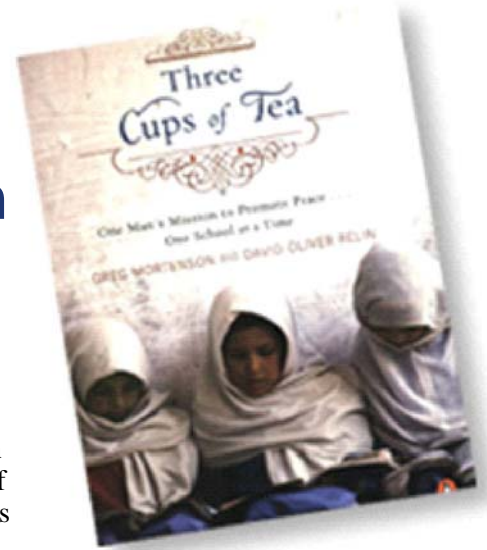




## 2008-09 Summer Reading Program

NCSSM's 2008-09 Summer Reading Program book is *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace and Build Nations One School at a Time*, (3CT). Greg Mortenson, and acclaimed journalist David Oliver Relin, recount the unlikely journey that led Mortenson from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to successfully building schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to fight terrorism with books, not bombs, and successfully brings education and hope to remote villages in central Asia.



All rising seniors and incoming juniors are required to acquire the book and read it before the first day of Orientation next fall. As a community building exercise, discussions about the book will take place during Orientation and will be integrated into the curriculum whenever possible. Small diverse groups of juniors, seniors, faculty, and staff will be organized by the first week of school for everyone to participate in these student-led discussions. Be sure to check AT-A-GLANCE for updated information about the Summer Reading Program.

You can purchase 3CT either at a local bookstore or online. Options for acquiring a new book include:

1. If you choose to order from your local bookstore, the list price is \$15. However, the book should be automatically discounted 20% at Barnes & Noble, Borders and other bookstores.
2. If you choose to order online, you can go to the website (<http://www.threecupsoftea.com>) . If you do, 7% of all your book purchases will go toward a girls' education scholarship fund in Pakistan and Afghanistan. You can purchase a new version of the paperback book online including shipping and handling from the leading online book distributors <http://Amazon.com> for \$8.25; from <http://BarnesandNoble.com> for \$9.45 or from Books a Million. <http://www.booksamillion.com> for \$7.94 Used copies are also available starting at \$6.35.
3. Purchase and download the audiobook to your computer or MP3 player for about \$15 from all three of above online book distributors
4. Purchase the CD Audiobook from your local bookstore or online for about \$26.00.

For background historical, political, and cultural information check out:

1. Greg Mortenson's personal website and the website for The Central Asia Institute:  
<http://www.gregmortenson.com/welcome.php>  
<http://www.ikat.org/>
2. Official web site for Three Cups of Tea  
<http://www.threecupsoftea.com/Intro.php>
3. Timeline of Pakistan's History (BBC):  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south\\_asia/country\\_profiles/1156716.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/country_profiles/1156716.stm)
4. Statistical and Political Profile of Pakistan (BBC):  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south\\_asia/country\\_profiles/1157960.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/country_profiles/1157960.stm)
5. Information on Baltistan, the setting for much of Three Cups of Tea:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilgit-Baltistan>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skardu\\_District](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skardu_District)
6. Information on K2:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K2>
7. 3-D animated maps of the Karakoram:  
[http://www.earthshot.net/cg\\_world/k2/animations.html](http://www.earthshot.net/cg_world/k2/animations.html)
8. Google Map of Baltistan:  
<http://maps.google.com>

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