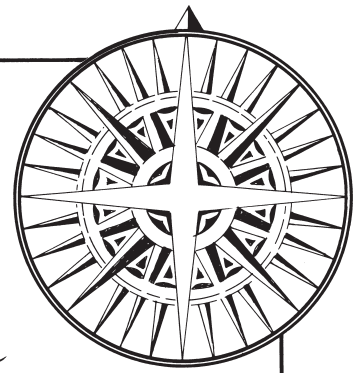




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Note from the Editor

Several events that may be of interest to the membership occurred this past month, that I can report on. First was a special “working meeting” of the Council meeting on Monday, August 13. At this long meeting (unprecedented in length, in my term as editor, at four hours) where the Council focused on clarifying some important Club procedures that had been proposed by Tom Wilson, Council chair, namely: how does a person become a Trip Leader and how does a person become a Rock Leader? In the past, this process seemed to happen more by word of mouth and person-to-person understanding, and so was not well documented. Furthermore, the process occurred strictly within the BMS (Boul-

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Old Pete Speaks Again

[Editor’s Note: In one my past interviews with Pete Ratcliffe (see May 2007 Compass), he offhandedly mentioned an incident that I found incredulous: that someone had actually blown off part of the Third Flatiron with dynamite! So I asked Pete to write me about it, which he did with his usual attention to detail. I have excerpted the essential parts of his report, though there was more to Pete’s answers; please contact me if you have more interest.]

Pete wrote to me of “...the story I heard, many years ago [of] someone using explosives to remove a hold from the east face of the Third Flatiron...” He also provided me with other proof. “Two guidebooks to rock climbs in the Boulder area mention this event...” He continues: “My own memories of the story are like this: I met a climber on the sidewalks of downtown Boulder [sometime in the Sixties]. We talked casually for 15 minutes. He told me that two climbers agreed among the two of them that the standard east face on the Third Flatiron was too easy. They decided to do something about it. Under cover of darkness they climbed up to a flake, presumably the “Hanging Rock” mentioned by Cleve McCarty in his 1967 guidebook [which Pete provided me]. They put some dynamite behind the flake and lit the fuse – presumably a very long fuse – and got off the rock. BOOM! No more Hanging Rock.

Some background on dynamite in Boulder. From ... around 1968 a hardware store on the corner of Broadway and

Continued on page 5, Pete Speaks



Volunteers work/partying at the Brainard Cabin work party, September 2006

Cabin Work Parties Imminent!

Cabins Work Parties will be held this Saturday, September 8 and Saturday, September 29.

Help get our cabins ready for winter. No sign-up necessary. These work parties are work and parties, both. We always have a good time and we always feel marvelously satisfied afterwards.

Årestua Cabin on Guinn Mt: Saturday, September 8. (For those not aware, this is a hut a few miles above the Eldora Ski Area, near Rollins Pass.)

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der Mountaineering Schools), and was never part of the Council discussions. But in this new era of the Club, where the Council and the BMS are attempting to be more integrated, there is a need to document processes that were previously understood by "tribal knowledge." This was a significant effort, since this issue has apparently been discussed for "years and years" with little progress, according to more experienced members of the Council. We expect to have this procedure documented and published on the website soon, certainly by the annual dinner. (Which you shouldn't miss, by the way; see the early announcement on page five.) The Council is seeking to improve not only how the processes occur, but to make these more transparent to the membership. Another goal of this effort is to make it easier, more attractive and better known to members of the local climbing community how to become rock leading instructors and trip leaders in the Club. Publishing these procedures should benefit instructors and trip leaders in all types of schools and trips in the Boulder group.

There are new developments on the website as well. The Council approved the creation of a new feature that will serve as a way for member-to-member communication, hopefully a way to allow members to find activity partners for whatever your interest may be. Look for that soon on the website. Participation will be voluntary and user-controllable.

I am quite proud to announce that a new 'Biography' feature has been added, primarily thanks to Brenda Linfield, who volunteered to develop it, and to Brenda Leach, who helped manage the project. These will be brief descriptions about the club officers, input by themselves, to allow you, our members, as well as the general public, to find out more about them. The Council approved this earlier this year, to "put a face" on the club's officers; hopefully, over time, we will also be adding our instructors and trip leaders as well. Biography entries can only be created by administrative staff, but once added, club members will be able to freely edit their own password-protected biography page. To see it, go

to cmcboulder.org, then GROUP, then VOLUNTEER'S BIOGRAPHIES. If you are a club volunteer and want to enter your biography, please send email to either [compass\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:compass[at]cmcboulder.org) or [gps\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:gps[at]cmcboulder.org).

Finally, I received an interesting communication from a member regarding the deteriorating condition of CMC-placed summit registers, which are becoming damaged with age. What is to be done? As far as I am aware, there is no Club policy regarding this (though I could be wrong!), so I invite your comments on the matter in a new forum that has been

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Brainard Lake Cabin: Saturday, September 29. (For those not aware, this is in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area, just west of Ward, CO.)

To Do: Wood cutting, hauling, splitting, and stacking. Clean the insides of the cabins. Rebuild the seat of the Årestua outhouse. Other miscellaneous repairs. For Brainard, we can use a wood hauling truck or two. Bring: work boots/shoes, work gloves, your lunch, chain saw if you own one. Where and When to meet: For Årestua: Meet at the Rollinsville Store at 8:00am on September 8th. For Brainard: For carpooling at 8:00 on September 29, meet in the Boulder County M.H. Center parking lot, at N. Broadway and Iris Avenue. OR Meet at the Cabin any time during the day. One day parking passes for volunteers, will be at the entrance gate. Park on the unpaved road off the N.W. corner of the lake (300 yards EAST of the cabin). Questions? Contact Otto Verdoner, 303-443-9883, or [ottov\(at\)csd.net](mailto:ottov(at)csd.net) □

New Outings Chair, Scheduler Join the Club

Much to the pleasure of the Council, new volunteers have stepped forward to fill two much needed positions. Stephanie Feind has agreed to be the new AB Trip Scheduler effective immediately and Gary Schmidt will take over the Outings Chair when Seth Allen leaves in October. Welcome Stephanie and Gary! Stephanie adds this welcoming message: "The beauty of the fall and winter seasons is

just around the corner. It's time to plan to get out there and enjoy it all with your fellow CMC'ers. Please submit your trips online or send them to the AB Scheduler at [ABHikeScheduler\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:ABHikeScheduler[at]cmcboulder.org)." □

Orientation Program for Prospective Members

On Wednesday, September 19, there will be an introduction to the CMC for new or prospective members. Come join with other outdoor enthusiasts for information on hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and more. It's all free, and a socialable way for experienced members to greet prospective members.

Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. Location: BCMC Clubroom, 633 S. Broadway (around from Neptunes). Details: (303) 554-7688; cmcboulder.org □

Volunteers Needed

Mailing Party: Sept 20

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the October Compass! This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club. The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, Sept 20, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information. □

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

High Altitude Mountaineering Seminar

[Editor's Note: The HAMS seminars are an excellent preparation for the Boulder AMS (Advanced Mountaineering School) that will be offered in January 2008. (They're also informative just on their own!) Contact ams@cmcboulder.org for more information on Boulder Group's AMS.]

The High Altitude Mountaineering Section of the Denver group (HAMS) will present its nineteenth annual seminar on high altitude mountaineering this fall. The seminar consists of six sessions on consecutive Monday nights starting October 1 and ending November 5, from 7:00 to approximately 9:30 p.m. Experienced climbers will present lectures on topics as diverse as organizing an expedition, fitness and conditioning, nutrition and menu planning, high altitude/cold weather medical issues and group dynamics. Mountaineering slide shows from around the world will be featured to complement and expand upon the lecture topics.

Attendance of the seminar is a prerequisite for admission to the High Altitude Mountaineering School. The seminar is open to all interested CMC members and the general public. It will take place at the Foss Auditorium in the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. Dates for specific topics may change due to speaker availability.

Tuition is as follows: \$40 for CMC Members who pre-register, \$45 for Non-CMC Members and CMC Members who do not pre-register, \$8 for individual evenings, payable at the door. To register, go to www.cmc.org, then PROGRAMS, then EDUCATION, or call the office with a credit card number, or send a check with "HAMS Seminar" noted on it. You can either register for individual Seminars, or for the series.

For more information on the Seminar, contact Ray Shem at 303-841-4898 or raydex@comcast.net. □

— contributed by Ray Shem
HAMS Seminar Director

In Memorandum: George Bramhall

February 5, 1919 – July 11, 2007

George Bramhall came to Boulder in 1968 with his wife Betty where George continued with his very productive engineering career. He was interested in art, music and current events as well as outdoor activities. George joined the Colorado Mountain Club in 1974. In his seventies he climbed Mt Massive (14,340 ft.) His enthusiasm went beyond hiking. He enjoyed cross country skiing especially ski racing, bicycling and the competitive sport of orienteering. George and Betty were an inspiration to many of us. They were married for 60 years and enjoyed pursuing outdoor activities together and with their friends. George had an ongoing love of people which was reflected in his sparkle and smile.

We appreciate the good times we had together. □

— contributed by Sheila Delamere.

Annual Dinner: Saturday, November 3

Save The Date! Saturday, November 3rd BCMC Annual Dinner!

This is a terrific opportunity to meet old friends, and make new ones. Join us at 5 p.m. for the social hour at the Avalon Ballroom; 6185 Arapahoe Ave. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting before moving on to a speaker and undoubtedly some form of social entertainment. (Do I hear music? Dancing? Who knows what will unfold...) Details have not yet been finalized, so a full announcement will appear in next month's Compass. The success of the innovative potluck format seemed rather successful last year, so expect a similar plan this year; details will be forthcoming next issue. □

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School consists of 2 lectures (9/11 & 9/18) and 3 field trips (9/22-23, 9/29-30, 10/6-7) weekends (either sat or sun). Sign ups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552 Trip#1770 □

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Pearl (southwest corner) sold dynamite for 12¢ a stick. The place, Valentine Hardware, also sold blasting caps, fuse caps 8¢ each, electric caps 25¢ each, and blasting fuse price I don't remember. The sticks of dynamite were about 3/4 inch in diameter and a foot long...The fuse was as long as you want, it came on big spools. I assume the two who blasted the Hanging Rock...used quite a few yards of it!

Some more, and different, background. You've probably seen the old narrow gage railroad locomotive...in the park... at Broadway and Canyon. One night sometime during my year in 12th grade in Boulder High School someone blew up the caboose, presumably with dynamite. I saw the result a few days later. The body of the caboose was completely destroyed, nothing was left but the iron wheels, axles and springs. There was great indignation over this act of vandalism. Much was written in the Boulder Daily Camera. The police and sheriff departments swore they would find and punish the villains. As far as I know no one was ever arrested or charged with the act..."

Well, those were the days! It would be difficult to imagine such events occurring today, or what the reaction would be. Times have indeed changed, have they not? Thanks again, Pete, for some interesting history from the Colorado mountains and Boulder.

— contributed by Rick Casey,
with assistance from Pete Ratcliffe

Yellowstone in Winter 2008

Feb. 6 - Feb. 11, 2008

Cost: \$849 - \$995

Trip Leaders – Renee Howbert and Glenn Farrow

Steaming geysers, bison, elk, deer, wolves, and other wildlife are all part of the experience of visiting Yellowstone National Park in the winter. Skiers, snowshoers, nature lovers and photographers will enjoy the convenient trails leading directly from the lodge to the geysers and waterfalls. The trip includes round-trip bus and snow coach transport.

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September 2007 Trips

Tuesday, September 4

Hiking 1 Lecture
Wilderness Survival
Lecture #1

Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the night in the outdoors? What are the ten essentials and why do we need them? This course covers trip planning, essential equipment and wilderness survival techniques, including fire and shelter. Lectures: Tues 9/4 & 9/6. Field Trip: 9/8-9/9, weekend (either Sat or Sun). Signups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup. Meet at CMC Boulder Group clubroom, 6:30 pm. Boulder Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#1758

Wednesday, September 5

Afterwork Social Hike Moderate A
On Trail
Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Boulder/Eldorado Springs Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#1971

Thursday, September 6

Onecklea East Face I Climb
5.4
Climb the east face and then scramble to the top of the Nebble Horn at the top of Fern Canyon. Day climb. Boulder Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bim-mele@msn.com Trip#2296

Hiking 1 Lecture
Wilderness Survival
Lecture #2
Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the night in the outdoors? What are the ten essentials and why do we need them? This course covers trip planning, essential equipment and wilderness survival techniques, including fire and shelter. Lectures: Tues 9/4 & 9/6. Field Trip: 9/8-9/9, weekend (either Sat or Sun). Signups begin at the 8/21 BMS

Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#1759

Saturday, September 8

The Overlook III Climb
Boulder Canyon 5.8
Sport, trad, and mixed routes (5.8 to 5.10) at a newly developed crag by Castle Rock. Boulder Ron Olsen 303-449-1935 ron_olsen@qwest.net Trip#2385

Saturday, September 8 – September 9

Hiking 1 Field Trip
Wilderness Survival
Field Trip
Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the night in the outdoors? What are the ten essentials and why do we need them? This course covers trip planning, essential equipment and wilderness survival techniques, including fire and shelter. Lectures: Tues 9/4 & 9/6. Field Trip: 9/8-9/9, weekend (either Sat or Sun). Signups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#1760

Sunday, September 9

Shoshoni Pk. 12,967' CANCELLED
Moderate C
From Brainard Lake, stroll to Isabelle Lake, then take the high road up to Pawnee Pass (12,541'). Stretch out on the tundra for a brief oxygen break, and head S along the Continental Divide. Pass one false summit, then ascend the true summit. Bring your camera. Be prepared for high winds and to meet early for a parking spot. Boulder Trail Mileage:11 Elevation Gain:2470 Drive Distance:70 Ward Donald J Kava 303-494-2632 kava@bcn.boulder.co.us Trip#2530

S/ Arapaho Difficult C-E
N. Arapaho Pk 13,502' Scrambling
Ascend prominent peaks in the Indian Peaks. Negotiate airy ridge between the two peaks. View Arapaho Glacier. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:3542 Ward David U Longenecker 303-440-7023 longenecker@srf.cmdl.

noaa.gov Trip#1793

Tuesday, September 11

Basic Rock School Lecture
Lecture #1
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics and safety techniques. Well suited to newcomers to rock climbing or those with some experience that want to review and update best safety practices. You will learn about equipment & knots, belaying, multi-pitch climbing, communication, rappelling, basic self-rescue and emergency situations. School consists of 2 lectures (9/11 & 9/18) and 3 field trips (49/22-23,9/29-30,10/6-7) weekends (either sat or sun). Sign ups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552 Trip#1766

Wednesday, September 12

Afterwork Social Hike Moderate A
On Trail
Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Boulder/Eldorado Springs Connie Schwab 303-516-9797 cjs230@juno.com Trip#1972

Friday, September 14

Twin Owls - Organ Pipes 5.7 II
Climb
Summit this imposing feature! We will start with the two pitch Organ Pipe route (5.7 variation) traverse the Roosting Ramp and then summit via the two pitch Pin Route to the summit. But wait you're still not done. You have to make it down the Bowels of the Owls! Boulder Drive Distance:60 Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Trip#1597

Saturday, September 15

Buttonrock Preserve Easy B
On Trail

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Casual pace

Easy paced hike looping through Longmont's watershed. Numerous opportunities for photography. Leader will point out several bouldering areas described on frontrangebouldering.com. Great views of Ralph Price Reservoir, Meeker, and Longs in this area North of Hall Ranch. Call before 9 PM Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:1500 Drive Distance:35 Pinewood Springs Tom Crosman 720-494-1732 tom@crosman.org Trip#1387

West Ridge Sampler Area Climb
Eldorado Canyon 5.7

5.7-5.9 Routes: Washington Irving (5.6), Mescaline(5.8), Sister Morphine (5.9), Pony Express (5.9). We'll do some or all of these and more as time and inclination allow. Boulder Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#2214

Sunday, September 16

Dinosaur Rock East Face I Climb
Der Frieschutz East Face 5.4
Climb the both Dinosaur and Der Frieschutz short repels for both climbs. Enjoy the solitude of these quieter rocks. Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:400 Drive Distance:3 Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com Trip#2297

Tuesday, September 18

Basic Rock School Lecture
Lecture #2
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics and safety techniques. Well suited to newcomers to rock climbing or those with some experience that want to review and update best safety practices. You will learn about equipment & knots, belaying, multi-pitch climbing, communication, rappelling, basic self-rescue and emergency situations. School consists of 2 lectures (9/11 & 9/18) and 3 field trips (49/22-23,9/29-30,10/6-7) weekends (either sat or sun). Sign ups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552 Trip#1768

Wednesday, September 19

Afterwork Social Hike Moderate A
On Trail

Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Boulder/Eldorado Springs Rada Perovic 303-985-3263 denali@interfold.com Trip#1973

Saturday, September 22

Sleeping Beauty III Climb
Boulder Canyon 5.9
sport and mixed routes (5.9 to 5.10)
Boulder Ron Olsen 303-449-1935
ron_olsen@qwest.net Trip#2387

Saturday, September 22 – September 23

Basic Rock School Field Trip
Field Trip #1
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics and safety techniques. Well suited to newcomers to rock climbing or those with some experience that want to review and update best safety practices. You will learn about equipment & knots, belaying, multi-pitch climbing, communication, rappelling, basic self-rescue and emergency situations. School consists of 2 lectures (9/11 & 9/18) and 3 field trips (49/22-23,9/29-30,10/6-7) weekends (either sat or sun). Sign ups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552 Trip#1769

Sunday, September 23

Lookout Mountain Loop Moderate B
Follow a mix of trails and cross-country on this loop around and up to the summit of Lookout Mountain in RMNP. Views of Mt. Meeker, Twin Sisters, Wild Basin and several sapsen groves. Please bring no GPS's or other electronic navigation gadgets. Optional after hike dinner in Lyons. Register with leader between 9

am and 9 p.m. only. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:2000 Drive Distance:40 Allens Park Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#1515

Tuesday, September 25

Hiking 2Lecture
Navigation & Route Finding
Lecture #1
Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, clothing, and trip planning. Prerequisites are Hiking 1. Lectures 9/25, 10/2 & 10/9. Field Trip: 10/13-14weekend (either Sat or Sun). Sign-ups begin at the 8/21 BMS Schools Overview and Signup Boulder Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#1763

Wednesday, September 26

Afterwork Social Hike Moderate A
On Trail
Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Boulder/Eldorado Springs Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572 dtewell@worldnet.att.net Trip#1974

Saturday, September 29 – September 30

Basic Rock School Field Trip
Field Trip #2
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics and safety techniques. Well suited to newcomers to rock climbing or those with some experience that want to review and update best safety practices. You will learn about equipment & knots, belaying, multi-pitch climbing, communication, rappelling, basic self-rescue and emergency situa-

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New Conservation Chair

A volunteer has been accepted by the Council for the Trails and Conservation Chair position that will be vacated by Sandy Hollingsworth next month. Many thanks to Sandy for her years of service in that position. The Council welcomes Kristyn Kilfoy, who has lived in Colorado most of her life. She is a longtime member of the CMC, in both the Denver and Boulder groups. She has also volunteered with the Sierra Club, Outdoor Colorado and Wildlife Restoration Volunteers, and will bring considerable business skills and experience to this position. Thanks Kristyn! □

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set up on the website for this express purpose. Hopefully other members may have some suggestions on how to improve this distressing situation.

Regarding the Forums on the website: you must first Register, where you choose your username and password, and you must then *wait* until your registration has been "approved" by the webmaster. This "approval" step is necessary to

keep out spammers. We are still experimenting with the forums, and the entire website for that matter, so your suggestions for improvements are always welcomed. □

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tation between Denver and Yellowstone, a sleigh ride in the Elk Refuge near Jackson Hole, 3 full days and 4 nights in the Old Faithful area of the park, snow coach drop-off fees, happy hours, and several meals (4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 buffet dinners). We depart Denver by bus Wednesday evening, February 6 and travel overnight, returning to Denver on the evening of Monday, February 11, 2008.

Please see the website for more details. Register with the leaders by calling 303-972-1412 or

e-mailing yellowstone[at]tradclimber.net to verify an opening for your requested lodging type before you send your payment. You may also request to register at www.cmc.org. Click on "Adventure Travel", then "Yellowstone in Winter 2008", complete the form and send. Registrations and payments must be received by December 9, 2007. □

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