

# Denver, Colorado TEAM SKILLS RESCUE WORKSHOP

## 2025 VENUE INFORMATION

A 5 or 7 day Industrial/Wilderness-based Rescue Workshop

Hosted by: City of Denver Fire Department



### A SERIOUS 5 or 7 DAY TEAM SKILLS OPEN ENROLLMENT ROPE RESCUE WORKSHOP

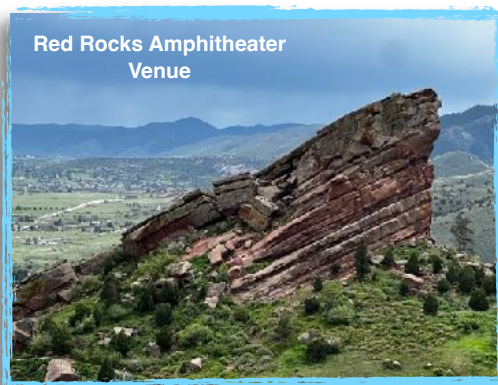
Learn the "Why" behind your Rigging

YOU CHOOSE: Industrial only venues (Monday through Friday) or add two days (Saturday & Sunday) for wilderness at Red Rocks Amphitheater Park. (Cost includes catered lunches for all 5 or 7 days by Denver). All students must attend the first 5 days of this workshop regardless. RTR Instructors: [Reed Thorne](#) and/or [Keith Thorne](#)

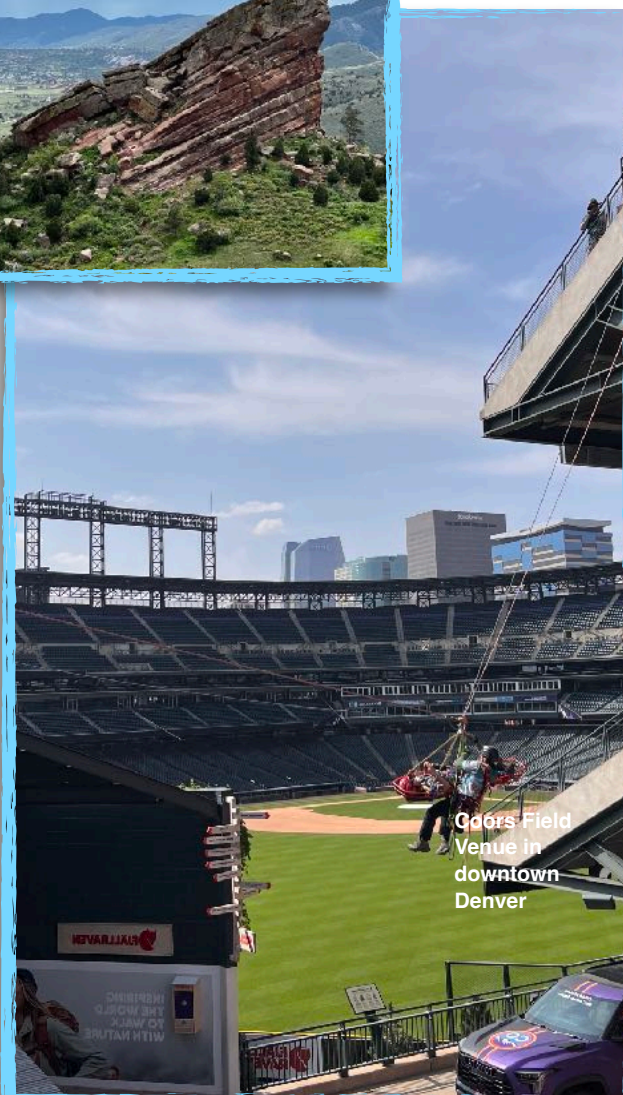
Cost: TSRW - 5 day \$1,750      TSRW - 7 day \$2,000

The City of Denver has hosted two Ropes That Rescue workshops so far with this 2025 offering being their third. The [Red Rocks Amphitheater](#) with Denver Parks was added in the 2024 [Team Skills Rescue Workshop](#) and was an instant success offering a chance to perform difficult rope rescues within the restricted areas in the Red Rocks Park. The diversity in industrial and wilderness venues for this workshop offer the practitioner a wealth of rigging mediums where industrial anchors straps are used in one and rock climbing protection is used in another.

This program will be offered in May of 2025. Exact dates are not known yet as we are waiting for the baseball players schedule to be published. ADVICE: Get your name on the waiting list now! There is limited space as in last two years at Denver Fire. To register, see page 4.



Red Rocks Amphitheater  
Venue



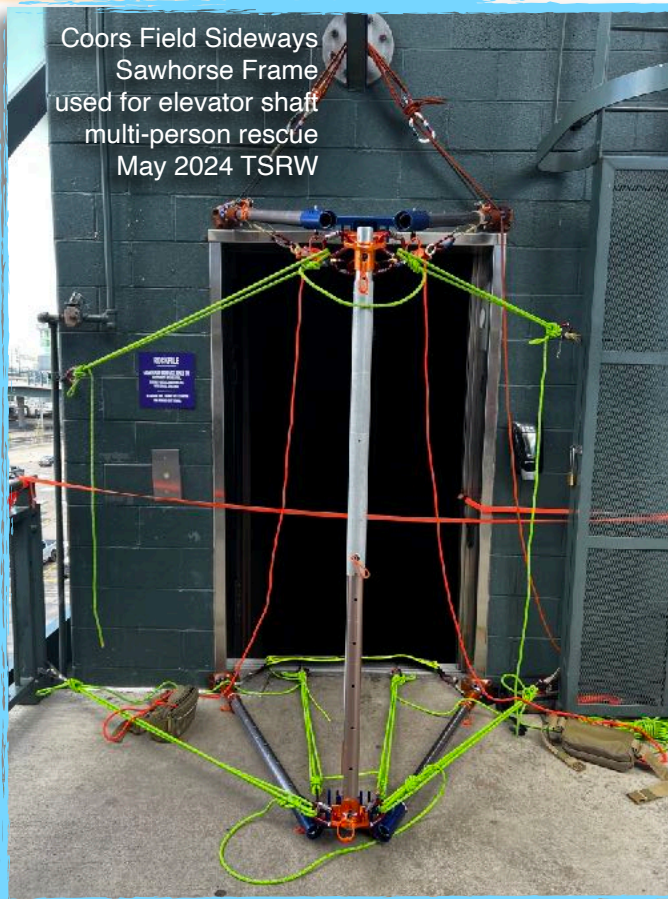
Coors Field  
Venue in  
downtown  
Denver



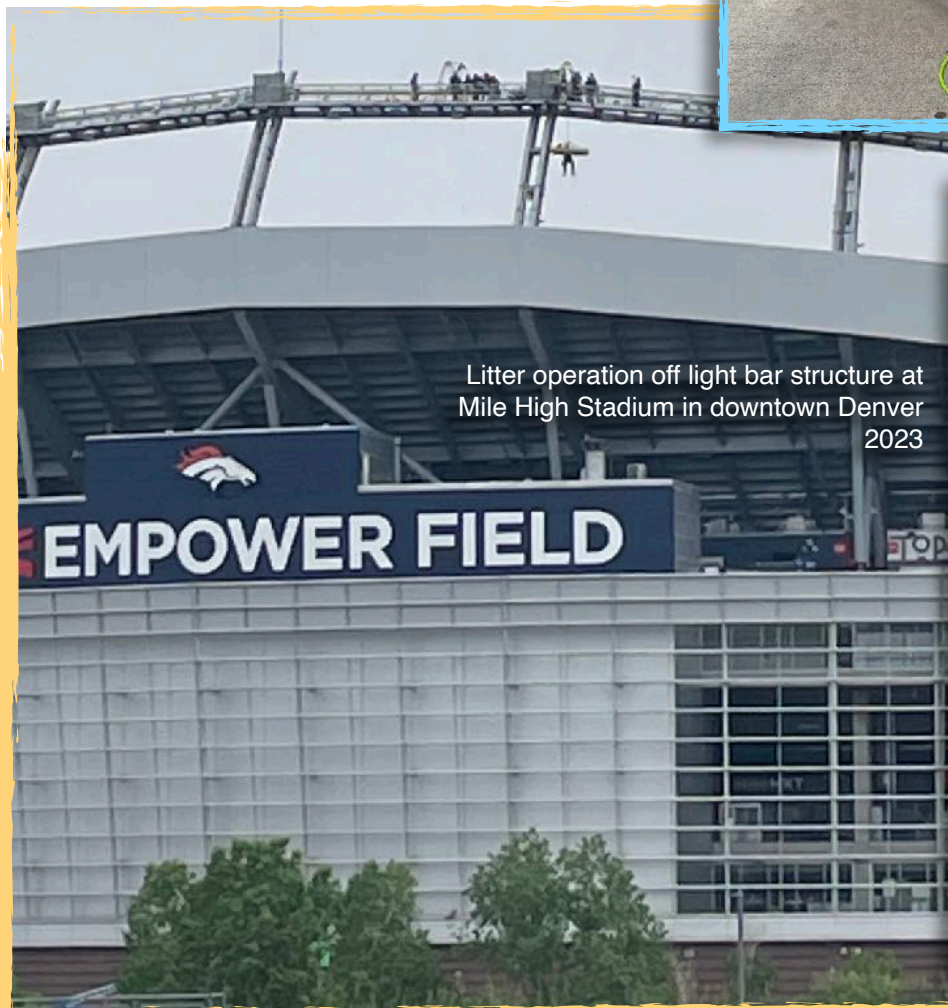
## ABOUT THE DENVER VENUES -

Two GRAND stadiums: Mile High Stadium ([Empower Field](#)) and [Coors Field](#). These two downtown stadiums are a huge draw in themselves offering a myriad of varied industrial setups and elevator shafts. The study and application of high angle "offsets" here is unparalleled due to the short-to-wide gaps and precipitous drops within the stadium. Neither of these venues are guaranteed however as it totally depends on availability and whether the home baseball team is in town. We used both in 2023 but only Coors Field in 2024. Either will completely fill our needs for this workshop.

The [Red Rocks Amphitheater](#) is perhaps our best outdoor wilderness venue for any RTR program. We are very lucky that it is available to us for this workshop. The rangers for Denver Parks are extremely accommodating. The areas we work at are closed to the public so we have no distractions. A short hike takes us to a cliff face overlooking the amphitheater parking lot. Since we are not allowed to place bolts or pitons, we use existing trees, non-destructive rock protection and Vortex jamb poles to make all of our anchors.



Coors Field Sideways  
Sawhorse Frame  
used for elevator shaft  
multi-person rescue  
May 2024 TSRW



Litter operation off light bar structure at  
Mile High Stadium in downtown Denver  
2023



Red  
Rocks  
Park





Working at Red Rocks Amphitheater with the Arizona VORTEX May 2024

### WHAT IS COVERED -

The Team Skills Rescue Workshop in Denver will cover both industrial and wilderness rigging for rescue.

- Extensive knotcraft (knots, bends & hitches)
- Anchors and anchor systems (marginal, substantial and bombproof)
- Pulley systems in detail (simple, compound and complex)
- Arizona Vortex Directional Frames at the edge (monopods, bipods and tripods)
- Arizona Vortex Anchor Frames (focused floating rigging monopods, bipods and tripods back from the edge)
- High Angle Offsets (Tracking Line, Skate Block, Deflection Line and Two Rope Offsets)
- Mid face litter scoops (using the Arizona Tri-Bridle and AZTEK)
- Rock Protection (Red Rocks Parks Amphitheater)
- Jamb poles using the Arizona Vortex & AZORP
- Elevator shaft rescue (if available)
- Two Tensioned Rope Systems and Main/Belay systems
- Back tying and frame guying with one rope
- Much more....



Denver Fire working with guyed Sideways A-Frame at Mile High Stadium in 2023 Teams Skills Rescue Workshop

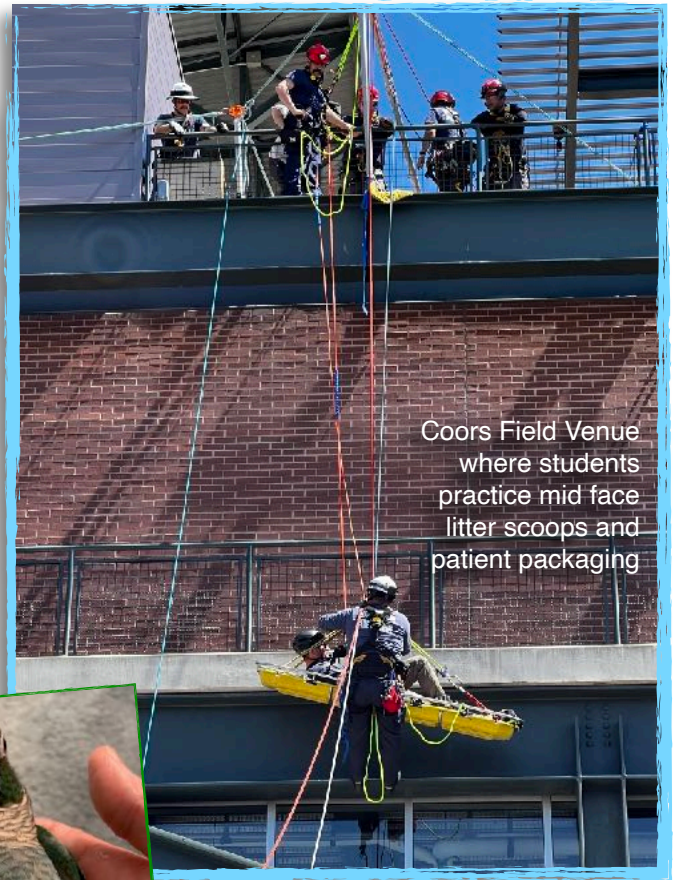


**PREPARATION FOR THIS WORKSHOP:  
PLEASE BE READY & DO THIS!**

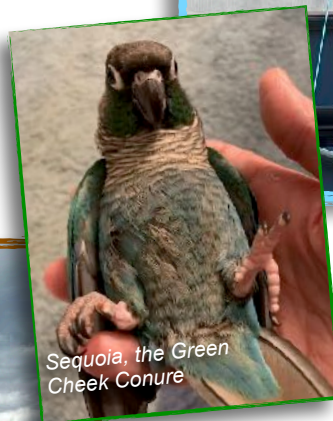
Knots, bends and hitches are an integral part of every RTR program. Pure and simple—You simply cannot be a good rigger without knowing extensive knotcraft. To assist you in the mastery of these knots PRIOR to class we have assembled videos of Reed tying each one on camera with the help of Sequoia, the green-cheek conure. Once you have registered for a program, you are invited to join our closed Facebook Page called [“Arizona ART of Clean Rigging”](#) for access to these videos. Look under “Media” and open the link to these videos under “Albums”. Look for album “KNOTCRAFT with Reed and Sequoia”. On this page (only open to past RTR alumni and current students) you will be able to watch all the knotcraft being performed clearly. This will speed up the learning process during the classroom portion which will allow us to get to the field earlier which is a good thing. “Hands on” is where it is at.

**REQUIRED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT -**

The [Required Equipment List](#) is found [HERE](#) and each student should come to class with this as a minimum. If you need help obtaining any of this mandatory gear call, or write to [Dale Stewart](#) (602) 944-7723 for any equipment needs with a discount for RTR. Be sure to mention the workshop.



Coors Field Venue  
where students  
practice mid face  
litter scoops and  
patient packaging



Sequoia, the Green  
Cheek Conure

Please plan on staying through the evening of the last day of the program as we do not get out early! You will receive a certificate of completion if you complete all seven days of the training. NOTE: Some days run long at 10 hours or more.

**IMPORTANT:** The final day of all RTR programs is Hawaiian Shirt Day. Please bring a bodacious Hawaiian shirt for the final class photo! It is a silly but meaningful tradition that we try and perpetuate in all of our workshops around the world.

**LUNCH AND SNACKS -**

Students are served a good lunch and great snacks during this workshop. Special diet? Call or write the [Denver Fire Liaison](#) Josh Odendahl for more details.

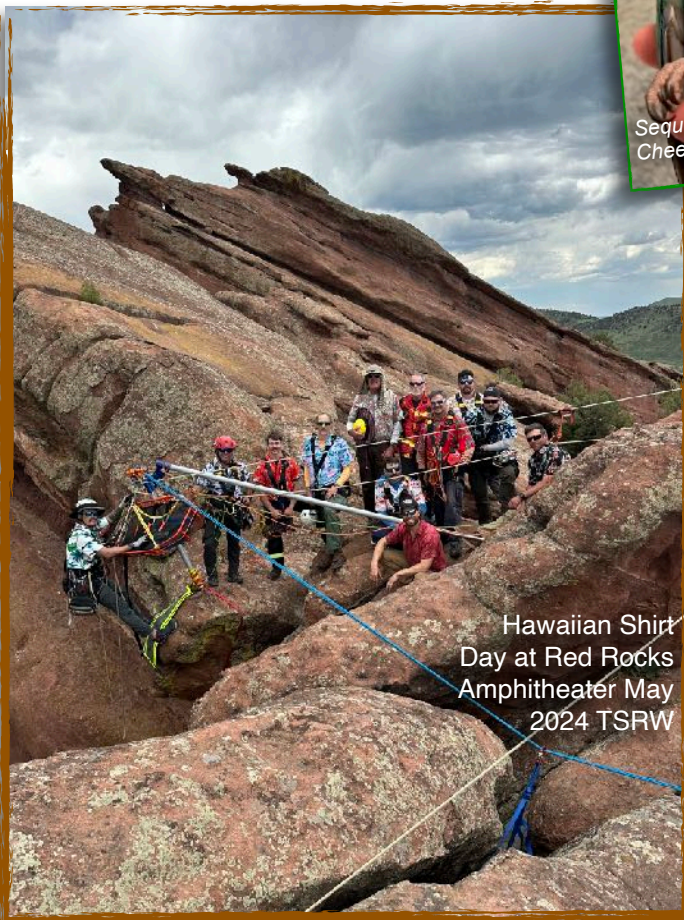
**DENVER FIRE/RTR LIAISON -**

The Denver Fire/Ropes That Rescue liaison is Assistant Chief Josh Odendahl EMAIL: [joshua.odendahl@denvergov.org](mailto:joshua.odendahl@denvergov.org)  
Phone during regular business hours: (720) 618-5319

**REGISTRATION IS THROUGH DENVER FIRE**

Fill out & sign the [3 page RTR Application](#) and return to [Denver Fire Liaison](#) Josh Odendahl Please register EARLY! Space is limited. A 50% deposit is normally required to register.

PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER THROUGH RTR!



Hawaiian Shirt  
Day at Red Rocks  
Amphitheater May  
2024 TSRW