



Eye of the Whale Arch in Arches National Park. Photo by Babs Schmerler.

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## Canyon to Crest Call

### Western Slope Group

### May 2021



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Western Slope Group's

### 70th Anniversary Annual Dinner,

### Saturday, October 2, 4-8pm

Our WSG Annual Dinner and 70th anniversary bash will be held at the Ute Museum in Montrose! This event will be subject to COVID protocols.

**Our Speaker:** We're very excited to announce that our Annual Dinner speaker will be world-class mountaineer **Gerry Roach!** In 1985, Gerry became the 2nd person to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. In 2003, Gerry became the 1st person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. At the WSG Annual Dinner, Gerry will give his Northern Heights presentation which highlights his 2003 achievement. He is also an accomplished rock climber and author. This will be a great presentation! We anticipate online sign-ups to start around mid to late August. Stay tuned for more details!

**Seeking Volunteers:** Do you enjoy planning/scheduling shindigs? Email WSGofCMC@gmail.com if interested. We'd like your input and help!

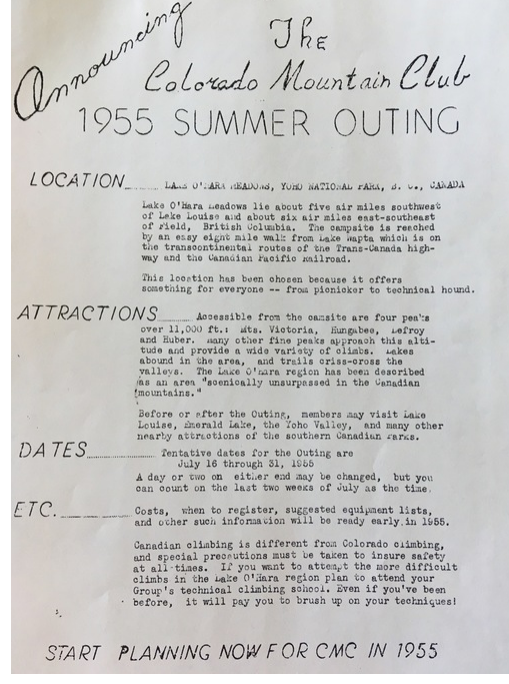
## WSG 70th Anniversary

### Camping & Hiking Summer Outing

Let's get together and celebrate! Join us for all or part of the fun (per CMC Covid protocols):

- Thursday 8/12 to Sunday 8/15: 3 nights camping near Marble. Reserve your site at Bogan Flats Campground (shared sites available) or other camping area of your choice. Or motel in Carbondale. Or meet us for a day hike!
- Thursday 8/12 backpack 1 night, Mt Sopris ascent 8/13. Mod C. Register with John Broadbooks.
- Thursday 8/12 TBD
- [Friday 8/13 Thomas Lakes Hike](#). Mod B. Anne Keil. Registration open!
- Saturday 8/14 TBD
- Sunday 8/15 TBD

Contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com for more details or for suggestions or to help lead trips.



## Conservation Corner

### "Uncompahgre River Corridor Cleanup, Saturday, May 15, 9-11am"

Share Colorado Public Lands Day with new and old friends! Give back and feel good in this celebration. Join the CMC, City of Montrose, Montrose Surf and Cycle, Trout Unlimited and Mayfly Outdoors for an Uncompahgre River corridor clean-up, Montrose south section.

Activities include trail work, trash pickup, weed pulling and cutting. All ages welcome.

Home baked snacks. Schwag. Contests. A good time!

Wear: sturdy shoes – no sandals. Long sleeves, pants and sun hat recommended.

Bring: work gloves, water and bucket. Trash grabbers optional.

Meet on Ogden Rd, just west of Home Depot.

Email 515rivercleanup@gmail.com for more info. American Rivers is providing trash bags and a [webpage](#).

Please take a moment to click on the button below to take our Conservation Survey. Thanks!

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

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

- [Tuesday 5/4-5/8. San Rafael Swell Car Camping](#). Gore Range Group.
- [Wednesday 5/12. Rabbit's Ear Mesa](#). Mod A. Mary Pitz.
- [Saturday 5/15. Montrose Uncompahgre River Cleanup](#) (see above) contact: Brenda Leach.
- [Sunday 5/16. Gibbler Mtn 7,628'](#). Mod B. John Broadbooks.
- [Wednesday 5/19. McDonald Creek Petroglyphs](#). Mod A. Mary Pitz.
- [Friday 5/28. New date: Dry Creek Waterfalls afternoon exploration and photo op](#). Easy A. Anne Keil.

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

**COVID policy for trips:** [Protocols for CMC Trips, revised 4/1/2021](#)

[Checklist for Participants, Trip Leaders, and School Directors](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

- [Wednesday 5/5. Navigation 1 & 2 Info Session](#). Webinar 7pm.
- [Monday 5/10. CMC Conservation Updates](#). Julie Mach, CMC Conservation Director. Webinar 7pm.
- [Monday 5/17. Cochamo Dreams](#). Pikes Peak Group. Webinar 7pm.

**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.

**Wilderness First Aid** is a hybrid 16-hour online plus a 1-day in-person field class. This serves as both an initial certification and recertification. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and 5 spots each class are free for leaders with online application and 6 trip commitment in 2 years. Western Slope field day location TBD due to COVID distancing precautions. More info [here](#) and dates will be added regularly when distancing restrictions are lowered.

**Trip Leader Training:** We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of online modules and one training hike plus wilderness first aid. Self paced online class portion of trip leader training is now available. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

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## CMC's Partnership with the Ouray Trail Group

Non-authorized trail stewardship work on public lands is the OTG's primary mission. They collaborate with the CMC by providing input on

Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant applications by the USFS Ouray Ranger District and working with the CMC staff on testing and promoting the RIMS app to collect and report data on trail issues and other stewardship needs. Recently, the CMC provided the OTG a custom data dashboard so they can use RIMS data more efficiently to plan trail stewardship work with the Ouray Ranger District. Click here for more info: [OTC summer 2021 work trips, training and volunteer opportunities](#). If you are not an OTG member, contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com for more info as space is limited.

## 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 to be the **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor 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](#).
- 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](#). We've set our Council meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021 is May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9. The location will be determined closer to the meeting date. It could be via Zoom while we're dealing with COVID-19. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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