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## Canyon to Crest Call

### Western Slope Group

### May 2022



## CMC Social Gatherings

As COVID wanes, are our members interested in gathering not only for trips? Dinners or happy hours are in the works and 2 reserve-your-own car camping gatherings are happening at Stagecoach State Park on May 23 (up to 5 nights) and Jumbo Campground on Grand Mesa starting July 31 (up to 4 nights). For more information, contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

## Save the Date for the WSG Annual Dinner in Delta!

Let's rendezvous on Saturday, September 24, in Delta for the WSG Annual Dinner! This year will be a potluck, location and details are being finalized. After dinner, we'll hold a short business meeting including voting on all WSG Council positions for next year -- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Outings Chair and Conservation Chair. The Secretary Council seat for next year is currently open and, if you are interested, please contact us at WSG@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more!

## Welcome Trip Leader John Martersteck!

John has been active with the Denver and Boulder Groups for almost 20 years and recently moved to Ridgway. He is a trip leader, a technical climbing instructor for rock, snow, and ice, and he was Director of the High Altitude Mountaineering School for several years. In addition to climbing, he enjoys skiing, mountain biking, backpacking, and fly fishing. John is looking forward to meeting the WSG members and heading out to enjoy the backcountry with them.



## Quarterly Trip Planning Meeting Scheduled

Join us Saturday, June 18, 3:30-5pm at the Montrose Library meeting room. Members and leaders are encouraged to attend to suggest and plan summer/fall (or beyond) trips and events. If you are unable to attend and have ideas email us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. Register [here](#).

## Interested in Helping with the CMC's New Website?

The CMC is developing a new website and they need help from each of the groups. The scheduled roll-out is in August. If you have an interest in helping with developing the WSG's webpage within the CMC website and input and testing of the overall CMC website, please let us know at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. The new website is based off of the platform used by The Mountaineers Club in the Pacific Northwest. Each CMC group will have their own webpage to create and maintain in addition to all of the other features provided by the CMC website.

## We're Expanding our Trip Offerings and Starting a Facebook Group!

If you are interested in mountain biking, road biking, backcountry skiing, downhill skiing, ice/rock/technical climbing, technical peaks or backpacking trips, we are creating email lists specific for each of these categories to notify members about upcoming or short notice trips as conditions warrant. Please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com and tell us if you'd like to be added to one or more email lists.

Additionally, we have created a Facebook group called "CMC Western Slope Group" to announce last minute trips, trip reminders or activities. If you are an active WSG member or an active CMC member living in the Western Slope, you should soon receive an invitation to join.

## Sidewinder/Nighthorse Trip Report

Paul Sheya led a hike through the mini-canyon feature called the Birth Canal in the Gunnison Gorge NRA. We all felt great after our stairmaster experience and rebirth!! Photos by Dave Beard.



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

Non-member guests can attend up to 2 trips and must sign the blue liability waiver. If a trip is full, please sign up on the waitlist as there are participants that may cancel.

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

- [Sunday 5/1. North Vista Trail, North Rim of the Black Canyon NP.](#) Mod B. Brenda Leach
- [Sunday 5/8. Sieber Canyon and Petroglyphs.](#) Mod B. Bud Tasch + Geologist Don Regan
- Sunday 5/15. Lunar Eclipse "Star Party" and Viewing. Black Cyn NP. Paul Sheya. Details TBA.
- [Monday 5/16-19. Dinosaur NM Car Camping.](#) Mod B hiking. Denver Group/BPX.
- [Sunday 5/22. Galloping Goose/Coal Chutes Dog Friendly Hike.](#) Mod A. Anne Keil
- [Saturday 5/28. Hawn Mountain Loop.](#) Mod B. Jeff Hogan
- [Tuesday 6/21. Ouray Perimeter Trail.](#) Mod B. Jill Mattoon
- [July 16-22, 2022 Alta Via I.](#) Adventure Travel, fee.
- [June 26-28. BPX, Cherry Lake Area 13ers.](#) John Broadbooks.
- [Tuesday 6/28. Crag Crest 3-day BPX.](#) Denver Group.
- [Thursday 6/30. Sutton Overlook / Neosho Mine.](#) Mod A. Jill Mattoon
- [July 13-18. BPX, Colorado Trail 22-24.](#) John Broadbooks.
- [Wednesday 8/24. Bear Crk NRT.](#) Mod B. Jill Mattoon
- [August 28-31. BPX Flat Tops Marvin Loop.](#) Denver Group.
- [September 10-12, BPX Colony Baldy.](#) John Broadbooks.
- [October 11-14. CO Natl Monument Car Camping & Hiking.](#) Denver Group/BPX.
- [12/20/22-1/10/23 Patagonia 0 Circuit Trek.](#) Adventure Travel, fee.

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

CO policy for trips: [updated Feb 23, 2022](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

Leadership Summit May 20 & 21. For trip leaders, free virtual options available, registration info email from Claire Joseph on April 11.

[Saturday June 18, 3:30-5pm. Quarterly Trip Planning Meeting.](#) Montrose Library meeting room.

**CMC Classes & Schools Webpage:** \*\*For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the 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 CMC@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.

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

To see past issues of the *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter, go to [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#) and click on the individual newsletter links.

## 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 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.

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