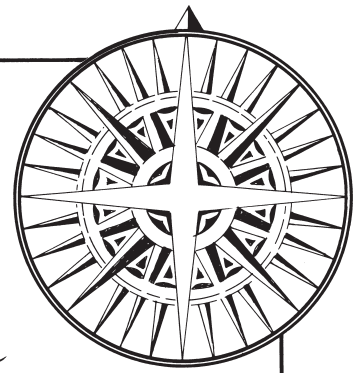




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An Interview Roger Linfield, Director of Summer Schools

In January, Roger was approved as the Director of the Summer Schools for the Boulder Mountaineering School (Cindy Gagnon was approved as the Director of the Winter Schools). The Summer Schools actually include schools taking place in spring, summer and fall. The following is a recent interview with Roger.

Q: How did you become interested in climbing and mountaineering?

A: My father liked the outdoors, and I hiked my first "mountain" (Mt. Cardigan, 3121' in New Hampshire) with my parents at age 10. The Outing Club at my college gave me the chance to start rock climbing on the 35 foot high cliffs in Grand Ledge, MI.

Q: What are your satisfactions and challenges in regards to climbing?

A: Leading a scary climb can be very satisfying. Another satisfying experience is to fail on a climb, then spend time preparing for a second attempt (strengthening key muscles or honing a specific technique) and finally succeed. The fabulous crack climbs in Indian Creek Canyon have given me plenty of challenges, some failures, some big successes, and lots of chances to practice new climbing techniques.



Roger on the summit of Heisshorn

Q: Tell about a memorable experience.

A: Soloing the Leaning Tower in Yosemite Valley (3 days and nights on an overhanging wall during a snowy Thanksgiving weekend) was the biggest adventure of my life.

Q: What are your dreams and goals for the future?

A: Involvement in the CMC gives me the chance to give back to the outdoor community after decades of outdoor fun. I want to help maintain the strong BMS program of outdoor classes which has been developed in the Boulder CMC. As far as hiking, it would be nice to climb all the 13ers. I'm about one third of the way there.

Q: What inspires you?

A: I have been most inspired by climbers who set rigid rules ("ethics") for themselves and still manage to do many hard

first ascents. Jim Erickson, Reinhold Messner, and John Bachar come quickly to mind. ♦

Congratulations to a New Trip Leader!

We want to extend a congratulations to Anya Byers for becoming a new Ski Touring trip leader for the Boulder Group! Anya is the Recreation and Planning Coordinator in the state CMC office. She has also worked at the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative as a Volunteer Coordinator and Restoration Manager. Anya also spent several seasons working on and leading trail crews for the City of Boulder's Mountain Parks and Open Space Department. We look forward to Anya's ski touring trips! We encourage our members to become trip leaders. www.cmcboulder.org/trips.



Anya skiing up to Årestua Hut

Chair's Report

With the unwavering support and work of Boulder Group member Peter Gowen, we are very close to a signed lease agreement with the US Forest Service for the Brainard Cabin and Årestua Hut.

We are very excited that a shipment of the Best Boulder Hikes book is due from the publisher in May. We're rounding up trip leaders to lead each of the 20 hikes in the book. Plan on attending the Monthly Program on Tuesday, May 12, in the clubroom to learn about and celebrate the book written by Boulder Group members!

We are looking for a member with good organizational skills to coordinate the Boulder Group's Annual Dinner. It will be held at The Avalon in Boulder on Saturday, November 7. You'll have plenty of help from other members who enthusiastically volunteer their time for this important yearly event.

Respectively submitted,

Dick Munro
Boulder Group Chair

Summer Job Opportunity

The Colorado Fourteeners Initiative seeks to hire a seasonal Trail Project Manager, based out of Durango, CO, to implement trail construction and restoration project on Windom Peak. Info at http://www.14ers.org/about_employ.php.

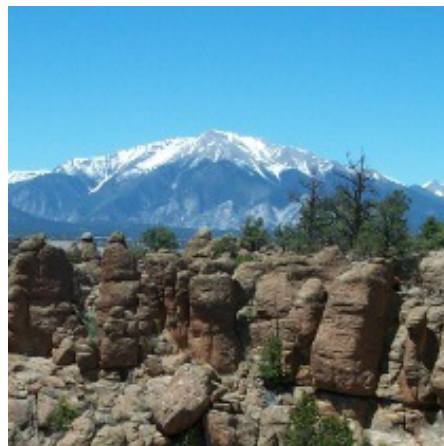
Future Monthly Programs

May 12 Jim Groh: The Best Boulder Hikes book release party and trip sign up
June 9 Dave Sutherland, City of Boulder OSMP, shares the location of world class biodiverse hotspots in our OSMP
July 14 Claudia Lopez: Baruntse Expedition
Aug 11 Ted Handwerk premieres a short film, Climbing Annapurna IV
Sept 8 Thomas Rockwood: Exploration and Ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro
Oct 13 Members Claim 15 minutes of fame! Open 'mic' night
Nov 7 Annual Dinner
Dec 13 Christmas Potluck

April Program: Colorado Canyon Country Wilderness Tuesday, April 14, 7pm

The existing 3.4 million acres of designated wilderness in Colorado are primarily high peaks within our National Forests. Nearly 7 million acres of wilderness quality lands are still unprotected, including many lower-elevation, wild-life-rich canyon lands managed by the BLM, and lower elevation roadless areas on our National Forests. In 1980, the Bureau of Land Management determined that only 801,000 acres of the more than 8 million acres of agency lands in Colorado were of wilderness quality. Citizens set out on their own to inventory and document the wilderness characteristics of these lands which resulted in a proposal that identified 1.65 million acres suitable for wilderness designation (<http://www.canyoncountrywilderness.org/areas.htm>).

Kurt Kunkle heads up the Colorado Environmental Coalition's Mapping Project, training volunteers to visit Canyon Country and photograph and document the wild characteristics that make these proposed wilderness areas unique. Enjoy a photo journey with Kurt through the treasures of Colorado's canyon country, hidden red rock canyons, scenic river corridors and superb wildlife habitat and learn about the efforts to protect these unique places and help save them! A social hour in the clubroom starts at 6pm so bring your favorite beverage and snack to eat or share.



Collegiate Peaks from Browns Canyon
©Kurt Kunkle, CEC

Volunteer Opportunities!

To volunteer call the clubroom or email clubroom@cmcboulder.org.

New volunteer opportunities can now be found on the website by selecting *Group/Volunteer Needs*.

Clubroom Hosts Needed

Clubroom Hosts are needed Monday through Thursday from 5-7 pm

April 23 Mailing Party

Come to the clubroom and help mail out the May Compass. Drop in at 5:30 pm.

Annual Dinner Chair Wanted

see Chair's Report for details

AMC Spring Equipment Sale April 10, 6-8 pm

Volunteers are needed to help with pre-sale setup, sale monitoring, cashiering, and post-sale cleanup. Hours needed for volunteers: 4-7pm Thursday, 4/9, and 3:30 pm-8:30 pm, Friday, 4/10. Contact Zoe Katsulos at zfoto@aol.com.

CMC Denver Conservation Kickoff, March 25, 6:30 pm

Learn about upcoming conservation and volunteer trail work opportunities, and enjoy a special presentation of "Wild Utah". cmc.org/events/eventdetails

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

April 2009 Trips & Activities

Editor's note: The following is a list of BCMC trips and events for the month. It is possible for trips to be changed or posted after this issue goes to press. Please check online for current trip status, to see club trip policies, or to learn about becoming a trip leader: cmcboulder.org/Trips.

To view trips online and register:

- ▶ Browse to www.cmc.org
- ▶ Login with your CMC member number and password. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code.
- ▶ Click on 'Trip Signup' in left margin
- ▶ Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc) & click Search
- ▶ To register, click Register
- ▶ For Boulder trips, you must contact the leader by phone (preferred) or email; for Denver trips, you may register online.
- ▶ Schools require previous signup. Info at www.cmcboulder.org

Wednesday, April 1

Presentation: Conrad Anker and John Evans present their climb of Mt Vinson Foss Auditorium (AMC Golden) 7:00pm

After Work Social Hike Mod A
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call. Show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room. Be prepared for any weather. Optional after-hike food and drink. Steven Haymes 303-444-4765

Saturday, April 4

Basic Rock School Instructors Climbing Day Top Roping
Golden Cliffs: 5.7 to 5.10. BRS instructors only. Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com

Saturday, April 4 or Sunday, April 5

Hiking 1 School Field Trip Wilderness Survival
Janine A Fugere 303-564-9702 janine_fugere@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 5

Coney Flats Mod. I Ski Tour
Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com

Tuesday, April 7

Basic Rock School Lecture #1
Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552

Friday, April 10

Spring Equipment Sale from 6-8pm at the AMC, ground floor conference room. Sellers: For each item you are selling, attach an envelope on which is printed your Name/Item/Selling Price/Whether you accept checks; attach envelope to item. All items must be tagged. Bring your items to the AMC on Thursday, 4/9 from 4-7pm or Friday, 4/10 from 12:30-5:30 pm to the conference room on the ground level. Buyers: Bring varying bill denominations or checks; no change-making will be made. Doors for sale open at 6 pm.

Saturday, April 11

Dakota Ridge and Red Rocks Mod B, Casual pace
Terry Hardie 303-499-0210 tnjhardie@msn.com

Happy Hour Crag (5.7) Top Rope
John Fernandez 303-499-4712 jfmanuel@aol.com

Elephant Buttress Standard Route (5.7) II Climb
Rick Casey 303-345-8893 caseyrick@gmail.com

Sunday, April 12

First Flatiron North Arete (5.5) I Climb
Mark Nelson 720-279-4258 mark@mjn.org

Wednesday, April 15

After Work Social Hike Easy A
Diana Dear 303-494-9493 Diana.Dear@Colorado.edu

Basic Rock School Lecture #2
Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552

Breezy: Wind Tower (5.5) I Climb
Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com

Friday, April 17

Malign: Happy Hour Crag 5.7 II Climb
Maybe also Twofers. Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@friei.net

Saturday, April 18

AT/Ski Mountaineering School Ski Field Trip
Cindy L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net

Saturday, April 18 or Sunday, April 19

Basic Rock School Field Trip #1
Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552

Wednesday, April 22

After Work Social Hike Easy A
Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572 dtewell@worldnet.att.net

Saturday, April 25 or Sunday, April 26

Basic Rock School Field Trip #2
Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552

Sunday, April 26

Walker Ranch (Eldo Canyon) Mod A
Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572 dtewell@worldnet.att.net

Sunday, April 26 – April 30

White Rim Bike Trail Diff Mtn Bike Tour
4 days biking the Canyon Lands White Rim Trail; Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com

Tuesday, April 28

Hiking 2 School Lecture
Janine A Fugere 303-564-9702 janine_fugere@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 29

After Work Social Hike Easy A
Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com

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2009 Rock Leading School

The 2009 Rock Traditional Leading School is coming up! In this school we will cover the safe and effective use of natural and artificial protection, construction of simple and complex anchors during multi-pitch climbs, and other skills needed of a traditional rock climbing leader. Students will also practice safe and efficient construction of belay anchors and discuss route finding and lead rack management. Pre-requisites for this class are CMC Basic Rock School or its equivalence. Sign-up preference is given to current and aspiring CMC co-leaders and leaders. You must be able to attend all meetings of the school. If you miss, everyone is affected. The dates of the school are:

Introductory lecture: Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM, CMC Clubroom

Field trip #1: Saturday, June 13th, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Field trip #2: Saturday, June 20th, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Field trip #3: Saturday, June 27th, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Contact Clint Locks for more information at rockleadschool@comcast.net, get an application online at cmcboulder.org or pick one up at the CMC Clubroom.

GPS Navigation School

This course provides a review of map and compass from Hiking II, teaches how to plan a trip with a GPS, and how to navigate in the field with a map and compass, a map and compass and a GPS, and a GPS alone. Students are required to provide their own compass and GPS. The course will include two lectures on Tuesday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 23 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, and one field trip on Saturday, June 27. Submit an application at the Clubroom, or for more information, contact Steve Haymes 303-444-4765 (between 9 AM and 9 PM).

Reserve or Rent the Clubroom!

If you have a CMC EVENT where you need to use the clubroom, remember to *reserve* it first. Go to www.cmcboulder.org/calendar.html to check the schedule.

If you have a NON-CMC EVENT, you will need to *rent* the clubroom. See our rental policy at www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html. We have audio-visual projection, seating for about 60, kitchen, wireless internet connectivity and the best room rates in town!

For info or to request your reservation: clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org

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| - contact: compass@cmcboulder.org | |