorado! The contest is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Mine Rescue Council; Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety; and the MSHA Rocky Mountain District.

The contest will be conducted indoors at the Embassy Suites Hotel and John Q. Hammons Conference Center located at 4705 Clydesdale Parkway in Loveland, Colorado, right next to the Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex.

1. **ENTRY FEE:** \$1,800 per team. The fee includes one mine rescue team, one first aid team, one technician team and 8 banquet tickets. Submit completed registration form and check to: Kim Harvill, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, DRMS Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80216. **Please make checks payable to 'Rocky Mountain Mine Rescue Council.'** Credit cards can be accepted. If paying by Credit card please contact [brandon.neal@state.co.us](mailto:brandon.neal@state.co.us). An additional fee may apply.
2. **BANQUET TICKETS:** Extra tickets are Adult - \$62.50 / 12 and under \$35.00 each. The Awards Banquet will be held at the John Q. Hammons Conference Center.
3. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Via verbal confirmation followed by returning of the completed entry form and payment **before June 15, 2026**. Registration may be limited depending upon the number of judges available. Entries may be submitted electronically via email to [kim.harvill@state.co.us](mailto:kim.harvill@state.co.us) or through standard mail. Checks for electronic registrations must be received prior to June 15, 2026. No refunds after June 15, 2026.
4. **EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites Hotel and John Q. Hammons Conference Center for this event. Special rates for Single and Double Rooms are available which include a hot breakfast buffet with cooked to order omelets and evening managers reception featuring your favorite beverages and light appetizers. **Link will follow.**

**Group Name:** Colorado Mine Rescue Contest

**Group Code:** CMR

**Check-In:** JUL-27 -2026

**Check-Out:** JUL-31-2026

**Hotel Name:** Embassy Suites by Hilton Loveland Hotel Conference Center & Spa

**Hotel Address:** 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, Colorado 80538

**Phone:** 970-612-2440

5. **CONTEST RULES:** The 2026 MSHA M/NM and Coal Mine Rescue National Contest Rules will be utilized.
6. **EQUIPMENT UNLOADING:** Equipment can be unloaded between 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Monday, July 27th. Signs will direct you to the unloading area.
7. **ON-SITE REGISTRATION:** On-site team registration can be done between 9:00 pm-12:00 pm on Monday, July 27th, at the Hammons Conference Center. Please follow the signs. Team members will receive contest programs and banquet tickets at that time.



8. **TESTING** will follow the protocols of the 2026 MSHA M/NM and Coal Mine Rescue National Contest Rules. Testing will be conducted by MSHA and State representatives under the direction of the MSHA Rocky Mountain District office.
9. **CAPTAIN'S MEETING** will be conducted at the Hammons Conference Center at 12:30 pm on Monday, July 27th, 2026.
10. **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** will 3:00 pm-6:00 pm (subject to change).
11. **MINE RESCUE FIELD COMPETITION** will be held on both Tuesday, July 28th and Wednesday, July 29th. All teams must be in isolation/lock-up by 7:15 am. A team not ready to go for the field competition when called will lose their assigned starting order and they will be moved to the end.
12. **FIRST AID, TECHNICIAN TEAM, PRE-SHIFT (if applicable) and BENCH COMPETITIONS** will be held on Thursday, July 30th, 2026. All teams and competitors must be in isolation/lock-up by 7:15 am. Participants not ready to go when called will miss their assigned order and will move to the end of the order unless they are participating in a different scheduled event.(subject to change)
13. **20 MINUTE (Coal)/30 MINUTE (M/NM) REVIEW:** An attempt will be made to schedule the 20/30 minute team reviews in order to keep the review process flowing and provide equal opportunities for review without undue delays to either the teams awaiting review or the teams competing. This is dependent, of course, upon the availability of judging staff and the completion of scoring packets.
14. **FOOD/DRINK:** Coffee, lunch and concessions will be provided by the Embassy Suites Hotel during isolation/lock-up on all competition days. Drinks and lunch will be available **while in lock-up**.
15. **COLORADO TRAVELING MINE RESCUE TROPHY:** Nominations will be accepted for the 2026 Colorado Traveling Mine Rescue Trophy **Until March 16, 2026**. This trophy is a small way in which the State of Colorado honors the individual, group, team, company or agency that has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to mine rescue and saving their fellow miners' lives. Please see the description that follows. Please send your nominations and reasons for nomination to Brandon Neal at [brandon.neal@state.co.us](mailto:brandon.neal@state.co.us) or to Brandon at Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, DRMS Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80216.
16. **TROPHIES** will be awarded as determined by the RMMRC and DRMS.
17. **AWARDS BANQUET:** Cash bar will be available before the banquet. Awards Banquet to follow at the Hammons Conference Center.



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*State of Colorado  
Traveling Mine Rescue Trophy*

## Judging Criteria

**Purpose:** The State of Colorado Traveling Mine Rescue Trophy is a small way of honoring the individual, group, team, company or agency that has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to mine rescue and saving of their fellow miner's lives. The trophy recognizes the hard work, sacrifice and commitment to sound mine rescue practices that can be demonstrated by exemplary training, mine rescue response actions and other forms of support.

The trophy is awarded at every Colorado Mine Rescue Contest in the years it is conducted. Nominations for the award winner are submitted to the Rocky Mountain Mine Rescue Council and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety—Mine Safety & Training Program Manager for consideration. The award winner is selected by the Division and the RMMRC.



### *Previous Winners (Metal/Non-Metal)*

2025	Colorado Front Range Mine Rescue, Inc.
2024	Mike Platek—Industrial Scientific
2023	Cindy Phillips—Jenmar
2022	William C. York-Feirn—Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
2019	Matt Schreiner, Edgar Mine Manager
2017	Richard Laufenberg, Retired, MSHA Rocky Mountain District Manager
2015	Art Davis, Retired, Freeport-McMoRan/Climax Molybdenum Mine Rescue Team Trainer, Captain & Team Member
2014	Michael (Mick) Dennehy, MSHA Assistant District Manager/Mine Rescue
2014	Special Awards for Revenue Mine Emergency Response: San Juan Mine Rescue Cooperative Colorado Front Range Mine Rescue, Inc. GCC Energy—King II Mine
2011	Henderson Mine Rescue Teams/Climax Molybdenum A Freeport-McMoRan Company
2009	Jon Northern, Captain, Colorado Front Range Mine Rescue Team
2007	Larry G. Miller Jr., Mine Safety and Health Administration
2005	Barrick Goldstrike Mining Inc. Barrick Gold
2003	Brian Bonin, Morton Salt Mine Rescue Team Captain

# 2026 Colorado Contest Schedule of Events

*All Events Will Be Held in the John Q. Hammons Conference Center  
(Times and Events are subject to change)*

## **Monday, July 27, 2026**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Team Registration & Unloading Equipment
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Captains Meeting
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Testing
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cornhole Tournament

## **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

7:15 am	Report to Lockup for Mine Rescue Teams Day 1
7:00 am	Judges Muster

## **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

7:15 am	Report to Lockup for Mine Rescue Teams Day 2
7:00 am	Judges Muster

## **Thursday, July 30, 2026**

7:15 am	Lockup for First Aid, Team Technician, Bench & Pre-shift Contestants
7:00 am	Judges Muster
TBD	Awards Banquet John Q. Hammons Conference Center



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# 2026 Colorado Regional Mine Rescue Contest

## *Mine Rescue, First Aid, & Team Technician Contest*

July 27-30, 2026 • Loveland, Colorado

### REGISTRATION FORM

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(A combination team registered includes: 1 Mine Rescue Team, 1 First Aid Team, 1 Technician Team, 1 preshift, 1 Benchman and 8 banquet tickets)

TEAMS REGISTERED	COST	TOTAL
Combination Teams	\$1,800/Team	\$
Additional First Aid Team(s)	\$175/Team	\$
Additional Team Technician Team(s)	\$175/Team	\$
Additional Benchman	\$175/Contestant	\$
Pre-shift	\$175/Contestant	\$
Additional Banquet Tickets	\$62.50	\$
Children Banquet Tickets	\$25	\$
Other	\$	\$
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS FEES		

*Governing rules will be the 2026 MSHA Metal/Nonmetal and Coal Mine Rescue National Contest Rules.*

Additional pertinent information the Contest Director might need to know regarding your teams/contestants?

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Special Requests:

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Please send correspondence and payment to: Kim Harvill, Program Assistant  
Colorado Division of Reclamation,  
Mining & Safety, DRMS Room 215,  
1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver, CO 80216

Make checks payable to: Rocky Mountain Mine Rescue Council a 501(c)3 Non Profit organization

## Mine Rescue

Coal Combination includes Mine Rescue and First Aid

Metal/Nonmetal Combination includes Mine Rescue, First Aid, and Technician Team

*(If more space is needed for additional contestants/teams, add to back)*

Team 1: Combination Team? ☐

Team 2: Combination Team? ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Computer Mapping: ☐

Computer Mapping: ☐

Equipment/Radios shared?: ☐

1 - Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_

4: \_\_\_\_\_

5: \_\_\_\_\_

6: \_\_\_\_\_

7 - CCA: \_\_\_\_\_

8 - Patient/Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

9 - Patient/Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

10 - Patient/Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

## First Aid

Teams sharing equipment?: ☐

For combination, each First Aid team must be designated to a specific Mine Rescue team

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Bench

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Novice	Apparatus	Tester
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name	Novice	Apparatus	Tester
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Technician Team

Teams sharing equipment?: ☐

For combination, each Technician Team must be designated to a specific Mine Rescue team

Team Name:

Team Member Name:

Team Member Name:

Team 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Preshift

Contestante:

Team Name:

Sharing Equipment:

Team 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 5: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 6: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team 7: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Team Trainer:** YES ☐ NO ☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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# 2026 Colorado Regional Mine Rescue Contest

## *Corn Hole Tournament*

July 27, 2026 • 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (subject to change)

Grand Prize: TBD • Registration fee: \$20.00 (per team)

Team 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Team 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Team 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Team 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Team 5: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Team 6: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Team 7: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Team 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
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