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"BACKCOUNTRY CACHE"

A Newsletter for Members of CMC Backpacking Section

February 2020



"UNINVITED GUESTS"

GOLDEN BANNER CAMPGROUND, RMNP, AUGUST 2017

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GET READY FOR THE SEASON KICKOFF

MARCH 18TH, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, AMC

BPX MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR BACKPACKING TRIPS

OF THEIR CHOICE AT THE KICKOFF

MEET OTHER MEMBERS AND LEADERS WHILE HEARING FROM EXPERIENCED PACKERS ABOUT

HOW TO STAY WARM, FOOD CHOICES, SANITATION

IT'S YOUR FIRST BACKPACK - YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BUY OR BORROW - MOUNTAINSIDE GEAR RENTAL WILL BE PRESENT TO SHOW YOU THE CONTENTS OF THEIR RENTAL KITS

FROM TENT & STAKES TO MAPS TO FOOD -

THEY'VE GOT YOUR BACK - FOR BACKPACKING

PRIZE DRAWINGS FOR

One Free CMC Backpacking School Tuition

Three \$75 Gift Certificates to Golden and Denver Gear Stores

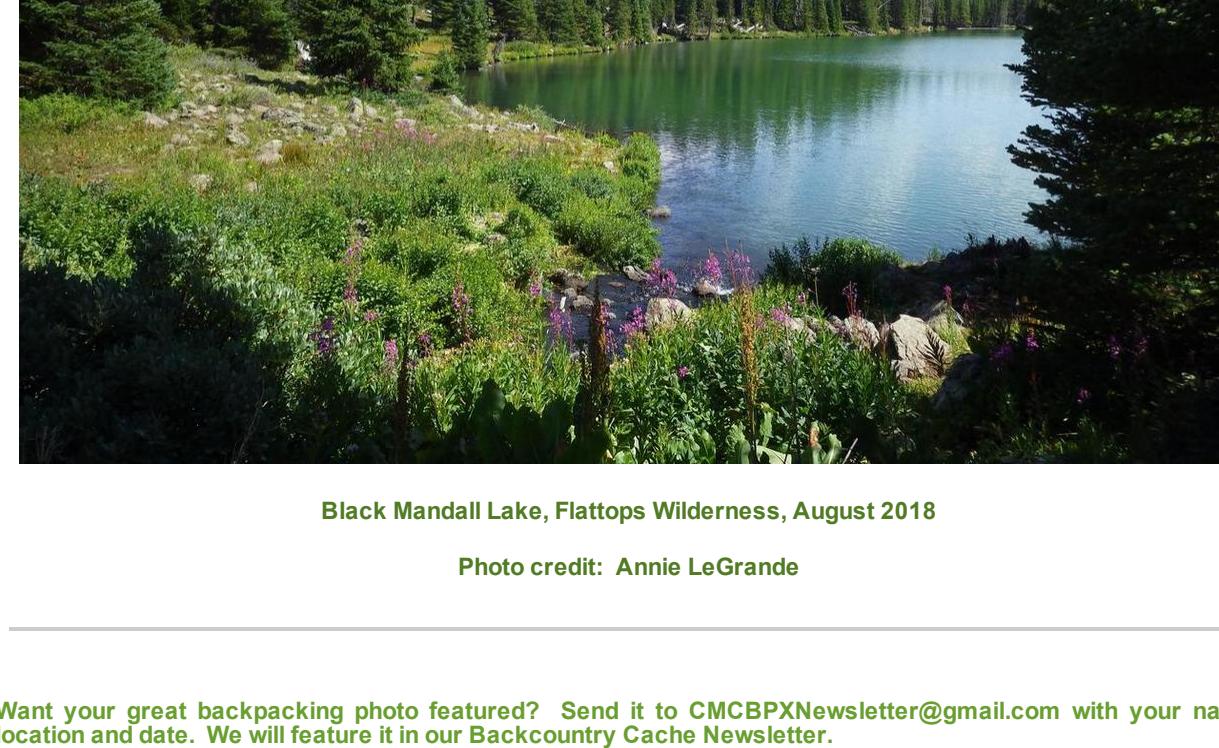
Four Gift Certificates for BPX Gear Checks in May and June

REGISTRATION FOR THE KICKOFF AT:

<https://www.cmc.org/EventDetails.aspx?ID=49749>

There are 818 MEMBERS who have "Joined the Pack" as of February 18, 2020

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A BPX MEMBER



Above Ouzel Lake, RMNP, August 2017

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BPX GEAR CHECKS

How many months has it been since you've seen your tent or your filtration device?

Do you have some older gear that needs replacement?

Are you new to backpacking and want to see what gear others use?

Registration opens March 1st for a **BPX Gear Check** to be held at Cherry Creek State Park midweek May 26th and on the weekend May 29th. Each Gear Check is scheduled late afternoon through the next morning. We'll make it real - or as real as it can be at a busy state park. At least you'll get a chance to remember why you said you needed a new air mattress or a chance to try out something besides freeze dried, out-of-the-bag food.

Twelve campsites have been reserved for May 26th with twenty-four sites reserved for May 29th.

Gear Checks are also planned for June 23rd and June 26th at Jeffco Open Space Park or another state park to be determined.

MOUNTAINSIDE GEAR RENTALS, GOLDEN, OFFERS RENTAL PACKAGES IF YOU SIMPLY WANT TO TRY OUT ONE PIECE OF GEAR OR IF YOU WANT TO RENT AN ENTIRE KIT FOR THE GEAR CHECK EXPERIENCE

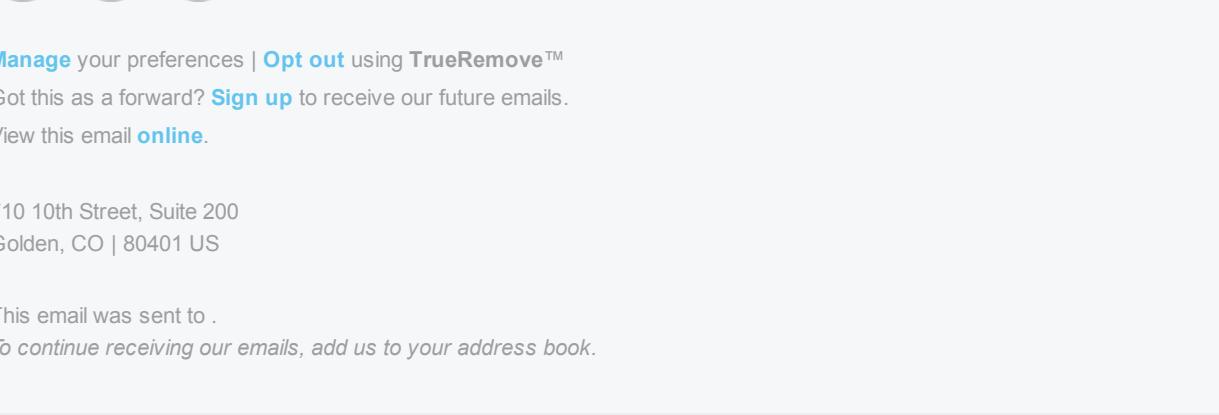
25% Discount to CMC Members

UPCOMING CMC DENVER SCHOOLS:

Trip Leader School - May 2

Wilderness First Aid Refresher - May 17

Backpacking School - June 1



Black Mandell Lake, Flattops Wilderness, August 2018

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