



Your May Compass is here!



First WFA Training at the Boulder CMC a success!

Last weekend's two-day, 16-hour Wilderness First Aid class (just \$35) organized by the state office filled up quickly and was a huge success.

The course, geared toward trip leaders, would normally cost at least \$200. Rick Casey, the Boulder chair, did the best he could to find an up-to-date trip leader list, although the 20-spot class still restricted many members from signing up. However, the state office said another WFA class will be offered soon (updates to come).

If you are, were, or would like to become a trip leader, check out the Instructor Database (Group>Admin>Instructor on cmcboulder.org) and update your profile. For the password, email Rick Casey.

[View more photos of the training.](#)

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Got spare climbing shoes?

The Basic Rock School is in need of unused (or in great condition) climbing shoes for upcoming classes. If you have any, there is now a dedicated bin in the Boulder Clubroom.

Camp Tahosa High Adventure Base seeks Climbing Director (Paid)

Qualifications: 21 years of age; willing to attend a weeklong National Camp School for the Boy Scouts

Dates: June 12-July 24

Location: Between Nederland and Estes Park on the Peak-to-Peak Highway (72)

Responsibilities: The Climbing Director must know how to climb and be able to teach campers, while also interacting with unit leadership.

[Click here to download the full document](#) with detailed responsibilities and contact information.

Boulder Group awards 2016 conservation grants

The Boulder Group has awarded \$4,000 in funds to support three conservation projects in 2016:

- \$1,000 to the Boulder Climbing Community/Front Range Climbing Stewards (BCC)
- \$1,500 to the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance (IPWA)
- \$1,500 to the Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV)

The BCC project will be improving the approach trails at the Plotinus Wall in Dream Canyon, which is off Sugarloaf Road in Boulder Canyon. The IPWA project will improve a trail to Mitchell Lake, which is accessed from the Brainard Lake area. The WRV project will work on the Diamond Lake trail, which is accessed from the Fourth of July trailhead.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Courses

Hiking

Hiking Route & Trip Planning

Date: 5/17

Field trip: 5/21

Cost: \$30

What you'll learn: Planning and following routes, organizing groups, adjusting based on conditions and resources, and managing trips.

Prerequisites: Hiking and Survival Essentials, Hiking Navigation

Climbing

Rock Self-Rescue

Date: 5/31

Field trip: 6/4

Cost: \$75

What you'll learn: New knots, review of rappelling, ascending/descending a rope or performing self-rescue with prussik loops, overcoming a knot or obstacle, escaping a belay.

What to bring: harness, belay device, prussiks

Rock Seconding School

Date: 6/8

Field trips: 6/11, 6/18, 6/25

Cost: \$125

What you'll learn: Nuances of lead belaying and catching leader falls, top belay, partner communication, removing gear, efficient belay change over, evaluating your leader, how to be a great partner, additional gear

Prerequisites: Completion of the Top Rope Anchor Clinic highly recommended

Rock Leading School

Date: 6/7

Field trip: 6/11, 6/18, 6/25

Cost: \$175

What you'll learn: Anchor building, placement of rock protection, rope drag, fall forces, mental aspects of being on the "sharp end"

Prerequisites: Rock Self-Rescue and Rock Seconding; confident in climbing 5.6 or harder on trad lead; RLS application required (on course website)

[Click here](#) for more detailed course descriptions, and [here to register](#) through the state CMC site.