



Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang Hill Topics

March 2024



A Message from your Section Chair...



Feeling Lucky? RMOTHG has an event coming up that you might be interested in. Turquoise Lake camping trip! This event takes many months to plan, and the planning committee/leader start in February planning for the event in August!

Because this trip has such limited participation availability, RMOTHG uses a lottery process for the sign up (feeling lucky?). In the April newsletter, you will see the sign up and if you are interested in adding your name to the lottery, complete the accompanying survey.

Also, add the dates to your calendar so you don't double book yourself if you are awarded a space in the event. Many times, participants on the waitlist can gain a spot in an event when registered participants are not able to attend.

SAVE the DATES: The annual Turquoise Lake camping trip will be **August 5-8th**. This is a wonderful event for those who like to car camp, hike, cook out, and maybe event paddle a bit on Turquoise Lake near Leadville. As a group, RMOTHG has been going to Turquoise Lake for the past 20 years or so and it's a great event to participate in. A HUGE thank you to Janice Johnson and Jeanne Eiss for helping secure the camp spots for the camp out!

A lot of time and planning goes into events like this.

If you are interested in helping to plan or lead a trip, please complete the [engagement survey](#).

I hope to see you on the trail!

Kathy



Oxalis montana Mountain Shamrock

Social Committee News

by Gina Bischofs and Lou Ann Dixon

There are exciting events coming up in the next couple months.

BUNTPORT THEATER PERFORMANCE "125 NO's" MARCH 10, 2:00 P.M.

Join the fun and have some laughs with us at Buntport Theater's production "125 NO's". Buntport Theater is a small theater group who write, act, do set design, etc. Their clever productions are extremely creative and humorous. Just log in to CMC and go to the RMOTHG calendar and click on the March 10 activity or just [click here](#).

You will also need to go to the Buntport Theater site to sign up and pay for your ticket. The suggested price of the ticket is \$20 per person. Look forward to seeing everyone at the theater!!

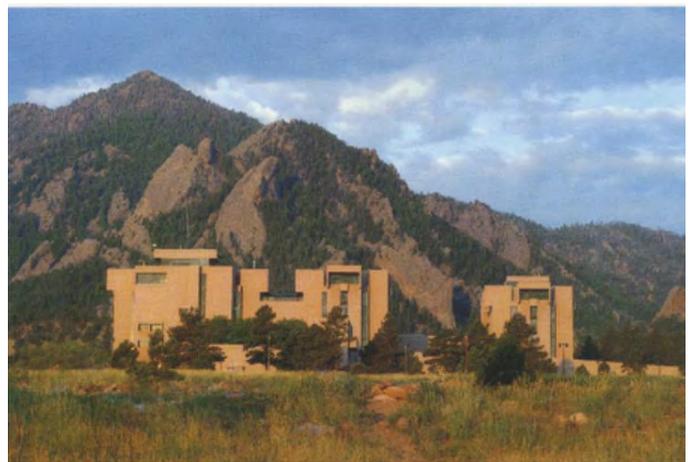


Tour of the Colorado State Capitol March 12, 1:00 p.m.

A private tour of the Colorado State Capitol, with the CMC's Mary Bradley, who also volunteers as a tour guide at the Capitol, leading the tour. An optional happy hour afterward at the Art Hotel, at 1201 Broadway. Weather permitting, seating will be outside on the deck top patio. While this event is already full, there are still spots on the wait list. Just click this link: [Tour of State Capitol](#)

Tour of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, April 25, 1:00 p.m.

A private, guided tour of the beautiful eye-catching earth sciences research facility below the flatirons in Boulder. An optional lunch prior to the tour at the NCAR Mesa Lab Café at noon. [Tour of NCAR](#)



Social Committee News continued...

We are looking at the possibility of a Rockies game sometime this summer and a tour of the CCC camp near Morrison.

And please, be sure and **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Annual Picnic, Staunton State Park, July 13,
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting: September 15, tentative at Mt
Vernon Canyon Club**

Holiday Party: December 8, at AMC

Suggestions for more activities are always welcome!!!



Snowshoeing News by Elaine Kallos

We're into March, our first month of Spring snowshoeing in our beautiful Colorado! If you're new to snowshoeing and want to learn, Robbie Monsma said we still have a few openings in this Spring's snowshoe school on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 16. Link is <https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/front-range-groups/denver/course-templates/beginner-snowshoe-school-denver/beginner-snowshoe-school-2024>

Robbie said about 100 folks have been able to learn this year! The snowshoe teaching team still tries to accommodate everyone's needs with a few more openings.

Reports are good for soft snow and good snowshoeing off the ski trails (We spike-hike if snow is hard-packed). If you've not snowshoed before, you can do it! It's like walking but on snowshoes! Nothing like the quiet shushing of snowshoes in deeper snow between the trees. Snowshoeing is a relaxing, very enjoyable winter experience plus you definitely get a good workout! Don't know if we'll get a big snow in March but snow is good enough right now, and you still have time to experience snowshoeing or spike-hiking where snow is less, with like-minded RMOTHG others. Come join us spike-hiking or shoeing in Colorado's beautiful Spring Snow!



Resthouse Meadow Snowshoe – training hike for the Vance Cabin trip, led by Barb and Curt Audin.

PLACES WE'VE BEEN



Kenosha Pass East and West led by Jeanne Eiss



Forest Lakes Snowshoe led by Ken Ruiz and co-led by Cheryl Ames



Point Breeze led by Linda Jagger





*Geneva Park led by Cheryl Ames, co-leader Ken Ruiz.
A dozen moose greeted the hikers in the meadow.*



Staunton Rocks Loop Hike led by Jeanne Eiss



*Golden Canyon State Park led by Elaine Shirley
and co-led by Mike O'Connor*

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WITH JOY THAT LONG ENDURES.

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