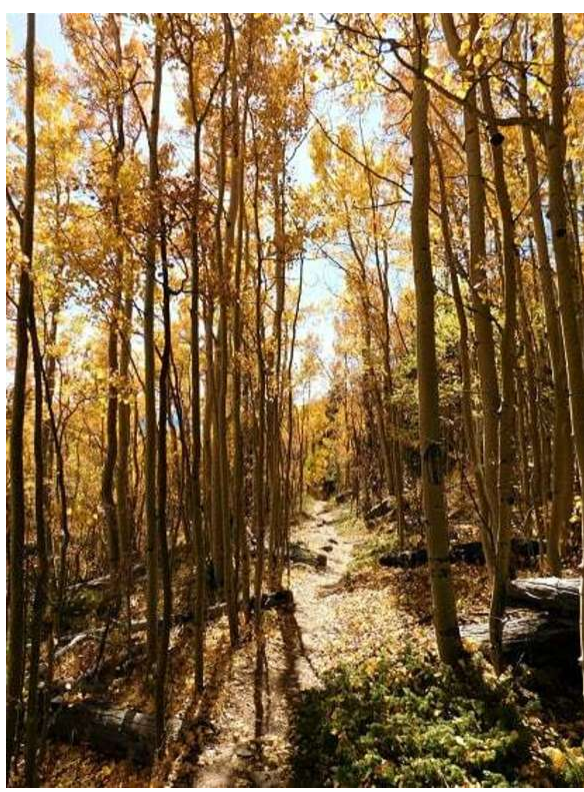


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BPX NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019



BPX Members – Thank YOU for joining. We are now over 325 members and growing. In this newsletter we share with you exciting happenings.

Survey Results - Almost 45% of you responded to our Trip Preferences Survey sharing the type of backpacking trips that make you want to get out your gear and travel down a new trail, or share stories by starlight.

Over 30% of respondents joined CMC within the last 2 years with 25% being members for 3 to 5 years

About 50% of respondents are under 60 years of age and 50% over 60 years of age

No preference for weekend trips vs weekday trips was noted as the split was even

Two night, three day trips are preferred by 57% of respondents with one night, two day and trips longer than 3 days having about an equal preference

Overwhelmingly respondents want to backpack in our glorious state of Colorado and more than 70% of respondents are willing to commit to a trip 60-120 days in advance of the trip date

Over 60% of respondents find six participants to be an optimal size group traveling eight miles with less than 2500' elevation gain per day

The BPX Committee is using this data to develop a smorgasbord of pre-planned trips which BPX Leaders will be able to “claim” and lead during the 2020 backpacking season.

Backpacking School - If you complete Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) in the Spring you will have met the prerequisite for Backpacking School (BKPS) starting June 1st. Whether new to Colorado or simply wanting to connect with nature for more than a day hike, BKPS will teach you how to do so safely. Read more at:

<https://cmcdenver.org/schools-2/bkps/bkps-schedule>

Win a Montbelle Backpack – and other backpacking goodies by submitting the winning slogan/motto/tag line for our backpacking section.

BPX isn't too jazzy by itself, but with a slogan such as some gear and equipment companies use our backpacking adventures gain an identity and add intentional spark. As examples, here are a few tag lines with which you may be familiar:

Rab – *The Mountain People*

Columbia Sportswear –
Join the Adventure

Mountainside Gear Rental –
Official Outfitter of Great Times

View backpack at this link:

https://www.montbell.us/products/dispatch.php?product_id=1133122

Enter contest using this link:

<https://forms.gle/TVLKx4ZSBPY3itdW9>

Leaders Step Up – Thirty CMC Denver Trip Leaders have answered the call to lead backpacking trips during the 2020 backpacking season. We thought you as members would like to know their names. Most of these leaders are very experienced backcountry travelers and instructors in Backpacking, Wilderness Trekking, Fly Fishing, Trip Leader and Technical Schools, as well as serving on a variety of CMC and State administrative committees.

Cheryl Ames, Earl Beam, Brad Cotton, Bob Dawson, Sharon Dawson, Zach Eiten, Eric Esswein, Karl Ford, Jorge Dominguez, Kevin Galliers, Dominique Hersberger, Chris Larson, Linda Lawson, Michael McMahon, Janet Martel, Pat McKinley, Stan Moore, John Mill, Gina Morelli, Elizabeth Moroney, Carol Munch, Tim Musil, Chris Nation, Steve Norman, Sean O'Connell, Jennie Popovich, Linda Taipale, John Walters, Bob Watkins, Steve Wolf.

Thanks to Each of You for stepping up to step out on Backpacking Trips.

Photos – Why not feature one of your backpacking photos in our newsletter? Just send to LKL14er@comcast.net with your name, the location and date. We will give you all the credit!



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