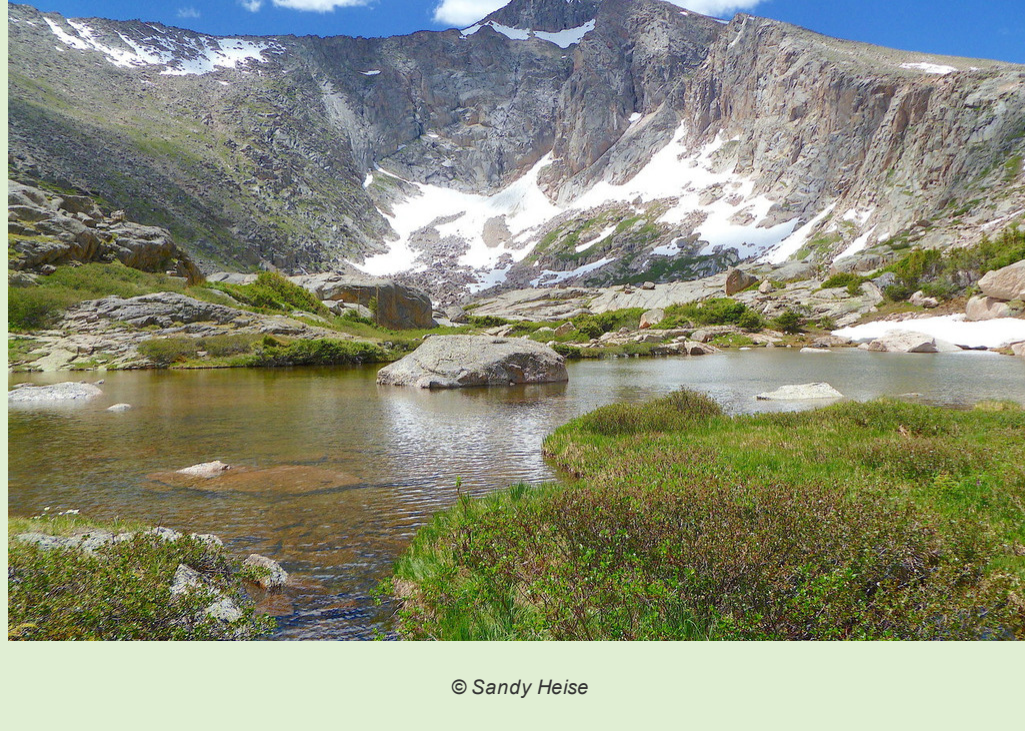




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## Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) Starts Sept 5th!

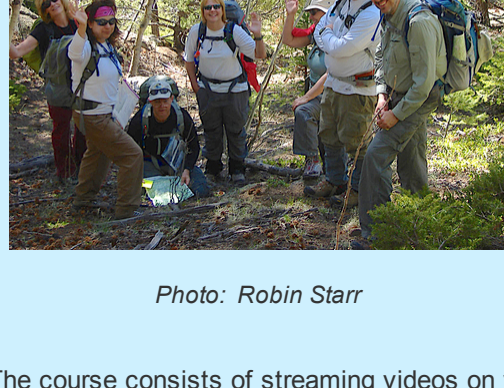


Photo: Robin Starr

Hiking in Colorado's mountains is fabulous recreation! Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) is for all – whether you want to bag a few 14ers – OR – just want to enjoy the scenery. WTS is a great introduction to the CMC and a place to meet new friends. As the CMC's largest school, WTS is a comprehensive course on mountain hiking.

Students are all ages, from 18 to 80. If you're new to hiking, WTS provides the opportunity to learn how to travel safely and confidently in the backcountry. If you're an experienced hiker, WTS gives you a chance to review and enhance your skills, and possibly to fill in some gaps. WTS also fulfills one of the requirements to take Backpacking School.

The course consists of streaming videos on your own, five Tuesday night small group meetings, five field days, and weekly homework (yes, really!). Students are divided into groups of 9-11 people, based on preferred field day, with some consideration for fitness level.

The curriculum includes safe backcountry travel techniques and opportunities to practice them in a supportive environment. Students plan and complete a CMC trip with their field group. WTS is the perfect place to learn and practice new skills, make new friends, and become a safer, more confident backcountry traveler.

**Tuition is \$170 until August 28 for current CMC Members. On & after August 29, tuition is \$190.**

For more information, including a complete schedule of lectures and field trips and enrollment instructions, please visit our website at [Wilderness Trekking School](#), then check out [Course Materials](#). You can also call the CMC office at 303-279-3080.

*"This course is way beyond what I thought it was going to be - it has challenged me physically and emotionally (I have overcome many fears)."* – WTS Student

*"I thought I came into the class with a lot of knowledge, but I learned far more than I expected!"* – WTS Student

## Save the Date!! Denver Group Annual Meeting, October 28, 2023



Photo courtesy of Julian Carr

Plans for our Annual Meeting are coming together! Thanks to all who filled out our survey last month. A very high majority of responders favored having it at the AMC with a speaker. After lots of looking and inquiries, we selected Julian Carr, award-winning professional skier and athlete for Rab.

Julian Carr has been featured in seven Warren Miller films, developing a reputation not only for big airs, but for all-around skiing. He received the 2021 George Mallory Lifetime Achievement Award for adventure. He has also received the 'Photo of the Year' award from Powder Magazine, won the prestigious Sickbird Award on the Freeskiing World Tour, is an X-Games GOLD Medalist, won 3rd Place in an esteemed Powder Magazine Reader Poll, and he holds two world records in cliff height. Julian serves as an ambassador for Protect Our Winters (POW), and as a board member of Conservation Lands Foundation. He's the founder of Discrete Clothing and the Cirque Series, a mountain running series that's in its seventh season, where he's the active Race Director.

His talk is titled "Other Side of Fear" and will explore the topic of fear, his journey and relationship with fear, and how it applies to outdoor adventure and everyday life.

The dinner and other details are still in the planning process. Stay tuned for more details!

## Call for Candidates: Denver Group Council

The CMC Denver Group Council is requesting candidates to fill open positions. The Denver Group Council meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month to discuss issues affecting Denver Group members and implement policy decisions. Council positions are an excellent way to volunteer and serve the CMC in a leadership role. Those elected will serve a three-year term beginning November 1, 2023, thru October 31, 2026. The election timetable is listed below.

Please submit a bio no later than August 25th. The bio should include: a photo of you, an explanation of your CMC experience, why you would like to join the council, and how you think you can contribute. Let us know if you'd like to see a sample bio. The bios will be published via email on a future date, along with a link to the ballot for voting.

Please email the Denver Council at: [cmcdgccc@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgccc@gmail.com) with bios and/or questions.

### Election Calendar

August 25 – Deadline for candidates to submit bios

Mid-Sept – Ballots emailed

Sept 30 – Voting completed

Oct 9 – Ballots tallied

Mid-Oct – Results announced

## Attention Denver Group Trip Leaders & School Instructors

One of the best ways to keep up with all things trip leader/school instructor related is by reading "The Lead", a CMC email publication dedicated to keeping Trip Leaders and School Instructors notified, informed, and up-to-date. Click [here](#) for the July edition containing an excellent article by our own Denver Group Trip Leader, Martha Mustard, entitled "Know Before You Go".

**You** control what CMC publications will be sent to you, by selecting them in your member account on the CMC.org website. We're asking that all Trip Leader and School Instructors make sure they receive "The Lead" by signing into their account on CMC.org and following these steps:

Click on (or hover over) your name at the top of the screen.

Click on **My Preferences** on the drop-down menu.

The **Edit Profile** page will come up. Scroll down to **Email Newsletter Preferences** and click the plus (+) sign to the right of it.

Scroll down and click the box in front of **The Lead**.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the **SAVE** button.

That's it! You'll receive the next edition of this valuable resource. Graham Ottley created a video for [this process](#) if you'd prefer to watch that.

Thank you!  
Denver Group Leadership Committee  
[dgleadershipcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:dgleadershipcommittee@gmail.com)

## Bobcats Newsletter Editor Bobcats Trip Leader Manager

**\*\* Volunteers Needed \*\***

The Bobcats section is looking for a creative individual to publish the monthly Bobcats Newsletter. Training will be provided, and the Newsletter Editor will have artistic license with the format and content. We also have an opening for a Trip Leader Manager whose responsibilities include onboarding new trip leaders and communicating best practices, section policies, and all related matters with all Bobcats trip leaders.

**Contact:**

[cmcbobcats@gmail.com](mailto:cmcbobcats@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Denver Group Trips, Courses, and Events

Check out the [Denver Group Calendar](#) to find your next outdoor fun!  
[Schools and Course offerings](#)

### Become a Trip Leader!

Stay active, explore more places, and make new friends.

## Another Note About Parking for CMC Trips

Last month we notified you about the parking changes at The Fort Restaurant in Morrison. For those of you who use this location for a carpool meeting place, please be aware of these changes and follow the rules and signage. Now, the only non-customer parking available to the public extends from the southernmost entrance southward. The parking north of that is no longer available to non-customers. Please use caution when using this parking location, as there is a blind hill nearby and lots of construction traffic. Parking is also available at the Morrison Park 'n Ride at the NE intersection of West Morrison Road and South Rooney Road near C-470.

Another member commented that just five minutes down the road, at the SW corner of Hampden and Wadsworth, is a Park 'n Ride that typically has many unused parking spaces. Plus, there's a decent restaurant across the street for those who want to stop in after their CMC activities. Thanks to all for this helpful info!

## Denver Group Contacts

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*Meets Monthly, 2nd Tuesday*

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## Call for Submissions

Have an item you'd like included in a future Mile High Mountaineer newsletter?

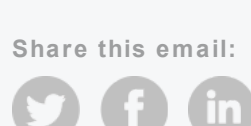
The next deadline is Friday, Sept 1. Guidelines:

- Articles should be 200 words or less, **OR** submitted as a PDF
- MHM editor reserves the right to determine what's included in the newsletter and edit submissions for clarity and length
- Submissions must be relevant to the Denver Group of the CMC and/or its members; paid advertisements are not accepted.

Please send submissions to: [cmcdgccc@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgccc@gmail.com).

Questions, comments, or submissions? E-mail [cmcdgccc@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgccc@gmail.com).

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