



## Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

January 2022

Happy New Year!

CMC hike on the Potter Creek Trail to the west of Delta. Photo by Arleen Richter.

See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!



## Backcountry Film Festival!

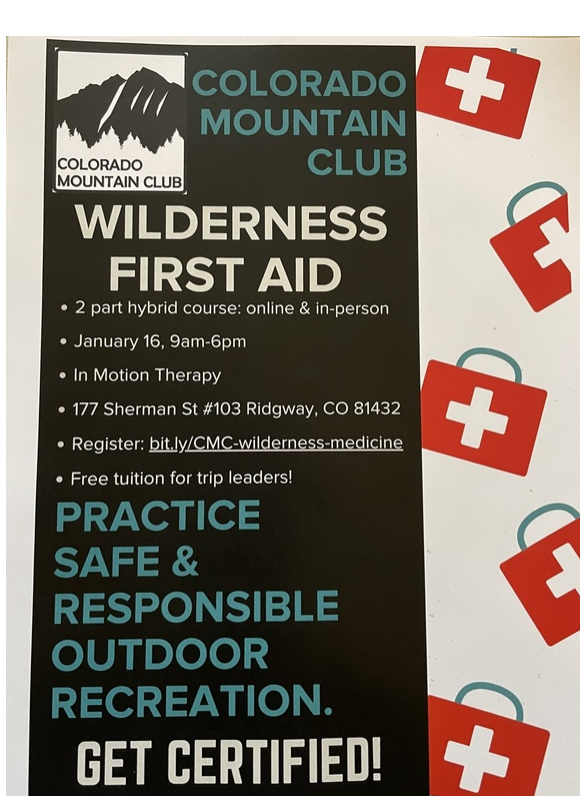
The Colorado Mountain Club is hosting the BCFF at the CMU Ballroom in Grand Junction on Friday, February 11. Come and see one of the films featuring the CMC's own Backcountry Snow Rangers and meet the 2 rangers that serve the GMUG and Ouray Forest service areas. Register [here](#).

## Wilderness First Aid

Sunday, January 16

### Ridgway Field Day

This course is open to both CMC members and non-members. WFA is required for CMC trip leaders. The CMC is offering a hybrid 16-hour course: 1-day of reading, Zoom lectures and watching short videos AND 1-day of an in-person field class in Ridgway. This serves as both an initial and renewal certification. Click to register [\\$225 members, \\$245 nonmembers](#). Click to register [FREE for leaders or potential leaders](#) with online application and 6-trip commitment in 2 years. For more info, see [this CMC webpage](#). Contact [roberta@cmc.org](mailto:roberta@cmc.org) with questions. Register by January 8.



## Change to the CMC's

### Trip Size Policy

Just recently, the CMC State Board approved a change to the CMC trip size requirement, effective December 2021:

*The CMC policy recommends that the minimum trip size is four people. The rationale is that in case of injury or accident, one person can stay with the patient and two people can seek assistance.*



**Exceptions include:** A minimum of three participants for trips or 2 participants for 5th class climbs with reliable communication (defined below).

1. 2-way satellite communicator
2. Verified\* cell service coverage

\*"Verified" = knowledge that leaders' cellular device on leaders' current carrier maintains service throughout the trip.

## Winter Trip Classifications

### Cross country ski trip classifications:

Ski tours use a classification system to describe the skiing skills and stamina required for participation in a trip. If you are unsure whether your skiing abilities (especially turning and stopping skills) are suitable for a trip, please contact the trip leader.

Easy I: 1 to 3 miles round trip on generally flat terrain. Suitable for beginners.

Easy II: 3 to 6 miles round trip and up to 600 ft. elevation gain.

Easy III: 6 to 8 miles round trip or 600 ft. to 800 ft. elevation gain.

Moderate I: 800 ft. to 1100 ft. elevation gain.

Moderate II: 1100 ft. to 1500 ft. elevation gain.

Moderate III: 1500 ft. to 1800 ft. elevation gain.

Advanced I: 1800 ft. to 2500 ft. elevation gain, 15-20 miles.

Advanced II: Over 2500 ft. elevation gain.

### Snowshoe trip classifications:

Easy: Up to 5 miles round trip and 600 ft. elevation gain.

Moderate: Up to 8 miles round trip and 1200 ft. elevation gain.

Difficult: Over 8 miles round trip or 1200 ft. elevation gain.

## ALL OUTINGS LINK: [The CMC Calendar](#)

Nonmember guests can attend up to 2 trips and must sign the guest liability waiver.

### TRIPS\*\* (click on titles for more info and to sign up):

[Saturday 1/1. McClure Pass XC Ski](#). Mod. Roaring Fork Group

[Thursday 1/6. Devil's Canyon Loop](#). Mod B. Lynda Law

[Sunday 1/16. Scotland Trail](#). Snowshoe B. John Broadbooks

[Saturday 1/22. Busted Arm, Norwood \(or TBD\)](#). Snowshoe A. Anne Keil

[Saturday 1/22. Busted Arm, Norwood \(or TBD\)](#). Easy II XC Ski. Brenda Leach

[Friday 1/28-30. Lake City Ice Climbing](#). Pikes Peak Group

[Friday 2/25. Grand Mesa/Skyway XC Ski](#). Easy II. Lynda Law

[Friday 3/11-13. Lake City Ice Climbing](#). Pikes Peak group.

[Friday, 3/25. Pollock Bench Loop Trail & Pollock Arch](#). Mod B. Lynda Law

[Thursday 4/14. Flume Canyon from Pollock Bench TH](#), Easy B. Lynda Law

[Friday 4/15. Needles Backpack](#). Gore Range group.

[7/24-29 & 7/31-8/5 2022. CMC In State Outing, Kebler Pass](#). Fee (waitlist only)

[July 16-22, 2022 Alta Via I](#). Adventure Travel, fee.

[12/20/22-1/10/23 Patagonia 0 Circuit Trek](#). Adventure Travel, fee.

\*\*All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).

COVID policy for trips: [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, updated NOVEMBER 24, 2021](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Day Hiker School](#). Online, 5 modules, field days to be scheduled if interest (fee).

[Wednesday 1/12. Snowshoe and Ski Touring](#), 6-7:30pm Webinar. State CMC.

[Sunday 1/16. Hybrid Wilderness First Aid Field Day, Ridgway](#). Fee. See notice above. Contact [roberta@cmc.org](mailto:roberta@cmc.org) if you are a leader or interested leader for the FREE discount code. Pre-work required 1 week before field day.

[Friday 2/11. CMC Presents Backcountry Film Fest](#), CMU Ballroom, Grand Junction 6:30pm. Fee. See more info above.

**CMC Classes & Schools Webpage:** \*\*For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.

**Trip Leader Training:** We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. Also see [Trip Leader & Instructor Resources \(cmc.org\)](#). If you are interested, please contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

## Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a volunteer **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor volunteer job description](#). We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#), [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

## 2021 Western Slope Group Council

**Chair:** Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

**Vice Chair & Outings Chair:** Anne Keil (Montrose)

**Treasurer:** John Broadbooks (Montrose)

**Secretary:** Karen Mann (Montrose)

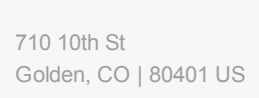
**Conservation Chair:** Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#). Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The upcoming meetings are on January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November 8. Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting date. WSG members are welcome to attend.

**CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.**

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