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2018 Summer Program Announcement

Just over two years ago, two young university graduates' dream of elevating women in the backcountry through community building came alive as a volunteer-run passion project, Mountain Mentors. Since then, this fledgling non-profit has become a solidified mentorship program with three successful seasons under its belts. During this time, Mountain Mentors has been able to:

...**pair** 126 backcountry skiers, splitboarders, mountain bikers, and climbers in mentoring relationships throughout the Sea to Sky corridor.

...**partner** with numerous community organizations and guiding companies to offer technical training during 3, day-long SkillShare events to our mentorship cohorts.

...**facilitate** 7 former mentees in becoming mentors through their involvement with our program.

...**be recognized** by the community through features in Mountain Life, The Pique, The Squamish Chief, Doglotion, MEC, Huck Lifestyle, and various other local media.

...and we are only just beginning!



We have some exciting and ambitious goals for the growth of Mountain Mentors over the next few years. We have a vision of our organization spanning many demographics and geographies, branching out into new communities, and continuing to develop ourselves both internally and externally.

In order to accomplish these goals, we will be spending the summer diligently laying the groundwork to ensure the sustainability of our organization into future seasons. This also means **we will not be offering a formal mentorship program in Summer 2018**. We will resume operations of our formal mentorship program in October 2018 in time for our Winter 2018-19 season, which is set to be bigger and better than ever!



In the meantime, here are a few ways you can stay connected over the summer:

1. Attend [Treeline WOC's Women's Climbing Festival](#) from August 24th- 26th, in partnership with Mountain Mentors! Stay tuned for more information about our collaborative kickoff event on August 24th.
2. Join the [Women's Mountain Collective](#), Mountain Mentors' sister Facebook group, to connect organically with other likeminded outdoorswomen, swap beta, sell gear, and seek inspiration.
3. If you have been involved in our program in the past, keep your eyes peeled for an invitation to our Mentor Alumni Social in July.
4. If you haven't been involved in our program in the past, but you want to be, keep your eyes peeled for an invitation to our Information Sessions in September about our 2018-19 Winter intake! [Subscribe to our eNewsletter](#) for a reminder as the date approaches.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped grow Mountain Mentors into what it is today. We are so excited for what the future holds and look forward to continuing to grow our mountain community. Stay tuned!

~The Mountain Mentors Team

