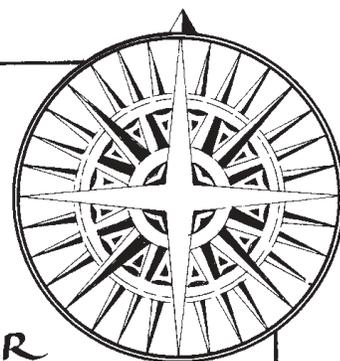




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No Monthly Program in August

If you want to arrange a 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, or phone the Clubhouse at 303-554-7688.

Way to go, hikers!



Congratulation to the latest graduates of Boulder Hiking School.

Blair Koch	David Hofmockel
Eric Gerber	John Brooks
Kathy Lower	Mark Ruocco
Paula Russell-Tait	Sarah Farrell
Susan Flack	

The Activity Schedule is online

It's time to take a hike! And to make it even easier, you can look up CMC trips online — including all statewide CMC activities.

Simply go to the CMC Activity Schedule page at <http://www.cmc.org/cmc/schedule.html> and click on "Member Pages." You'll need your membership number and your ZIP code to access this area. (Your membership number appears on the mailing label attached to your Compass newsletter).

Now go take a hike (or a ski, or a climb, or a ...)!

Sign-up Information for Fall 2004 BMS

Applications for Boulder Mountaineering School (BMS) may be obtained from the Boulder Group Clubroom and submitted in person from 5:30-8:30pm on Tuesday, August 10, or thereafter during normal Clubroom hours (Monday through Thursday, 5:00-7:00pm). Applications may also be mailed to the Boulder Clubroom.

The number of students accepted depends on the number of instructors available for the Fall session. Early mail-in applications and applications received on August 10 generally receive first priority.

BMS is open to all current members of the CMC. BMS instructors are all volunteers, members of the CMC, and have completed the BMS program themselves.

Seven lectures cover mountain environment, conservation, climbing techniques, knots, clothing, footwear, nutrition, weather, medical emergencies, avalanche-awareness basics, and navigation with map and compass. Five field trips cover knots, rope handling, belaying, rappelling, prusiking, climbing techniques, snow travel, self-arrest, and navigation. At the second lecture each student signs up for a group, made up of three instructors and up to six students. Groups stay together for all field trips.

Participants will attend either all Saturday or all Sunday field trips. Field trips last an entire day from approximately 7:00am until 5:00pm, and are held regardless of weather. Attendance at all field trips and lectures is required; missing a field trip may prevent you from continuing the course.

Dogs, guests and electronic devices such as cell phones and pagers are not allowed on field trips. If you cannot attend all of the lectures and field trips, please take the course at another time. BMS is offered twice a year, in the fall and spring.

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Do Your Bit for Conservation

Join other Boulder Group members on Saturday, August 28, for a thistle-pullin' hike. We'll head out from Camp Dick, about 6 miles up the Middle St. Vrain in the IPWA, to pull Canada thistle. This is our 7th year in partnership with the USFS and we think we're having an impact on these infestations. Call Pat Butler, trip leader, at 303-440-0586 for more information.

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BMS schedule:

- Lectures will be on Tuesday evenings: September 7, September 14, September 21, September 28, October 5, October 12, and October 19.
- All lectures begin at 6:30pm and last until 9:00pm, and will be held at the Boulder Group Clubroom.
- Field trips will be on the weekends of September 18/19, September 25/26, October 2/3, October 9/10, and November 6/7 (depending on snow conditions).
- Students will have field trips either every Saturday or every Sunday, but may not switch (students choose which weekend day on the evening of the second lecture).



In addition to the required field trips and lectures, there will be a variety of optional activities to choose from throughout the year, including peak climbs, rock climbs, and other optional field trips such as ice climbing, ski mountaineering and winter camping.

To register you must be a CMC member, be at least 14 years old by September 18, be able to hike comfortably for up to 12 miles with 2,500 feet of elevation gain, complete an application, sign a liability waiver, and pay the registration fee of \$100. Students with no specialized climbing gear should expect to spend \$80 more on equipment (not including clothing and footwear). Helmets and ice axes (required equipment) are available to borrow during the class.

A \$20 fee will be charged if you withdraw from the school after August 30. If you withdraw after BMS begins, you forfeit the entire \$100.

If you are not a current CMC member please request an application and submit a separate check for the membership fee. CMC membership is a prerequisite of the school and the membership fee will not be refunded contingent on attendance in the school.

Sign up in person at the Clubroom, or to mail your application to CMC/Boulder Group, 633 S. Broadway Unit N, Boulder, CO 80305. For more information, contact the Boulder Clubroom at 303 554-7688, or Ken Vogler, BMS Director, at bms@cmcboulder.org.

State CMC E-mail Newsletters

Members with e-mail addresses on file with the state CMC office recently received an offer for a new service: e-mail newsletters. Here's an explanation of what they are and how this service works.

First and foremost, with every e-mail newsletter you will be given the opportunity to unsubscribe. Also, you will receive only the newsletter(s) you choose:

- Events — information about events occurring at the Mountaineering Center.
- Club News — information from the president, perhaps from the VP, perhaps from Kristy Judd, the ED.
- Adventure Travel — up-to-the-minute information about CMC outings, those newly added, those that still have availability.
- Adult Education — news of Adventure in Learning classes and other adult education opportunities.

This service does not take the place of T&T. Communicating with members has been a continual challenge and these e-mail newsletters are another way for members to learn about all the opportunities the CMC offers, on a timely basis.

All e-mail newsletters will emanate from the CMC — no outside organizations. As the introductory e-mail says, if you don't subscribe, you will not receive another e-mail of this type from CMC. (This, of course, does not include day-to-day CMC business.)

So, give it a try. If you like it, please tell a CMC friend. If you don't like it, use the "unsubscribe" box. If you have questions, contact Sherry Richardson at sherry@richardsonreporting.com, or Kristy Judd at juddk@cmc.org.



Mailing party August 19

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the Compass!



This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club.

The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, August 19, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone 303-554-7688 for more information.

Trip Change

■ Pear Lake hike

Ruth Eastman's Oct. 1 Pear Lake hike has changed to Oct. 8.



Map Committee Meeting

The map committee will meet Monday, August 2, at 6:30pm, at the Clubroom.

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For membership info, call the Clubroom.

We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos. Please submit material by the second Monday of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

E-mail: danita@izzy.net (please include "Compass" in the subject line)

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 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 outing in the past 10 months. For more information contact Don Walker at 720-480-6636 or dwyattwalker@direcway.com.

Monthly Program Helper. Know people with great mountain adventure stories to tell? Help line up interesting speakers for our monthly programs. Contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at rbguthrie@yahoo.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.

Upcoming Wildlands Restoration Volunteers Projects

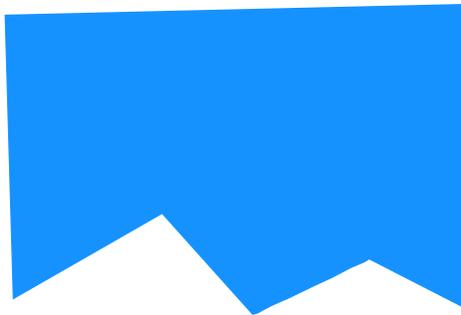
Wildlands Restoration Volunteers is a Boulder-based non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for people to learn about their natural environment, and take direct action to restore and care for the land. WRV organizes about a dozen volunteer stewardship projects per year in Boulder County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

Mitchell Lake Trail Reconstruction, Indian Peaks Wilderness 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.

Forest Lakes Trail and Habitat Restoration, James Peak Wilderness 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 or call 303-543-1411. To see the full 2004 project schedule, go to www.wlrv.org.



Hike with a Purpose

Off-road vehicles are on the rise in the Boulder Ranger District. ATVs, dirt bikes and 4WD vehicles are surging into the backcountry, often forging new trails, degrading watersheds, and slicing up habitat.

The Forest Service is unable to control this proliferation since most of its budget has been diverted to fire management. Only one law enforcement officer covers 170,000 acres of land.

The Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative (RMRI) is looking for volunteers who can "hike with a purpose" and photo-document ORV impacts in the Boulder Ranger District.

RMRI is a conservation organization, based in Nederland, that promotes environmentally responsible recreation in national forests.

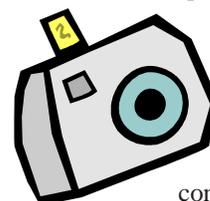
"Hiking with a Purpose" involves spending a day or half day hiking and taking pictures in an area the

RMRI will direct you to.

All you need is a regular camera.

If you would like to participate, please

contact Roz McClellan,



Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, 303 447-9409, mccler@colorado.edu.

August 2004 Boulder Group Trips

Sunday, August 01

Back Porch, The Flatirons *II Climb, 5.6*
This east face climb has slabs, cracks, roofs and overhangs. William Clopton 303 775-9083

Mt. Toll 12,979' *Rock Climb, 5.6*
Climb the classic north ridge for three 5.6 pitches and then some class 4 climbing to the summit. Mark J. Nelson 720 252-3302

Wednesday, August 04

Nebel Horn *Difficult A*
From the top of Fern Canyon, take a short hike and a scramble to gain this formidable-looking summit block. This is an "after-work" trip. Weather permitting, we'll relax and dine on the summit. Headlamp and cookies required. Tom Wilson 303 247-1450

After Work Social Hike, Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space *Easy A*
Relaxing 1-2 hour hike. No need to call; just show up at 6:00pm at the Clubroom (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Steven Haymes 303 444-4765

Saturday, August 07, 2004

Batman & Robin, Batman Pinnacle, Lumpy Ridge *II Climb, 5.6*

This climb has four short but fun pitches. Start on low angle stabs, pass some steeper flakes and belay. Traverse right to an easy corner and belay on flakes at its top. Venture up a 5.6 hard crack. Belay under a headwall and wind up to the top via the southwest corner. Ann Keane 303 258-9390

Mt Neva 12,814', Snow Climb

Moderate C, Semi-tech
We'll do a moderate snow climb of the Juliet couloir. Great views of Indian Peaks Wilderness. Ice axe and helmet required. Leader and conditions will dictate whether we kick step or use crampons. Ann Keane 303 258-9390

Saturday, August 07 to Sunday, August 08

Mt Powell 13,534' *Moderate D*
Overnight back pack to climb the highest peak in the Gore Range located in exquisite alpine country. Plan some steep rocky slopes to climb. Cindy Carey 303 530-3103

Sunday, August 08

Tiger, Wind Tower *II Climb, 5.5*
Join us for an enjoyable and varied three-pitch climb on Eldorado's Wind Tower. Tonya Riggs 303 449-9585 or triggs@gthi.com

Lost Lake *Easy A*
Depending on the wishes of the group, we will go all or part of the way to Lost Lake. Photo opportunities and new friendships are likely. Carpool from the Boulder County Courthouse parking lot, meet there at 8:30am and drive to the HESSIE TH. Carol Saunders 303 499-3731

The Book, Lumpy Ridge *III Climb, 5.9*
Join us for some legendary Lumpy granite as we layback and jam our way up several superb pitches and finish with the notorious, shoulder-wrenching Cave Exit. John Keller 303 530-9291

Tuesday, August 10

BMS Sign-up *Special*
Sign up for the fall BMS session at the Boulder Clubroom at 825 S. Broadway, Suite 40
Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

Wednesday, August 11

After Work Social Hike, Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space *Easy A*
Relaxing 1-2 hour hike. No need to call; just show up at 6:00pm at the Clubroom (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

Saturday, August 14, 2004

Top Rope, Happy Hour Crag *Top Roping, 5.7*
Top roping is an excellent way to sharpen your climbing technique with less waiting time than multi-pitch climbs. Classic wall in Boulder Canyon. Group II. Michael Amato 303-665-6370

Fern Lake to Bear Lake *Moderate B*
Hike to beautiful Fern Lake and then on to Bear Lake. Catch the shuttle bus back to Fern Lake TH. Tom Walker 303 666-7199

Mt Chapin 12,454', Mt Chiquita 13,069', Ypsilon Mtn 13,514' *Moderate C*

From Chapin Pass trek crosscountry on tundra and boulder hop to three famous summits in RMNP. Gail Blandford 303 604-0024

S Arapaho Pk 13,397', N. Arapaho Pk 13,502' *Difficult C-E*

Early start out of 4th of July TH to avoid storms. Climb to S. Arapaho then work the seven scrambling problems along ridge to get to the N peak. Willy Gully 303 939-8382

Sunday, August 15, 2004

Lake Dorothy, Arapaho Pass *Moderate B*
From the Buckingham CG, follow a well-defined trail up the south side of a long wildflower-covered valley to the lake, which sits under Neva Peak. Louis Genduso 303 530-3795

Melvins Wheel, Bookmark, Lumpy Ridge *III Climb, 5.8*

Climb on sunny granite in this alpine vista. Climb a corner, up a long crack, and over an interesting roof. Venture up a classic crack that splits the face and work your way through a chimney to the summit. Ron Olsen 303 449-1935

Mt. Elbert 14,433' *Moderate D*
From the Mt Elbert TH near Halfmoon CG, follow a steep trail to treeline. Continuing on over Elbert's NE ridge takes one to this special summit. Stephen Dunham 303 379-9731

Wednesday, August 18

Paiute Pk. 13,088' *Difficult C*
Paiute Peak is the prominent peak on the west ridge of Mt. Audubon. Take off from the Mitchell Lake TH, ascend Paiute via Blue Lake. Ice axe required. Diana L Wright 303 554-7878

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Relaxing 1-2 hour hike. No need to call; just show up at 6:00pm at the Clubroom (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

Saturday, August 21, 2004

Grays Pk. 14,270', Torreys Pk. 14,267' *Moderate C*
Climb Grays from Stevens Mine, then Torreys via the saddle. A great introduction to climbing 14er's. Phillip Congdon 303 926-1408

Shoshoni Pk 12,967' *Difficult B*
Ascend on Long Lake Trail to Pawnee Pass,

boulder hop and tundra walk to summit with views of Isabelle Glacier and Indian Peaks. Don Kava 303 494-2632

Dyer Mtn. 13,855', Gemini Pk. 12,951' *Moderate C, Scrambling*

A short, fun hike up 2 high peaks. From Lower Iowa Gulch TH east of Leadville, scramble up Dyer Peak's W ridge. Depending on weather and wishes of the group, continue up Gemini's NW ridge. Return via Upper Iowa Gulch. Seth Allen 303 554-5546

Sunday, August 22

MCPS-AES, The Pear, Lumpy Ridge *II Climb, 5.7*

The full name of this climb is Magical Chrome Plated Semi-Automatic Enema Syringe. Despite the cumbersome name, this climb offers excellent climbing on solid granite in the alpine solitude of RMNP. Tom Wilson 303 247-1450

MacGregor Slab, Left Route *I Climb, 5.3*

Beat the crowds and climb fantastic, sunny granite in alpine vistas. A right facing dihedral and then 2 more pitches in a right facing system. Walk off in the trees. Dawn M Dupriest 970 223-2621

Wednesday, August 25

Relaxing 1-2 hour hike. No need to call; just show up at 6:00pm at the Clubroom (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Rada Perovic 720 635-7453

Thursday, August 26, 2004

Royal Arch, Moonlight Hike *Moderate A*
Start at 7:15pm (30 min. before sunset). From the Arch we'll watch the almost-full moon's silvery sheen take over the landscape. The path down will be illuminated by moon and headlamps. Fritz Neufeld 303 332-7131

Saturday, August 28, 2004

Mt Audubon 13,223' *Moderate B*
Ascend Audubon Trail to saddle, boulder hop and tundra walk to this Indian Peak summit. An easy 13er. Don Kava 303 494-2632

Middle St Vrain weed hike *Difficult C*

Do your part for conservation! Join the 7th annual trip to control noxious weeds in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. In partnership with the US Forest Service, we'll hike swiftly up the Middle St. Vrain, pulling Canada thistle on our way down. Patricia Butler 303 440-0586

Saturday, August 28 to Sunday, August 29

Vedauwoo, Wyo. *Area Climb*
Car-camp at the Vedauwoo campground and do a number of short climbs on rough but excellent granite. The area is mainly known for its cracks and "off-widths," but one can also find some nice face climbs. Mark J. Nelson 720 252-3302

Sunday, August 29, 2004

East Face, Queen Anne's Head *II Climb, 5.6*
Climb dihedrals, faces, roofs, and cracks. Rappel off. William Clopton 303 775-9083

Bakers Way, First Flatiron *I Climb, 5.5*

This classic tour begins with a short steep wall on the SE side of the First Flatiron, then follows the remarkable wide ledge system that diagonals all the way across the massive E face to the N ridge. From there, escape into the trees is accomplished en rappel. Bruce Immele 303 665-0888

Climbing on Moonlight *(...continuation of last month's adventure story by Clint Locks)*

I successfully groveled for Friday and Monday off from my new job and drove to meet Rich in Zion Canyon. Arriving around 4:30 am, I drove to the park headquarters, threw my sleeping bag in the back of my pickup and got some shut-eye. Around 8:00, Rich shook me awake. He had been granted a permit! We drove to the trailhead and started the 30-minute hike through the high desert scrub brush and cactus, finally crossing a freezing Virgin River to the base of the cliff band below Moonlight Butte.

Here it was. Nothing had prepared us for the incredible beauty of this place. Orange sand gave way to green juniper bushes, cottonwood trees, and asters, all settled below a deep, royal blue sky. Then, like an army of skyscrapers, from the desert floor rose the 2,000-foot sandstone cliffs colored in orange, crimson and dark brown. Suddenly, I knew how this place could have been honored with such a name as Zion. Neither one of us spoke. Neither one of us could.

Long climbing routes are divided into sections, or "pitches." Usually, the two partners will trade off "leads." The leader ties the rope to him and pulls it up with him as he climbs, clipping it to pieces of protection that he wedges in cracks along the rock as he goes. Big wall (Class 6) climbing requires a varied assortment of gear for protection and upward travel, each type specific to the character and style of the climb. Here, gravity and physics are a climber's best friend... or worst enemy. The leader carries all of his gear on a sling around his shoulder and the loops of his climbing waist harness. All together, it can weigh over 30 pounds! Draped across his shoulders and around his waist, it can get quite awkward, so much so that we nicknamed our gear sling "The Flopping Metal Midget"!

The second person, called the "belayer," has a very important job. He stays below, holding the rope tight so the leader will fall only a short way if he should slip or "peel off" the rock. Peeling off is no fun, by the way, and should be avoided as much as possible!!

The partners trade jobs as leader and belayer. I led the first pitch, placing small pieces along the way up this beautiful crack that angled up and out to the right, giving a sweeping view of the canyon floor, already slipping slowly away. About 80 feet up, I came to the ledge that signaled the end of pitch one. It's very important for the leader to be familiar with the route so he

doesn't overshoot the belay ledge and run out of rope!

I clipped myself into the chain links that were permanently drilled and set in the rock and breathed a sigh of relief. It had gone well. I yelled to Rich that I was "safe" and prepared for his ascent by tying my rope, which was leading down to him, into the chains. He would use specialized "ascenders" to help him

climb up the rope and take out the pieces of protective gear I had placed. (One ethic of climbing is to "leave no trace" of your passage.) Also, we would need all this gear for the next nine pitches!

When we were safely together at the belay ledge, it was decided that I would lead all three pitches that day and that Rich would lead two longer ones the next day. This being the case, I re-slung all the gear and started off again for pitch two.

This section of the butte was more vertical, forcing me to "aid" climb. Aid climbing differs from traditional or "free" climbing in that when the leader places a piece of protective gear, he then clips a 7-foot long loop of strong nylon cord into the piece, steps into the loop, (which is subdivided into a kind of rope ladder), and gains height that way. At that point, the process is repeated over and over until the climbing is easy enough to ascend traditionally. It had been one solid hour of grueling concentration and hard work when I finally reached the next set of anchor chains. I clipped in again and relaxed, wiping beads of sweat from my forehead. I fixed the rope for Rich's ascent and yelled that I was safe.

The third and final pitch of the day was a moderate one and went quickly, a mere 35 minutes, taking little real effort. Before long we evaluated our progress: over 550 feet in one day, exhausted and standing on a 2-foot wide sandstone block the size of a Volkswagen, so loose it had been chained to the wall by previous climbers! "We'll take it," we decided.

Day one: successful... and over!

The next day was a big one and the morning was charged with an adolescent excitement, (even though we're both 30), tempered with cautious optimism. This was Rich's lead. He would climb up a thin vertical crack and up through a "roof" area with no rests in between. After some smart-alek comment, he placed his first protection into the crack, clipped his aid sling to it, and stepped away from the relative safety of the belay ledge.

— read more next month!



Looking up...



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Boulder Bunch — Fun Stuff for August

Wednesday Evening Hikes for Everyone — Every Wednesday throughout the summer. Meet at the Clubroom at 6:00pm for a leader's choice 1- to 2-hour hike in the foothills.

Saturday, August 7: *Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat (SSSS)* — Meet at the Clubroom 8:00am for a moderate A hike to Blue Lake.

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

Saturday, August 14: *Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat (SSSS)* — Meet at the Clubroom 8:00am for a moderate A hike to Arapahoe Pass.



CMC Board of Directors Members Needed

Desired skills include:

- Development
- Marketing
- Finance
- Community contacts
- Love of the mountains!

The next 3-year term begins January 2005. For more information, please contact nominating committee chair Alice White at aawhite@jessopco.com or 303-670-0573.