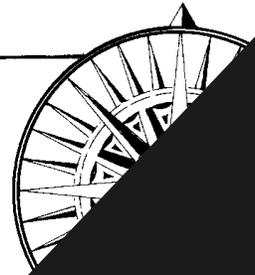




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THE BOULDER GROUP NEWSLETTER



## No Monthly Program in July

If you want to arrange presentation of your own or perhaps suggest a good presenter you'd like to see, contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at [rbguthrie@yahoo.com](mailto:rbguthrie@yahoo.com), or phone the Clubhouse at 303-440-7688.



## Mountain Mania Membership Campaign Continues!

Have you been meaning to invite your friend to the CMC to a picnic event but they just slipped away?



Great! This weekend and invite your friend to a picnic. It's a great way to share the joy of enjoying the beauty of the mountains.

You may have heard that you can apply these Bucks to your membership dues, a CMC Picnic book, an event ticket, or anything in the gift shop.

To thank you, we'd like to give you \$5 in CMC Bucks for every new member you bring in before September 30th.

## New Closure Webpage

Have you ever arrived at your favorite picnic spot only to find the darned birds had taken up residence in the coop? Bummer. Now it's easier to find your second favorite.

Or planned a picnic in the country lake that you can drive those hand-drawn to, only to find the road is closed for maintenance and you just missed the shuttle bus?

Now with a click of the mouse you can see what areas are closed for roosting, and road construction. Just go to the Boulder CMC website at [www.cmcboulder.org](http://www.cmcboulder.org) and get the latest information. You can also let us know about changes that we haven't picked up.

## New Member Orientation July 21

Maybe you're new to the Colorado Mountain Club or perhaps you're thinking about joining the CMC? You should come and listen to the *New Member Orientation Program* on July 21 from 7-8:15pm at the Boulder Group Clubroom.

Even if you're a long-standing member this is a great opportunity to meet new people in the mountains and hear about the many offerings of the CMC. We'll be discussing the many offerings of the CMC, including long-distance trail hiking, peak climbing, rock climbing, ice climbing, and more. See page 2, see **Orientation**

— **Orientation**, continued from page 1

snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and conservation activities.

You'll learn about our numerous fun group outings as well as the excellent training offered by the Boulder Hiking School, Boulder Mountaineering School, Advanced Mountaineering School, Ice Climbing School, Rock Leading School, Back Country Ski School and our Leadership Seminars.

You'll also hear about our various clinics such as Mountain

Call 303-554-7688 for more information



## RMR Gets Free Maps!

In response to a motion by Doug Turley at the recent Council meeting, the Boulder Group of the Colorado Mountain

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E-mail: [danita@izzy.net](mailto:danita@izzy.net) (please include  
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## Boulder Volunteer Opportunities

The Colorado Mountain Club has been a volunteer driven organization for over 90 years. As a CMC member your efforts are a critical for our success. Offered below are opportunities to get more involved in the Club. Please step forward & don't be shy. You'll have fun and meet some great new people.

**Vice-Chair.** Fritz Nuefeld, our 2004 Boulder Council Vice-Chair, has unexpectedly been called away to Alaska and can't fill out his term. The Vice-Chair stands in when the Chair is unable to conduct meetings and then takes over as Chair the following year (in this case, 2005). The Council meets each month to make decisions affecting the Boulder Group of the CMC. If you think you might be interested in the position, please contact Don Walker at 720-480-6636 or [dwyattwalker@direcway.com](mailto:dwyattwalker@direcway.com) to learn more.

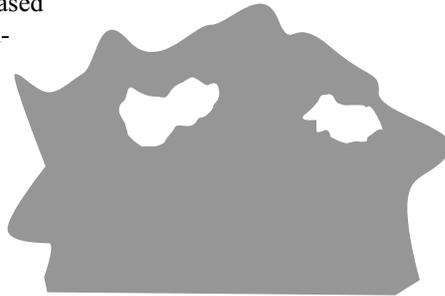
**Nominating Committee.** This committee recommends and contacts candidates for positions on the Boulder CMC Council, governing board of the Boulder Group. Qualifications for the committee are simple: you must be a member of the Boulder Group who has been on one or more Boulder trip or outings in the past 10 months. For more information contact Don Walker at 720-480-6636 or [dwyattwalker@direcway.com](mailto:dwyattwalker@direcway.com).

For general information about volunteering for the CMC, phone Sheila Delamere, Volunteer Coordinator, at 303-554-7688 during Clubroom office hours, Monday through Thursday, 5pm to 7pm.

## Wildlands Restoration Volunteers August Projects

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers is a Boulder-based non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for people to learn about their natural environment, and take direct action to restore and care for the land. WRV organizes about a dozen volunteer stewardship projects per year in Boulder County and the greater Northern Colorado Front Range area.

WRV collaborates closely with the Boulder CMC and would love to have your help! It's a lot of fun and no experience is required.



August 12-13 (*Note: this is a mid-week project.*) — WRV adopted the Mitchell/Long Lake area several years ago and has completed about 10 projects in the area to improve trail conditions and restore/protect sensitive habitat. This year, volunteers will construct rock steps, retaining walls, and waterbars to reduce erosion in a steep rocky, and highly erosion prone area above Mitchell Lake. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the art of backcountry rock work. Volunteers will stay overnight at the historic CMC Brainard Cabin. Meals will be provided. Number of volunteers needed: 30.

August 28-29 (rain date: Sept. 4-5) — Forest Lakes is one of the highest and most scenic lakes along the Front Range. Due to its close proximity to the Rollins Pass Road (less than ¼ mile), it receives a lot of use. With the new James Peak Wilderness designation, use will only increase in the years to come. There is no official trail system between Forest Lakes and other parts of the wilderness. As a result, many social trails have impacted the area. WRV began work at this site in 2003, constructing approximately 800' of trail through very rocky terrain. In 2004, we will construct up to 1200' of trail and close/restore social trails between the two lakes. Volunteers will camp at a high elevation site near the Forest Lakes Trailhead. Meals will be provided. Number of volunteers needed: 40.

Minimum age on these two projects is 16 with an adult. To register or for more information, send e-mail to [wrv@ecomail.org](mailto:wrv@ecomail.org) or call 303-543-1411. To see the full 2004 project schedule, go to [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org).

### Map Committee Meeting

The map committee will meet Monday, July 5, at 6:30pm, at the Clubroom.

# July 2004 Boulder Group Trips

## Saturday, July 03, 2004

### **S. Arapaho Pk. 13,397', Skywalker Couloir** *Difficult C-E, Semi-tech*

From the Fourth of July TH, climb this Indian Peak via the Skywalker Couloir on the south face of the peak. Descend via the SE ridge. Crampons, ice axe, helmet and prior snow experience required. Todd Nelson 303 417-9166

### **Castle Rock, West Face, Boulder Canyon** *I Climb, 5.5*

This two-pitch climb begins with a slot or crack to the first belay. Next climb a chimney and then follow cracks to the summit. James Garnett 303 564-8173 or garnett@cs.colorado.edu

### **Green Mountain Pinnacle** *I Climb, 5.5*

Climb Taking Care of Business, a great 5.5 chimney after a short scramble. Next climb the 300' east face of Challenger in two long pitches up slabs and a crack. William Clopton 303 775-9083

## Monday, July 05, 2004

### **Twin Sisters Pk. 11,428'** *Difficult B*

Traverse up a steep, timbered trail for views of Longs Peak, Mt. Meeker and the Mummy Range. Mary Walker 303 666-7199

## Wednesday, July 07, 2004

### **After Work Social Hike,** **Boulder Open Space & Mtn Parks** *Easy A*

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on OSMP. Don't call; just show up at 6pm at the Clubroom. Steven Haymes 303 444-4765

## Friday, July 09, 2004

### **Diamond Lake** *Difficult A*

This is a great day hike from the 4th of July Campground TH in the Indian Peaks. Destination is a beautiful alpine lake. Expect to see waterfalls, streams and plenty of wildflowers and great mountain views. Gary Schmidt 970 613-0396

## Saturday, July 10, 2004

### **Flattop Mtn 13,324', North Face Couloir** *Difficult C*

Climb a classic mountain on the Continental Divide via the North Face Couloir. Descend via Ptarmigan glacier. Crampons, ice axe, helmet required. Todd Nelson 303 417-9166

### **BMS Rock Leading** *Field Trip I*

Designed to provide BMS graduates with a basic introduction to the rock climbing protection system and safe leading techniques. Practice placing protection and constructing anchors. Register at least 1 week but no more than 30 days in advance. Clint A Locks 720 201-5381

### **Over the Hill, Rincon, Eldorado Canyon** *III Climb, 5.10*

Climb the clean 5.8 dihedral and 5.6 cracks of Over and Out, and finish with the beautiful 5.9 crack on the final pitch of Over the Hill. Time permitting, we'll go back and climb the classic dihedral of Over the Hill (5.10b). Michael Amato 303 665-6370

## Sunday, July 11, 2004

### **BMS Rock Leading** *Field Trip II*

Designed to provide BMS graduates with a basic introduction to the rock climbing protection system and safe leading techniques. Practice placing and clipping protection on lead. Register at least 1 week but no more than 30 days in advance. Clint A Locks 720 201-5381

## Wednesday, July 14, 2004

### **Boulder Direct, Wind Tower** *I Climb, 5.5*

Friction your way up a large boulder and then work your way up two pitches of cracks through a hole in the top. This is an excellent beginner climb. Ben Pryhoda 303 926-5145 or BenPryhoda@msn.com

## Wednesday, July 14, 2004

### **After Work Social Hike,** **Boulder Open Space & Mtn Parks** *Easy A*

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on OSMP. Don't call; just show up at 6pm at the Clubroom. Heidi Baruch 303 413-0205

## Wednesday, July 14 to Thursday, July 15

### **Longs Pk. 14,255', Notch Couloir** *Difficult D-E*

Given good snow conditions we will climb the Notch Couloir, but we'll be prepared to simply do Kiener's route if necessary. Limit 4. Ice axe, crampons, helmet and full rock gear required. Contact leader at barisas@lamar.colostate.edu and he'll then speak by phone with interested persons. B George Barisas 970 229-9872

## Saturday, July 17, 2004

### **Mt. Parnassus 13,574'** *Moderate C*

Hike up Watrous Gulch to the saddle between Woods and Parnassus. Climb the NW ridge to the summit. Seth W Allen 303 554-5546

### **East Slab, The Dome** *I Climb, 5.5*

Walk the bridge over Boulder Creek, then follow a disappearing crack on this short, fun climb. Marvin DeForest 303 652-3402

### **Mt. Edwards 13,850'** *Easy C, Scrambling*

From the Stevens Gulch TH climb the W ridge of this centennial pk. Ice axe, helmet and BMS required. Christopher Glascock 303 664-1464

## Sunday, July 18, 2004

### **Upper Dream Canyon, Boulder Canyon** *Area Climb* *5.8*

Tour this area above Boulder Falls on routes that are 5.8 to 5.10. Group III area climb. Ron Olsen 303 449-1935

### **Mt. Massive 14,421'** *Moderate D*

The standard route: begin near Halfmoon Campground and ascend the E slopes of this gentle giant. Stephen W. Dunham 303 379-9731

### **Isabelle Glacier** *Moderate B*

Beautiful hike along Long Lake, up past the cataracts to Lake Isabelle and on to the base of Isabelle Glacier. Louis F Genduso 303 530-3795

### **Chasm Lake 11,760'** *Difficult B*

Follow forested Longs Peak Trail to tundra near Mills Moraine. Follow trail along south slope of Mt. Lady Washington to this classic cirque lake. A short scramble over easy rocks to one of the most spectacular settings in RMNP, with the crags of Mt. Meeker and the Diamond of Longs Peak towering above. Natalie Mack 303 543-8305

### **Tour of Avalon, Boulder Canyon** *Top Roping, 5.9*

This crag is 500' tall and next to Vampire Rock. We will do several routes ranging from 5.9 to 5.11. A 10 minute hike with a possible tyrolean traverse gets us there. We will practice various techniques to help you climb harder grades. Participants should be strong Group II climbers. Carol Kotchek 702 304-6343

## Wednesday, July 21, 2004

### **After Work Social Hike,** **Boulder Open Space & Mtn Parks** *Easy A*

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on OSMP.

Don't call; just show up at 6pm at the Clubroom. Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

## Thursday, July 22, 2004

### **Breezy, Wind Tower** *I Climb, 5.5*

Breeze up mixed, crack, and face pitches on this Eldorado classic, amid climber's-eye views of the Bastille and Redgarden Wall. Gail Blandford 303 604-0024

## Saturday, July 24, 2004

### **Sandbeach Lake** *Easy B*

Moderate trail goes through varied woodland and open country to a lovely lake on a shelf above Wild Basin. We will hike to Sandbeach Lake and fly fish for the native Greenback cutthroat trout. All fishing is catch and release. Hikers and flyfishers are welcome. Tom Walker 303 666-7199

### **Fandango, First Flatiron** *I Climb, 5.5*

After a moderate approach, we'll start by climbing a slab near Baker's way. Climb several pitches up slabs, a small roof, and dihedrals. Rappel off. Irina Overeem 720 304-8134 or irina.overeem@colorado.edu

### **East Slab, The Dome** *I Climb, 5.5*

Walk the bridge over Boulder Creek, then follow a disappearing crack on this short, fun climb in Boulder Canyon. James Garnett 303 564-8173 or garnett@cs.colorado.edu

### **Heart Lake 11,300', Rogers Lake** *Moderate B*

From East Portal TH hike up the S Boulder Creek Tail to these alpine lakes, nestled below the Continental Divide near Rogers Pass. Donald Kava 303 494-2632

## Wednesday, July 28, 2004

### **After Work Social Hike,** **Boulder Open Space & Mtn Parks** *Easy A*

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on OSMP. Don't call; just show up at 6pm at the Clubroom. Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

## Thursday, July 29, 2004

### **Mt. Sanitas 6,863', Moonlight Hike** *Difficult A*

Meet at 8pm. Hike Sanitas Valley as the almost-full moon rises, do a steep climb from valley to summit, take Mt. Sanitas trail down. Fritz Neufeld 303 332-7131

## Saturday, July 31, 2004

### **Supremacy Rock, Eldorado Canyon** *Top Roping*

Enjoy the varied climbing from 5.6 - 5.10 on this supreme slab right on the road in Eldorado Canyon. Gary Gabrel 303 444-4642

### **South Saint Vrain Canyon** *Top Roping, 5.7*

Top roping is an excellent way to gain confidence and sharpen skills. Explore a wide range of climbs from 5.7 to 5.8 near Lyons. Excellent cracks and sport routes will be top roped. Tonya Riggs 303 449-9585 or triggs@gthi.com



# Climbing on Moonlight

— by Clint Locks

One thing I learned from living in Brownwood, Texas, for 28 years is that there aren't a lot of mountains there. That's OK. The town has its own individual charm and beauty. But if you've been introduced to the world of climbing and mountaineering, living in central Texas is like fishing for crappie in the Sahara. So after teaching for five years there, the situation presented itself for me to move to Boulder, Colorado.

Nestled snugly in the eastern foothills of the Rockies, Boulder offers ample mountaineering on world-class rock. There is a beautiful spirit in the land and the power and wonder of creation is drawn all about you. Living here is like a working vacation for me.

As you can assume, climbing is obviously not a solo activity! There are two ends to every rope (hopefully) and each one must be occupied. I met Rich Weight in Boulder through this mutual need. After being friends and climbing partners for nine months, we got this crazy idea to set out on the biggest climbing adventure of our partnership: the infamous "Moonlight Buttress" in Zion National Park. This is our story.

After researching the route through topographic maps and trustworthy hearsay, we chose the weekend. Moonlight Buttress is a class 6 climb, meaning that it takes 2 or more days to complete. At a height of 1,800 feet, we would necessarily spend at least one night "vertical camping," hanging off the wall!

Nothing can be left to chance here. Poor preparation can have disastrous consequences. Our rule of thumb was "better too much than too little" so when it came down to it, we stuffed everything we had into the "haul bag". On a class 6 climb, the haul bag is just that: sort of a general store that is hauled behind us up the climb. It is affectionately (?) called the "big pig" because of its tendency to be a real heavy and obstinate pain to

## Colorado Fourteeners Initiative — Volunteer Opportunities

Here's a chance to help CFI, a great group that does great things on the 14er's. The Boulder Group gave them a conservator grant this year.

To sign up for a project or to get more information, contact Del Rae Heiser at 303-996-2755 or DelRae@14ers.org.

Date	Type of Project	Location
July 2-6	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
July 16-18	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
July 23-25	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
July 30-Aug 1	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
Aug 6-8	restoration	Massive
Aug 6-8	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
Aug 13-15	restoration	Massive
Aug 13-15	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
Aug 20-22	restoration	Massive
Aug 20-22	construction/restoration	Wetterhorn
Aug 27-29	seed collection	Main Massive



maneuver. Ours weighed over 160 pounds and carried our extra gear, ropes, food, wall tent, rain clothes and sleeping bags. After all that it was time to take a deep breath and apply for our climbing permit from the National Park Service.

— read more next month!

## Summer Opportunities with the CMC's Youth Education Program — YEP!

Contact Krista Javoronok at 303-996-2751 or [javork@cmc.org](mailto:javork@cmc.org) for more info about these and other upcoming youth programs.



**Introduction to Climbing:** Open to youth age 11-15. This five-day instructional course will include indoor and outdoor climbing. Two sessions will be held from 9am -2pm Monday through Wednesday and 9am-5pm Thursday and Friday.

Session 1: July 19-23      Session 2: August 2-6

Cost: \$250/child (\$75 discount for families)

**Youth Art Classes:** Fridays, July 9, 16, and 23 at the AMC in Golden and surrounding parks. Call for details.

**Family Fun Day:** Sat., July 17 from 12-4pm. Indoor climbing and other fun hands-on activities for the whole family, provided by Colorado Wilderness Kids and Youth Education Program. FREE, no pre-registration.



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## Boulder Bunch — Fun Stuff for July



*Wednesday  
Evening Hikes  
for Everyone*  
— Every  
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throughout the summer. Meet at the Clubroom at 6pm for a leader's choice of a 1- to 2-hour hike in the foothills.

*July 3rd and 4th: Short Backpack Trip for the Lazy* — Rough road drive from East Portal and find a place in the Forest or the Wilderness. Cook stoves or cold foods only. Call 303-887-1919 for details.

**Friday, July 9: *Movies with Marilyn*** — Meet at the Clubroom at 6pm to decide where to go and what to see.



**Boulder Group  
Coffee Klatch  
Hiatus**

Due to the outbreak of summertime climbing schedule chaos, the Boulder Group Coffee Klatch will suspend its gatherings until September.



### Get on the list!

The weekly *GPS* electronic newsletter contains 5 to 10 paragraphs of timely announcements & other useful information. Our e-mail currently has a little over 500 members. Since the Boulder Group of the CMC has over 1,600 members, this means we aren't reaching everybody by a long shot.

To be included on the list, simply send e-mail to *GPS* editor Steve Gendron, [sdg0325@aol.com](mailto:sdg0325@aol.com), with the words "GPS E-mail Newsletter" in the Subject area. You can include a message if you want, but it isn't necessary.