The International Climbers’ Meet Opportunity Grant

The 2019 American Alpine Club International Climbers’ Meet will be held on the dates of Oct 14th through Oct 19th in Yosemite Valley.

The event includes:

* Seven nights and six days of camping at secluded Yellow Pines camp ground
* Three gourmet catered meals per day from Sierra Gourmet catering
* Six days of climbing in spectacular Yosemite Valley
* Three optional instructional days hosted by AMGA certified guides and instructors
* Pre-dinner mini-clinics on a range of technical topics
* Nightly campfire for storytelling, socializing, and general carousing
* Partner with other participants or experienced host climbers

The purpose of the event is to foster relationships between USA climbers, International Climbers, and Yosemite Park Service.

An American Alpine Club member has generously donated to provide the fee for two participants to attend the AAC International Climbers’ Meet. As a participant you will have the opportunity to grow your technical climbing skills through clinics, interact with climbers from all over the USA and the World, and experience legendary Yosemite Valley.

In being consistent with the wishes of the donor we are offering this grant to two Native American participants. The grant waives the $545 entry fee, it does not include transportation to and from Yosemite.

Grant applicants must:

Have some climbing experience which includes:

* Owning their own personal equipment which includes harness, shoes, chalk bag, and belay device.
* Understand the concept of belaying and be able to belay safely.
* Have a basic understanding of common climbing knots and be able to safely tie into the rope.

Have a passion for climbing and sharing their climbing experience

* Someone who has a desire to share the educational knowledge gained at the Climbers’ Meet and the overall experience with the climbing community.
* A history of working to enhance the indigenous community through climbing and/or other activities is a plus.

**To apply for this grant:**

Fill out the below form and

**On a separate page in 500 words or less let us know**

* your climbing experience.
* your reasons for wanting to join us at the event.
* any community work you have accomplished.
* Send your application form and separate page in electronic form to icm@americanalpineclub.org

Applications will be accepted for this grant until **July 22th**  We will review and reward the recipient(s) on July 26.

**—2019 International Climbers Meet Application Form—**

**Submit your application electronically to** icm@americanalpineclub.org  **Please print legibly.**

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Experience with placement and removal of protection, multi-pitch rope management, Indicate a number below that pertains to your climbing ability.

1. Never lead traditional rock climbing
2. Lead traditional 5-6 to 5-7 Yosemite rating scale
3. Lead traditional 5-8 to 5-9 Yosemite rating scale
4. Lead traditional 5-10a and above Yosemite rating scale

Questions: contact icm@americanalpineclub.org