Canyon to Crest Call
Western Slope Group
December 2022

Happy Holidays!

WSG Slide Show; Lake Tso Morari Trek in India

Updated Avalanche Warning Website
The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) has updated their website. It's recommended to you check the CAIC website before venturing into the backcountry to play in the snow. It's also recommended to check Sierraavalanche.com.

Trip Report: Devil's Canyon Trail System
Victor Ketellapper led a CMC trip in early November to the Devil's Canyon Area of the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area by Fruita. The group hiked up Devil's Canyon 1 and returned to the trailhead on Devil's Canyon 5 for a 5-mile hike with 985 feet of uphill. The hike provides unique rock formations and offers challenging hiking and climbing opportunities for those seeking a serious adventure. The group encountered snow while reaching higher elevations.

New Website Tutorials
Click here to watch our navigation tutorial for our trip leaders.

10.4.22 CMC website tutorial - 11 minutes.

CMC hike to Liberty Cap in the San Juan Mountains.
Photo by Don Regan.

Getting ready for the ski season?
1. The CMC will hold a WFA class for us next year in the Western Slope. The course will be offered on date(s) to be announced later. Trip leaders are required to have their WFA certification renewed every 2 years and scholarships are available. A minimum of 10 students is required to hold the class. To sign up for the WFA class, you can visit the CMC Schools & Classes webpage or send an email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

CMC School Offerings:
- September 21, 2022: Intro to Caving in the world's most remote places. For information, please contact Mike @ WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

WSG Facebook Group and Email Lists
WSG members are encouraged to sign up for the CMC Trips List & Map, which is updated weekly with trip details. The group maintains two weekly email lists:

- The CMC Trips List: This list is open to any member statewide. If non-members are interested in enrollment the first Sunday of each month, please send an email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com and tell us if you'd like to be added to one or more email list.

- The CMC Calendar Email: This list is open to any member statewide. If non-members are interested in enrollment the first Sunday of each month, please send an email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com and tell us if you'd like to be added to one or more email list.

WSG Facebook Group:
If you're interested, you can join the WSG Facebook Group. The group is available to post photos, announce last minute trips, and connect with other outdoor enthusiasts.

COVID policy for trips:
For the health and safety of our members, the following COVID policy is in place:

- All participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Masking is recommended but not required.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Content
If you know of any events, trips, or other interesting information that you think would be good to include in the WSG Monthly Newsletter, please contact Mike at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. We're always looking for engaging content to share with our community.

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In-State-Outing (ISO) Week 1, Vallecito Lake.
Sunday 1/15.
Wednesday - Friday 1/4-6.

In-State-Outing (ISO) Week 2, San Juan Mountains.
Monday 1/9.
Tuesday 1/10.

In-State-Outing (ISO) Week 3, Crested Butte.
Monday 1/16.
Tuesday 1/17.

Out-of-State-Outing (OSO) Week 1, Incline Village.
Tuesday 1/17.

Out-of-State-Outing (OSO) Week 2, Squaw Valley.
Wednesday 1/18.

Sunday 1/22.

Monday 1/23.

COVID-19 Update:
In accordance with the guidelines from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, we are recommending the following:

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Clinic:
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Climb, but the scenery was truly breathtaking. The lake and surrounding area is a magical place that time, there were no other trekking groups. Unprecedented snowfall that year thwarted their climb. Those interested could have dinner at a local restaurant afterwards. Please RSVP in the Western Slope:

The AIARE (Avalanche research and education) ATA-Avalanche Terrain Avoidance AIARE (Avalanche research and education) ATA-Avalanche Terrain Avoidance

Winter Fun with Kids:
Are our members interested in outdoor activities with their kids? Please let us know! The WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

For more info, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help plan and lead fun outdoor activities for our members and their families.

Opt out:
If you're interested, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Tuesday 11/29.

2023:
2/18-19: Sierra Club Orientation
2/25-26: AIARE 1 Avalanche Awareness
3/11-12: AIARE 2 Avalanche Awareness
3/18-19: AIARE 3 Avalanche Awareness (Rescheduled from 3/11-12)
4/8-9: AIARE 4 Avalanche Awareness
4/22-23: AIARE 5 Avalanche Awareness
5/6-7: AIARE 6 Avalanche Awareness
5/20-21: AIARE 7 Avalanche Awareness
6/17-18: AIARE 8 Avalanche Awareness
7/22-23: AIARE 9 Avalanche Awareness
8/5-6: AIARE 10 Avalanche Awareness
9/5-10: AIARE 11 Avalanche Awareness

September is a great time to get a refresher on avalanche safety.
General:
- Wilderness First Aid on the weekend of 9/4.
- AIARE (Avalanche research and education) ATA-Avalanche Terrain Avoidance
- CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state!