Since 1987 Kent Mountain Adventure Center has been guiding and instructing in many areas of outdoor education. We are proud to have been selected as the wilderness trip provider for public and private schools throughout Colorado, and as the rock climbing program provider for many camps and private groups from around the country. KMAC is licensed by the State of Colorado to provide “Trip” camps for boys and girls.  We are members of the Association of Experiential Education and the Worldwide outfitter and guides Association, which provides safety management guidelines for outdoor programs. We operate under permits from the federal Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for the Arapahoe/Roosevelt, San Isabel, and the Manti-La Sal Natl. forests. In compliance with federal law KMAC is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, natural origin, sex, age, or disability. Please see a partial list of [Industry References](http://www.kmaconline.com/industry.html).

**The Guides**

KMAC guides have accumulated impressive resumes of accomplishments not only in the climbing realm, but in other areas of life as well. They would cite their passion for climbing and love of teaching as the most satisfying parts of their lives. On a daily basis they see the impact and rewards that our students experience. But KMAC staff are more than just guides -- they are role models, teachers, child care professionals, and outdoor activity specialists. All are mature, outgoing and committed to the KMAC philosophy and mission. We build on their rich personal experience with extensive staff training. They strive to role model the importance of having passion and integrity in our daily lives. Minimum age for lead staff is 23. All senior guides are certified Wilderness First Responders and some are trained and/or certified at different levels by the American Mountain Guides Association.

Harry Kent, Founder

Harry Kent is a world-class mountain climber and a professional outdoor adventure guide with over 35 years’ experience. Harry led the first American winter ascent of the North Face of the Eiger, one of the most challenging climbs in all of Europe. A member of the American Mountain Guides Association, his accomplishments include difficult routes in the Rockies, Andes, Alps and Himalayas.

Harry has spent his entire adult life living, working and playing in the mountains, introducing thousands of young people and many adults to the challenges and rewards of outdoor adventure. A runner, skier and triathlete, he's competed in many endurance events including Hawaii's Ironman Triathlon and numerous marathons.

Harry combines his passion for the outdoors with a deep regard for young people of all ages and abilities. He is trained as a Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician. Harry resides in Estes Park, Colorado with his wife Bridget. They hold “the fort” down for their son’s Owen and Keaghan who are college students.

Dustin Dyer

Dustin grew up in Evergreen, CO and has been exploring and learning about his mountain home ever since. Backpacking all year and skiing in the winter have been regular events for him since age three. From these sports, his passion for climbing began and continues to fuel his drive to enjoy and succeed in all alpine disciplines. Dustin is the only KMAC guide to have been a student on a KMAC course and eventually returned as an intern to learn from the best. He enjoys teaching young people. Dustin is a senior KMAC guide having been in the family for 7 years.

Buster Jesik

A Colorado native, Buster began climbing at age 11, and has since made ascents of rock, ice, and alpine routes from Washington state to the Cordillera Blanca in Peru. He is an “all around specialist” having successfully climbed 5.13 rock, grade 6 ice, M9, and grade VI big wall and alpine routes in a day. Buster’s personal climbing and guiding philosophy is that it is the process that is important, not the goal. With this in mind he loves to teach modern techniques for climbing efficiently and safely. Buster has been guiding since 2007, is a Wilderness First Responder, and a certified AMGA Rock Guide. He was also selected to participate in the first Alpine Mentors Program, started by world class alpinists to train and mentor the next generation of climbers.

**Rick Gaukel**

Rick began his outdoor obsession in Santa Cruz, CA where he grew up surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding throughout California. Then interests shifted a bit from the surfing and beach life to completing a degree in Outdoor Leadership in Western North Carolina and becoming entranced with rock climbing, mountain biking, running rivers and backpacking.

Now for the past seven years Rick has pursued guiding and educating people in the disciplines of rock climbing, mountaineering, mountain biking, canoeing, backpacking, snowboarding/splitboarding, and avalanche education throughout the Southeast, Northeast, Sierras and the Rockies.

Rick is dedicated and passionate about teaching and mentoring people through outdoor experiences that focus on personal growth, environmental stewardship, and skill development.

Rick’s certifications/course completions include: AMGA Single Pitch Instructor, AIARE Avalanche Level 1 & 2 course completion, AIARE Level 1 certified instructor, Wilderness First Responder and a B.A. in Outdoor Leadership.

Quinn Brett

Quinn grew up in the icy flatlands of Minnesota.  She was introduced by chance to rock climbing at a young age and has completely embraced the physical and mental aspects of the sport.  For 20 years she has been traveling the U.S and beyond, exploring summits and valleys.  Climbing, hiking, practicing yoga, and laughing throughout the beautiful nooks of the world.  She is a certified Wilderness EMT, holds a Master’s Degree in Educational Psychology, as well as a teaching certificate in the state of Colorado.

In 2012, Quinn set off to break the female team speed record on El Capitan, and was successful.  The record has since been broken, but in spirit of full day or multi-day climbing adventures--- fast and clean---she strives to adventure and keep pushing the limits.

When she's not working with KMAC, you can catch Quinn at one of her Mindful Movement-Yoga and Rock Climbing Retreats through her own company Dovetail Mountain Endeavors or enjoying some handstands and a cool Colorado river day.

Kelly Kramer

Kelly has been rock climbing for over 16 years and learned to climb in the traditional adventure style from her father and other mentors. She studied a bit of everything, but especially Spanish and Outdoor Education at the University of Minnesota and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Spanish Sociolinguistics at UC Boulder. Kelly has worked with children for as long as she can remember and has enjoyed jobs such as camp counseling in Minnesota, teaching outdoor education in Maine and guiding youth through the wilderness of the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains for Moondance Adventures. She taught Spanish for the past two years at Estes Park Elementary School and resides in Boulder with her husband Juan Estaban and their son Rojan. Kelly has a passion for Latin American culture and has lived and traveled in Argentina, Chile and Venezuela.