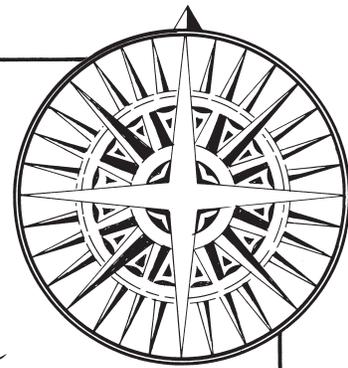




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## Note from the Editor

Change is in the air – it seems to be that kind of time, and that kind of year.

With the arrival of spring, there will also be a new slate of CMC courses for your education and enjoyment, from snow travel and rock climbing, to hiking and backpacking. There is a real push within the BCMC Council and the Boulder Mountaineering Schools (BMS) to improve both the schools and the trips that will be offered. This was evident at an instructors' social held last March 11 in the Clubroom. If you have think-

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## Revised Trip Leader Application Forms Available

We've been working on revising the trip leader approval process for the Boulder Group. The revised application form and instructions are available in the clubroom and on the website at [www.cmcboulder.org/bms/leadership/LeaderApp.pdf](http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/leadership/LeaderApp.pdf). Soon, a "Trips" section will be added to the Boulder Group's website that describes trip-related topics such as how to find, sign up for and submit trips; and how to become a trip co-leader and trip leader. Once the "Trips" section has been added to the website, we'll announce it in the GPS and Compass. If you have any questions, contact the Outings Chair, Gary Schmidt at [outings@cmcboulder.org](mailto:outings@cmcboulder.org) or 970-481-1048.

— submitted by Gary Schmidt



*Someone having fun on a CMC ski trip this winter..from the website photo gallery at [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org)*

## WRV 2008 Projects

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) is pleased to unveil our exciting schedule of over 30 diverse projects in 2008. Come celebrate springtime by planting native plants and getting your hands dirty! No experience is required and we promise to feed you really well! This is a great way to "give something back" to your beloved Colorado lands, and meet some wonderful new friends.

Our primary project theme this year is the restoration of wildlife habitat and the protection of rare animal and plant species. Please visit our website at [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org). You can also send email to [info@wlrv.org](mailto:info@wlrv.org) or call 303-543-1411. Here are highlight of a few early season projects happening in April:

### APRIL 12: GAGE RIPARIAN RESTORATION

The historic 640 acre Gage Property is nestled in a hidden valley at the edge of the Great Plains, west of Longmont, with great uninterrupted views of the foothills. Along a side channel of St. Vrain Creek, volunteers will plant native willows, other native shrubs, and wetland plants to restore eight acres of riverside habitat that has been completely denuded by decades of cattle grazing. Volunteers will also remove hundreds of small Russian Olive trees along the stream corridor. The result will be increased habitat for a multitude of wildlife, including the rare Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse and Bald Eagle. Need 80 volunteers.

### APRIL 19: SPRINGBROOK TRAIL

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## Chairs Report

*Editor's Note: These are essentially concise summaries of the significant parts of the Council meetings. For those interested, they may show a way that you can potentially contribute to the Club.*

The following are the highlights of activities in the Boulder Group over the last month:

- Local climbing legend Jim Erickson will be the speaker at our Annual Dinner on Saturday, 11/1!
- Nickie Kelly and I volunteered at the grand opening of the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum. Some Boulder Group members are highlighted. There's a photo of Ken Nolan crowning Jean Aschenbrenner as the Queen of the Thirteeners on the day in 1993 she became the 1st woman to summit all of the thirteeners. And, there are audio recordings of Tonya Riggs and Glenn Porzak on their successful climbs of Mount Everest. If you'd like to volunteer at the museum or their special events, contact Carla Preston at 303-996-2761.
- Phil Congdon sponsored a CMC booth at the recent Banff Film Festival at the Boulder Theatre. Applications were submitted by festival attendees for a free Boulder Group membership for a year and a \$50 gift certificate for a class. Congrats to the lucky winner Erin Collins!
- We're making an effort to restart the Monthly Programs and are looking for a new Director. Thanks for Bob Guthrie for his contributions with the Monthly Programs. Send email to [chair@cmcboulder.org](mailto:chair@cmcboulder.org) if you're interested.
- The new trip leader applications are now online at [www.cmcboulder.org/bms/leadership/LeaderApp.pdf](http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/leadership/LeaderApp.pdf). Work is still progressing on the new "Trips" section of the website that will describe the recent improvements to the trip leader approval process. Talks will start soon on researching the idea of making the Leadership Seminar partly media-based. Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Leach  
Boulder Group Chair

## Editor's Note

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ing about leading any kind of trip for the CMC, please do! It is not as hard as you might think, and is the best way to really learn and sharpen your own skills. Another change under way in the Club is the arrival of an interim Executive Director, Bill Strathearn, who paid a visit to the Boulder Council's March meeting. Bill will serve until a new ED is selected, probably around mid-year, and in the meantime will be doing what he can to serve and improve the Club. Of course, the continued decline in membership is a prime concern. Despite this, we are pushing for improvement in the website, in how the schools are taught, and how the trips are led. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let us know.

— the Editor

## Volunteers Needed

### Are You a Hiking Book Writer?

CMC Boulder is organizing a team to publish a high quality book to cover the best hikes in Boulder County. The CMC press has started to publish a series of "pack guides" that cover the featured hikes accessible from the various cities of the Front Range, starting with the Fort Collins Group's entry, which will hit the bookstores and outdoor stores around April. The CMC supplies the initial impetus, the publishing, the marketing, and the distribution. The field work, map work, writing, and photography is done by the individual teams. And it's the Boulder Group's turn! We need to form a team - the more the merrier! If you are interested please contact Jim Groh (303-604-0024, [jimgroh@comcast.net](mailto:jimgroh@comcast.net)) □

### Monthly Program Director Sought

The Boulder Group would like to restart our Monthly Programs, historically held in the clubroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Many thanks to Bob Guthrie for his several years with this effort. The duties of the Monthly Program Director include finding and booking interesting presentations, getting the word out

on the presentations and setting up the clubroom, possibly including a social hour before the presentation. You'll have a team of Marketing Committee volunteers to help you out. This is a great way to meet some really exceptional folks! If you're interested, please contact Brenda Leach at [chair@cmcboulder.org](mailto:chair@cmcboulder.org) or 303-525-3660.

### New Compass Editor Needed

The search is on for a new editor for the Compass. This could be your chance at an exciting, challenging and stimulating opportunity to learn valuable journalistic skills "on the job" in a position that is central to the information clearinghouse for the Boulder CMC. Applicants should have some experience with the Club, the responsibility to deliver a monthly newsletter, and a desire to help the Club grow; some computer acumen helpful. If interested, please send an email to [compass@cmcboulder.org](mailto:compass@cmcboulder.org). □

### Mailing Party: April 24

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the May 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, April 24, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information. □

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

## Presenting the one & only... Spring Equipment Sale

The Spring Equipment Sale will be on Friday, April 25, 6-8 pm at the AMC in the conference room on the ground floor.

### SELLERS:

For each item you are selling, attach an envelope on which is printed your NAME, ITEM, SELLING PRICE, WHETHER YOU WILL ACCEPT A CHECK; attach envelope to item. All items must be tagged before bringing them to the sale. Bring your items to the AMC on Thursday, April 24, 4-7:00 pm or on Friday, April 25, after 9:00 am and no later than 5:30pm.

All unsold items must be picked up from the clubroom the night of the sale, by 8:30 pm unless prior arrangements are made with the Sale Coordinator only. Any items left after sale on Friday night will be donated. The office staff will retain sale envelopes for one week after the sale. Any monies not picked up by Friday, May 2, will be donated to the CMC

Any outdoor gear is appropriate for the sale, technical clothing only, no street clothes. Also no older model straight downhill skis. All monies go directly to sellers. If you want to donate the sale of your item(s) to the CMC, please note "CMC" on the envelope with the price; checks to be made payable to CMC. CMC is not liable for lost/stolen sale items or items left behind after the sale pick up deadline. It is suggested you keep a list of items in the sale to keep track.

### BUYERS:

BRING VARYING BILL DENOMINATIONS OR CHECKS FOR PURCHASES; NO CHANGE-MAKING BY CMC WILL BE AVAILABLE. Doors for sale will open at 6:00 pm; no "early birds" (including sellers dropping off items).

Questions? Contact Zoe Katsulos by email (preferred) at [zfoto@aol.com](mailto:zfoto@aol.com) or phone, 303-666-7672. Thanks! ☐



## Freeheelers' Spring Party!

Join the Colorado Mountain Club for the Sixth Annual Freeheelers' Spring Party at the Loveland Ski Area on Saturday, April 5. We'll have a barbeque at the Ptarmigan Roost cabin, located next to the top of Chair #2 in a beautiful alpine setting at 12,000 feet. Bring your appetite and \$6 for burgers, dogs, veggie burgers, salad, beer, and soda (exact change appreciated). Food will be served from 11:30 until 1:00. This event is open to all CMC members and the general public.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 3 so we know how much food to bring. We'll also need volunteers to help with hauling food and supplies up the chair lift, as well as with cooking and setup. To RSVP or for more information, go to <http://cmc.org/freeheel> or contact Ray Meng at [Lindaray10@netzero.net](mailto:Lindaray10@netzero.net) ☐

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### *WRV Projects, from page 1*

**AND HABITAT RESTORATION**  
Spring Brook winds through a beautiful grassland nestled at the edge of the foothills. The area is important for wildlife and offers great views in a popular open space area. The City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks will be constructing a system of new trails in the Dowdy Draw area, and closing a network of social (AKA "user created") trails. WRV will close and restore 3,400 feet of eroding social trails to help protect the Spring Brook area. This project will help protect habitat for the rare birdsfoot violet and Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse. At three nearby sites, volunteers will remove invasive myrtle spurge. This "A" listed weed has escaped from home landscapes onto open space land. This weed is considered a top priority for eradication in Colorado. Need 60 volunteers.

### **APRIL 26: IDAHO CREEK WETLAND RESTORATION**

The new 600 acre St. Vrain State Park is being created as an oasis of habitat within a rapidly developing region. WRV has already completed three large wetland revegetation projects over the past years. In 2008, we will continue this effort, creating a 45,000 square foot wetland plant community along the banks of Idaho Creek. Volun-

teers will install native willow cuttings and over 8,000 sedges, rushes, and other wetland plants. Need 70 volunteers.

### **MAY 10: BOULDER PRAIRIE RESTORATION**

Help restore health to Boulder County prairie lands. WRV will continue the urgent quest to remove Mediterranean Sage from Boulder County. Left unchecked, this plant aggressively invades grasslands, reduces native plant populations, and degrades wildlife habitat and the health of prairie ecosystems. Party will follow at the historic Altona Grange Hall. Need 110 volunteers.

### **ABOUT WILDLANDS RESTORATION VOLUNTEERS**

Our mission is to foster a community spirit of shared responsibility for the stewardship and restoration of public lands along the Northern Colorado Front Range, and beyond. WRV connects people with nature and promotes community-based hands-on involvement in the restoration and stewardship of public lands. Through our on-going "adopt-a-place" projects, volunteers see the positive impact they can have on our public lands and develop a deep love of the places they have helped to

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## **Banff Film Fest Raffle Winner Selected**

Thanks to the efforts once again of Phil Congdan, longtime CMC volunteer, the CMC had a booth at the sold out 2008 Banff Film Festival on February 27 and 28. (These are great films; see [www.banffcentre.ca](http://www.banffcentre.ca) for more information.) One of the draws to attract new membership at our booth was a raffling for an annual membership and \$50 towards any BCMC classes. The lucky winner this year was Erin Collins. I had to good fortune to meet Erin at the Clubroom at last month's monthly program. She's been in Colorado "a long time," (she was being modest, as she's a pleasant young lady) heard about the Club from friends and is interested taking Hiking and Backpacking classes. Welcome to the Club Erin!

— submitted by the Editor

# April 2008 Trips & Activities

To view CMC Trips online:

- ▶ Browse to [cmc.org](http://cmc.org)
- ▶ Login with your CMC member number and password. (If you forget your password, click the 'Forgot Your Password?' link to have it emailed to you. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code. See page 34 of the Activity Schedule; or call the office at (303) 279-3080x2)
- ▶ Click on 'Trip Signup' in left margin
- ▶ Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc) & click Search
- ▶ Examine the list for trip of interest & click see Details.
- ▶ Click Register
- ▶ Contact the leader by phone or email for Boulder trips; for Denver trips, you may register online.

*Editor's Note: only Boulder CMC trips are listed here, along with selected CMC social events, usually at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. There are many more trips listed online for all the CMC, particularly through the Denver group.*

## Wednesday, April 2

Afterwork Social Hike    Moderate A  
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room. Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#3907

## Saturday, April 5

James Peak 13,294'  
Adv. II Ski Tour

Free Heel Skiing Section    Fast pace  
A classic Front Range high alpine tour and a relatively safe introduction to ski mountaineering. Good telemark/downhill skills, climbing skins and avalanche gear required. More relaxed pace. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:2900 Drive Distance:100 Topo Map(s):Empire Leader:Willy Gully 303-939-8382 [wgully@ball.com](mailto:wgully@ball.com) Trip#3528

## Wednesday, April 9

After Work Social Hike    Easy A  
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Spgs Leader:Connie Schwab 303-516-9797 [cjs230@juno.com](mailto:cjs230@juno.com) Trip#3908

## Saturday, April 12

Front Range Peak or Powder  
Adv. I Ski Tour  
Blue Downhill  
Moderate pace

Depending on early spring snow conditions we will either ski a local powder pocket or lower peak. Strong telemark/downhill skills, climbing skins and avalanche gear required. Register with leader between 9 AM and 9 PM only. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:2500 Drive Distance:130 Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#3286

## Wednesday, April 16

After Work Social Hike    Easy A  
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572 [dtewell@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dtewell@worldnet.att.net) Trip#3909

## Saturday, April 19 – April 20

Basic Rock School Field Trip  
Field Trip

Registered BRS students will practice knots, belaying, self-rescue and basic rock climbing techniques. Each student will attend only on their pre-determined day. Boulder Leader:Steve Poulsen 303-258-7552 Trip#4842

## Wednesday, April 23

After Work Social Hike    Easy A  
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Colorado Springs Leader:Diana Dear 303-494-9493 [Diana.Dear@Colorado.EDU](mailto:Diana.Dear@Colorado.EDU) Trip#3910

## Wednesday, April 30

After Work Social Hike    Easy A  
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572 [dtewell@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dtewell@worldnet.att.net) Trip#3911

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## BMS Rock Lead School Classes

The following are Traditional Rock Leading School lectures and field trips coming up this spring. For any and all questions, email Clint Locks, [rockleadschool@cmcboulder.org](mailto:rockleadschool@cmcboulder.org).

Introductory Lecture  
Wednesday, June 4th  
Boulder Group CMC Clubroom,  
7:00 p.m.

For those registered for the 2008 Rock Traditional Leading School, the course begins on this date. Discussion will focus on safety considerations and psychological factors associated with making the transition to the “sharp end” (lead end) of the rope.

Traditional Rock Leading School  
Field Trip1, Saturday, June 14th  
This is the 1st of 3 field trips for the 2008 Rock Traditional Leading School participants. The use of natural and artificial protection, construction of belay anchors, racking of equipment and placement of gear on lead will be introduced. This field trip is only open to students of the CMC Rock Leading School. Contact your pre-determined instructor for meeting time and place.

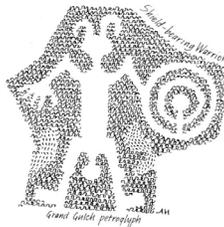
Traditional Rock Leading School  
Field Trip2, Saturday, June 21st  
This is the 2nd of 3 field trips for the 2008 Rock Traditional Leading School participants. Students will practice placing protection, extending placements with runners, clipping the lead rope and construction belay anchors on single-pitch climbs. This field trip is only open to students of the CMC Rock Leading School. Contact your pre-determined instructor for meeting time and place.

Traditional Rock Leading School  
Field Trip3, Saturday, June 28th  
This is the last of 3 field trips for the 2008 Rock Traditional Leading School participants. It will emphasize multi-pitch leading techniques, including route finding and lead rack management. This field trip is only open to students of the CMC Rock Leading School. Contact your pre-determined instructor for meeting time and place.

## Boulder Needs Trail Crew Leaders

Do you ride, hike or run Boulder County's multi-use trails? Do you want to extend and improve your local singletrack? Parks and Open Space is collaborating with Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance and REI to train volunteers to lead small groups at trail construction and maintenance work projects. This opportunity will allow you to meet and work with other trail users, gain leadership experience, and provide a worthwhile service to your community. Volunteer trail crew leaders must be 18 years or older, attend a two-day trail crew leader training scheduled for April 19 and 20, and commit to working a minimum of two trail projects between May through October. For an application and more information, contact Matt Bruce at 303-678-6216 or [mbruce@bouldercounty.org](mailto:mbruce@bouldercounty.org). Application deadline is April 11.

— submitted by Matt Bruce,  
Volunteer Work Projects Coordinator  
Boulder County Parks and OpenSpace



## Youth and Families Summer Rock Climbing and Adventure Courses

The Colorado Mountain Club's Youth Education Program offers weekly instructional courses designed for youth ages 8- 16, and Saturday outings for families. Join us for an adventure in the foothills and learn new skills including: indoor and outdoor rock climbing, wilderness survival, navigation, plant identification, and more! All courses and classes are based out of the American Mountaineering Center, located in downtown Golden.

Intro to Rock Climbing: June 16-20 and July 7- 11 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Intermediate Rock Climbing: June 23-27 and July 14- 18; 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Mountain Explorers: July 21- 25; 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Meet the Mountains: July 16-18 and Aug 13-15; 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Outdoor Climbing for Parent and Child: Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Mountain Ecology Hike: Saturday, July 29 from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Mother and Daughter Intro to Climbing: Saturday, August 16 from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

— submitted by Krista Javoronok  
Youth Education Program Manager

## Hey 2008 BMS Rock Class Students: here's a shot from 2007...



*Patrick Coppinger's class on a Basic Rock School graduation climb on Seal Rock on a beautiful spring day in 2007, not too long before a thunderstorm forced them off.*

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## *WRV Projects, from page 5*

heal. As a force for empowering individuals to “make a difference,” WRV offers volunteers dynamic and meaningful leadership opportunities and supports volunteers to realize their full potential as leaders. Since 1999, we have completed 141 projects, with volunteers contributing nearly 100,000 volunteer hours. For more information, see our website at [www.wlrw.org](http://www.wlrw.org).

Our history dates back to March 20, 1999 when about 20 volunteers planted willows to enhance wetland habitat near Hygiene, Colorado. Since these humble beginnings, a core group of volunteers has steadily grown. We received our non-profit 501(c)(3) status in 2002. Our work has expanded from dozens, to hundreds, and now thousands of volunteers!

— submitted by Angie Francis  
Community Programs Director  
Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

## Rent the Clubroom for Your Meeting

Are you a member of an organization looking for a place to hold your meeting, or know of someone who is? If so, you might consider our Clubroom in the Table Mesa Shopping Center. Our rental policy is on our website at [www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html](http://www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html). Send email to [clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org](mailto:clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org) with any questions. □



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*Tom Crosman in Skywalker Couloir, June 2007*