

# Overview of RMS River Training Center







# Session Topics

- River Training Center
- River Studies and Leadership Certificate Program
- 2018 RSLC Expedition Courses



# RMS River Training Center

- RMS Mission: *support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers*
- River Training Center vision is to *be the leader of innovation, professional learning, and best practices for river professionals.*



# Goals

- Implement an Instructor Training Program;
- Develop opportunities for river professionals to learn, train, and collaborate to enhance careers and expertise; and
- Serve as the leader of excellence in river professional training.







# Objectives

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- Recruit team of subject matter instructors;
- Deliver educational training for instructors; and
- Develop course offerings.



- Tier 1 Instructors
- Tier 2 Instructors
- Tier 3 Instructors

# Instructor Tiers

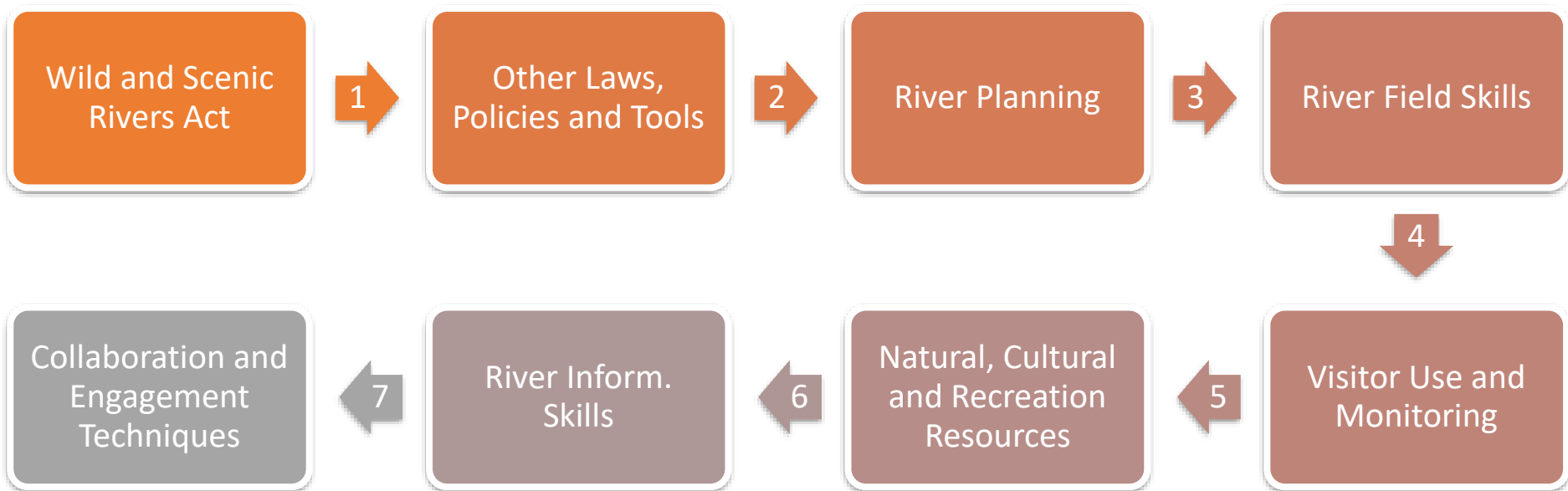


# 2019 Instructor Training

- Opportunity to benefit personally, professionally and financially;
- Expectation you participate in training to improve teaching skills; and
- Individual Development Plan



# Core Competencies Curriculum







# River Training Center Audience

River Management Specialists

River Non-specialists

Partnership river managers

Entities involved in Section 7

NGOs

Undergraduate and graduate  
students



**Mobile River  
Training**



# Course Delivery Options

- E-courses
- On-demand Webinars
- Facilitated Webinars
- Short Course - General
- Short Course - Intensive
- Multi-day Workshops



# Teaching Forums

- CRMP Workshops
- RMS Bi-Annual Symposium
- River Ranger Rendezvous
- RMS Chapter Events
- Annual River Training Center Instructor Cohort







River  
Training  
Center  
Website  
Portal

**River Training Center**

**Personal Training Center Portal**

**RTC Courses**

**River Studies and Leadership Portal**

**Resources / Publications**

# Schedule of Courses 2019-2022

- Currently planning:
  - Where;
  - When; and
  - Course Content

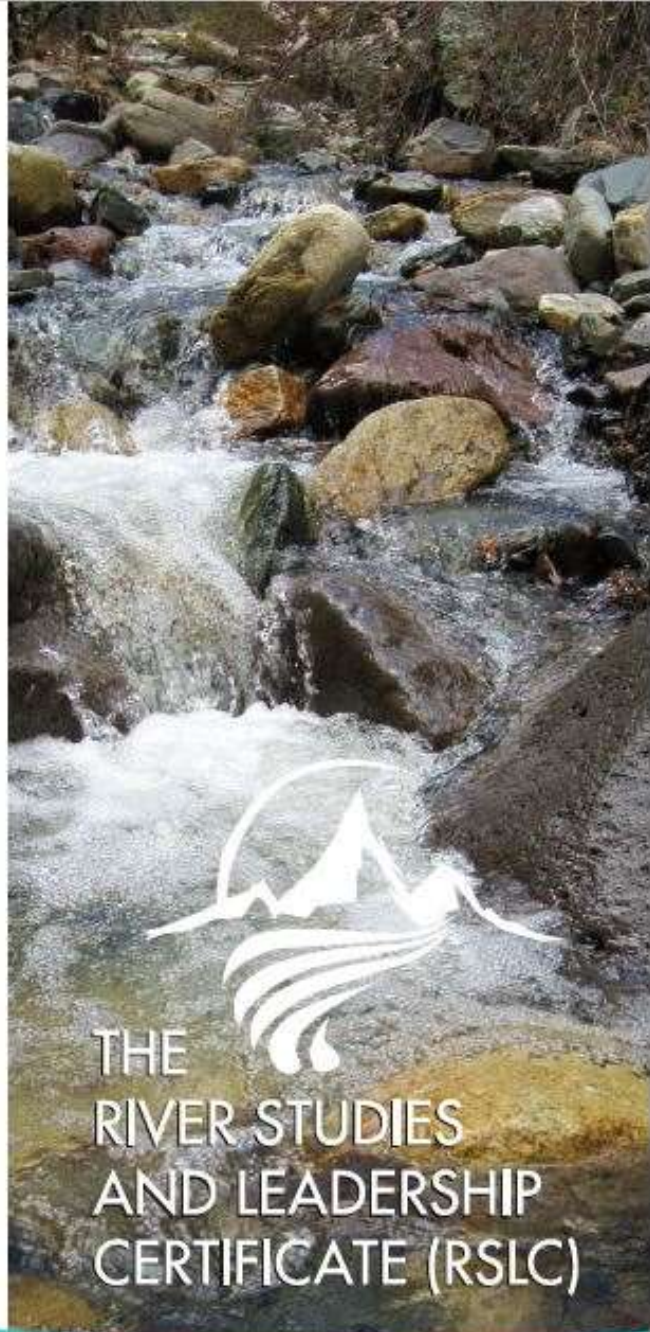




RIVERS STIR OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND EXPLORE. THEIR FUTURE WILL REQUIRE A BALANCE OF SCIENCE, POLICY, MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION. YOU CAN CHART YOUR PATH AS A RIVER PROFESSIONAL!



INTERESTED IN PURSUING  
A RIVER MANAGEMENT AND  
LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE ?  
YOUR RSLC FACULTY ADVISOR IS:



THE  
RIVER STUDIES  
AND LEADERSHIP  
CERTIFICATE (RSLC)



Participating institutions include Colorado Mesa University, Prescott College, Sierra Nevada College, Minnesota State University, Northern Arizona University, University of Utah, Virginia Commonwealth University and Western Washington University.



# River Studies and Leadership Certificate Program

Cultivating the next generation of students inspired to pursue careers as river professionals

Eight schools currently enrolled in Program

Two additional schools poised to join in 2019

Opportunity for your alma mater to join RSLC





# 8 RSLC Schools



# RSLC Course Work

## Core Courses (1 course in each)

- Geographic Information Systems
- River Science
- River Policy
- River Safety Awareness

## Emphasis Area (2 courses)

- River Science
- River-based Policy and Management
- River-based Recreation, Education and Tourism

## Professional Experience







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# An Expedition Education on the River of No Return Virginia Commonwealth University July 2018

## RIVER OF NO RETURN EXPEDITION MEMBERS

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