



Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group September 2020

Babs Schmerler and Kevin Eber ascending the south flank of Wood Mountain. Photo by John Broadbooks.

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

WSG Picnic in Montrose

Rotary Park

Saturday, August 29, 10am - 2pm

Join us at Rotary Park in Montrose! This will be an informal get-together where we can get to know each other and discuss our favorite outdoor activities and trips. Amenities include a covered pavilion with picnic tables, bathrooms and large shade trees. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up. We're limited to 25 attendees. No glass containers and no alcoholic beverages please, per park regulations.

WSG Picnic in Grand Junction

Juniper (South) Picnic Shelter at Sherwood Park

Saturday, September 26, 5 - 9pm

Join us at Sherwood Park in GJ! The WSG has held picnics at this venue many times in the past. Amenities include the Juniper (South) covered pavilion with picnic tables, bathrooms and large shade trees. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up. We're limited to 25 attendees, so sign up early! CMC members only, please, due to attendance limitations. Contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com if you have any questions.

OUTINGS

PRESENTATIONS

[Thursday, August 27, 6-6:45pm. Where and How to Observe Bighorn Sheep.](#) This is a non-CMC event, presented by the Mountain Studies Institute of the San Juan Mountains. Click on link for a description and zoom info.

[Thursday September 10, 6-7:30pm. Ski Mountaineering with Hilaree Nelson,](#) from Lhotse to Antarctica. online.

CLASSES

Wilderness First Aid is now a hybrid 16 hour online/in-person 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. Each date below is a separate 4 hour class. More info [here](#) or check CMC calendar for additional dates.

[Saturday, August 29](#)

[Sunday, September 13](#)

[Saturday, September 19](#)

Trip leader training: Zoom online class portion of trip leader training will be scheduled later this year. This will also be available to leaders as a refresher.

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

[Wednesday 9/2. Dome Mt 13,370'.](#) Mod B. John Broadbooks.

[Sunday 9/13. Courthouse Mountain.](#) Mod B. Brenda Leach.

[Sunday 9/20-Tuesday 9/22. Twilight and N Twilight 13ers backpack/climb.](#) Mod B. John Broadbooks.

Tentative: [Sunday 9/27. Grand Mesa fall color hike.](#) Mod A. Anne Keil.

[Monday 9/28-30. Lone Cone car camp.](#) Stan Moore (Denver Group) *can waitlist for 9/29 Lone Cone hike only.

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

Starting July 1 revised COVID policy:

- Expanded activities to include overnights, backpacking trips, climbing, & scrambles.
- Group size max of 10 (including trip leader).
- At least 6 feet social distancing required (otherwise use a mask or mouth/nose covering) at the trailhead pre-trip, when passing other recreators, and at the trailhead post-trip.

Where do WSG Members Live?

The Western Slope encompasses a wide geographic area ranging from the canyons close to Grand Junction/Fruita to the peaks close to Montrose/Ouray/Durango.

Here's where our WSG members live in Colorado: Grand Junction (24), Montrose (11), Gunnison (4), Fruita (3), Durango (2), Eagle (2), Bayfield (1), Crestone (1), Denver (1), Elbert (1),

Evergreen (1), Fraser (1), Georgetown (1), Glade Park (1), Golden (1), Pagosa Springs (1), Palisade (1), Paonia (1), Ridgway (1), Silverthorne (1), Steamboat Springs (1).

In addition, the WSG has loyal members who live in other states: Alabama (1), Arizona (4), Illinois (1), Nebraska (1), New Mexico (1), New York (1), Pennsylvania (1), Vermont (1).

Note that there are CMC members living in the Western Slope who belong to other CMC groups.



View Julie Mach's Presentation of

Western Slope Conservation Topics

On August 17, the CMC's Conservation Director, Julie Mach, gave several CMC members a presentation on conservation topics in the Western Slope. If you missed the presentation, you may view it now by clicking [here](#).

Julie covered how the CMC helps in the Western Slope with stewardship, the Snow Rangers Program, advocacy and the RIMS mobile app.

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. We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

We're slowly accumulating past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter. Here are our past issues:

2020 PDFs: [July](#), [August](#).

Western Slope Group Council

Chair: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Vice Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Ward Luthi (Grand Junction)

Conservation Chair: Bill Hamann (Grand Junction)

We've set our Council meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. Next meeting is September 8, then November 10. The location will be determined closer to the meeting date. We also hope to have a member meeting starting at 7pm. Both the Council and member meetings could be via Zoom while we're dealing with COVID-19. We will send an email announcement later.

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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