



Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group August 2023



Anne Keil's hike on the Galloping Goose Trail by Telluride. Photo by Noah Peterman. See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!



WSG Slide Show: Patagonia to El Fin del Mundo

Anne Keil, the WSG Chair, will give a presentation on her recent trip to Patagonia on Wednesday, July 26, 6-7pm, in the meeting room at Montrose Flex Rec.

This event is free and open to the interested public and our CMC members. We'll have an informal meeting after the presentation for those interested and we welcome questions and suggestions for WSG upcoming trips & events! Meet other CMC members and find out more about what the WSG is doing! Bring snacks to share and BYOB.

[Register here for the slide show.](#)

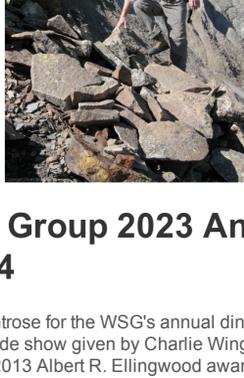
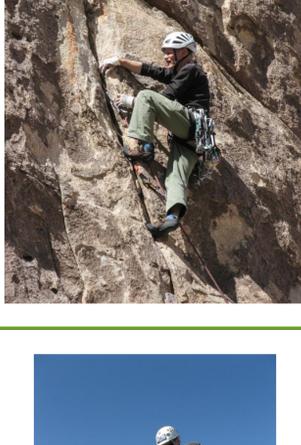
>30 Years of Rock Climbing in Joshua Tree National Park

Diane and Charlie Winger will give a presentation about their years of climbing in Joshua Tree National Park and they wrote the book on it! Join us Monday, August 7, 6:30-7:30pm, in the meeting room at Montrose Flex Rec.

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Photo is of Charlie leading Smithereens, 5.9, at Joshua Tree National Park.



CMC Western Slope Group 2023 Annual Dinner, Saturday, October 14

Join us at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose for the WSG's annual dinner, 4:30-7:30pm. It includes a potluck, business meeting and an entertaining slide show given by Charlie Winger, our 40+ year Lifetime member, senior CMC schools instructor, author and the 2013 Albert R. Ellingwood award recipient. Follow Charlie from the summit of the highest mountain in the Americas, Aconcagua at 22,837', to the lowest point in North America, Badwater Basin at 282' below sea level and many adventures in between. Charlie has put together a presentation which is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. If you'd like to help, send an email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com. [Click here to register for the annual dinner](#) and to see the schedule of events and what to bring for the potluck. Please login if you're a member.

We need help the day of the annual dinner with these tasks: table set-up, kitchen set-up, check-in, table tear-down and clean-up. If you're able to help with any of these tasks, please let us know at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. Thanks!

Photo is of Charlie scrambling in Colorado.

Durango Area CMC Members Update

Approximately 15 people attended the Durango area picnic at Haviland Lake in June.

Join us for the 7/29 hike off Little Molas pass to Spencer Gulch/West Turkshead or Spirit Gulch off Red Mountain Pass on 8/10!

We're looking for Durango area volunteers to help plan activities (for which one does not have to be a leader) and we're also looking for trip leaders. Trip leader school is free and online! We will be updating happenings in this newsletter monthly. Contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com for more info or to get involved!

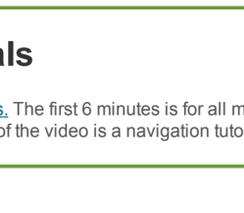
Upcoming WSG Slide Shows

The WSG is hosting a series of slide shows featuring our members who like to travel and have been to interesting countries and adventurous places. We also have some members who have a special expertise and knowledge due to their work experience. If you're interested in sharing with others, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com and we'll get a presentation set up for you!

Wednesday, July 26, 6-7pm, [Patagonia to El Fin Del Mundo](#), see above.

Monday, August 7, 6:30-7:30pm, [>30 years of Joshua Tree Rock Climbing](#), see above.

Thursday, September 14, 5:30-6:30pm. [Pakistan Trekking & Ascend Film/Afghanistan Girls Climbing](#), Babs Schmerler.



New Website Tutorials

[10.4.22 CMC website tutorial- 11 minutes](#). The first 6 minutes is for all members and shows how to navigate to our group's happenings. The remainder of the video is a navigation tutorial for our trip leaders.

WSG Facebook Group

We have a private Facebook group called "CMC Western Slope Group". This group is available to post photos, announce last minute trips, trip reminders or activities. If you're interested, send a request in Facebook to join the group.

ALL CMC OUTINGS : [The CMC Trips List & Map](#)

Guests must now create an account and sign a waiver before signing up for trips and may attend up to 2 trips. If a trip is full, please sign up on the waitlist as there are participants that may cancel.

TRIPS: All of our activities are in one place at [Western Slope Group Calendar](#)

Saturday, 7/29. [Spencer Gulch and West Turkshead](#). Moderate. Bud Tasch.

8/5-8. [Conejos River/CDT Backpack](#). John Broadbooks/BPX.

Thursday, 8/10. [Spirit Gulch Trail](#). Moderate. Brenda Leach.

Saturday, 8/12. [Ouray Perimeter Trail](#). Moderate. Jill Mattoon.

8/13-18. [In-State-Outing \(ISO\) Week 1, Vallecito Lake](#). State CMC.

8/17-20. [Avalanche Lake Backpack](#). John Broadbooks/BPX.

8/20-25. [ISO Week 2, Vallecito Lake](#). State CMC with WSG leaders.

Thursday, 8/24. [Wombat Arch](#). Moderate. Victor Ketellapper.

9/5-10. [Mountaineering - Weminuche Wildemess](#). Pikes Peak Group.

9/5-8. [Dinosaur NM Car Camping & Hiking](#). BPX.

9/5-9. [Cirque of the Towers Backpack](#). John Broadbooks/BPX.

9/21-25. [Backpacking - Virgin Springs from Fuller Bottom, UT](#). Gore Range Group.

9/25-28. [Morefield Campground at Mesa Verde National Park](#). BPX.

Thursday, 9/28. [Hiking - Colorado National Monument - Ute Trail](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

10/5-8. [3rd Annual WSG Camping/Hiking San Rafael Swell](#). Green River UT. Register with leader only via email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Wednesday, 10/11. [Hiking - No Thoroughfare Canyon Car Shuttle](#). Moderate/Difficult. Lynda Law & Victor Ketellapper.

11/3-16. [Sacred Hidden Himalaya Valley - Nepal](#). Adventure travel, fee.

12/3-16. [Patagonia](#). Adventure travel, fee.

2/16-25, 2024. [Guatemala](#). Adventure travel, fee.

**All members and guests must sign a new liability waiver with the new website

COVID policy for trips: [updated Dec 9, 2022](#)

PRESENTATIONS / COURSES / EVENTS

Wednesday 7/26. [Patagonia Presentation](#). See above.

Weekend 7/29 & 30. [Wilderness First Aid](#). In Motion Therapy in Montrose.

Monday 8/7. [Rock Climbing in Joshua Tree](#). See above.

Thursday 9/14. [Pakistan Trekking Presentation Plus Ascend: Afghanistan Girl's Climbing Film](#). Montrose Flex Rec. 5:30-6:30pm.

Saturday 10/14. [WSG Annual Dinner at the Ute Museum](#). See above.

CMC Schools & Classes Webpage: **For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. Leader training is also available to current leaders as a refresher.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Content

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! The deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email the WSG newsletter editor, Brenda Leach, at WSGNewsEditor@gmail.com. Here are our [past newsletters](#).

Western Slope Group Council

Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Vice Chair & Newsletter Editor: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Jill Mattoon (Ouray)

Conservation Chair: Open. See the [Conservation Chair volunteer description](#) for more info. If you're interested, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#). The next WSG Council meeting will be held 11/6. Zoom availability, time and location will be determined closer to the meeting dates. WSG members are welcome to attend.



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