

Anne. See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!

Western Slope Group

Canyon to Crest Call

January 2023

Happy New Year!



in India Join us at the Montrose Library meeting room on Friday, January 13, 5-6:30pm, for a presentation by Babs Schmerler.

Lake Tso Morari Trek

WSG Slide Show:

We'll start at 5pm with a 30-minute social time with munchies followed by Babs' presentation at 5:30pm. Please bring a snack to share and a non-Lake Tso Morari is a remote lake in the Ladakh District in Northern India. The trek to climb a then-

unnamed peak started in Ladakh during the annual cultural festival. After a few days visiting surrounding monasteries, Babs' group began the trek over several 16 and 17,000 ft. passes. At that time, there were no other trekking groups. Unprecedented snowfall that year thwarted their

climb, but the scenery was truly breathtaking. The lake and surrounding area is a magical place that can only be described through pictures, which do not do it justice. Do You Have Photos & Stories

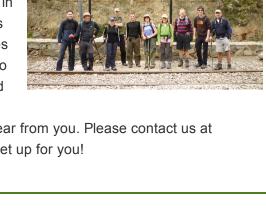
The WSG is looking to sponsor a series of slide shows in 2023 featuring our members. We have many members who like to travel and have been to interesting countries

and adventurous places in the US and beyond. We also

Mountains.

to Share?

have some members who have a special expertise and knowledge due to their work/volunteer 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!



Attention Durango, Pagosa Springs & SW Colorado Members!

scheduled for Monday, January 16, at 7pm to meet the other members & leaders in your area! Register here.

We would like to hear how the CMC WSG can best serve you. We have a Zoom gathering

Updated Avalanche Warning Website The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) has updated their website. It's recommended that you check the CAIC website before venturing into the backcountry to play in the snow. It's also recommmended to check it before traveling certain roads in the winter such as highway 550 over

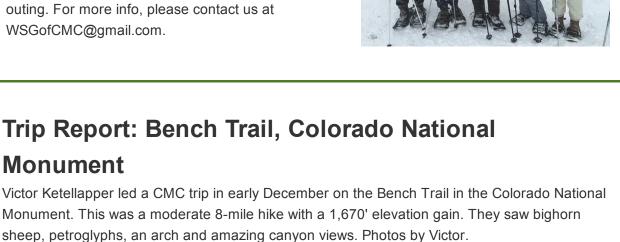
Red Mountain Pass. Check out these specific areas in the Western Slope: Grand Mesa, San Juan

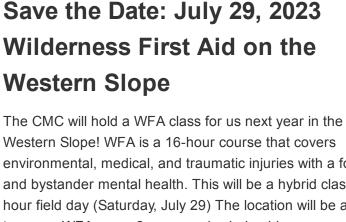
outing. For more info, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. Trip Report: Bench Trail, Colorado National Monument

Any Interest in Family Trips?

outdoors? We have a family new to Montrose who has 2 young kids who like to hike, ski and snowshoe. They are looking to do these activities with other families. If there's interest, we could organize a WSG family

Do you have kids in your family who enjoy the





questions. Stay tuned for more info!

WSG Facebook Group

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: NEW WEBSITE! Now all of our activities are in one place at Western Slope Group Calendar

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

**All members and guests must sign a new liability waiver with the new website COVID policy for trips: updated Feb 23, 2022

Friday 1/13/22. Slideshow: Lake Tso Morari Trek by Babs Schmerler. Montrose Library, 5-6:30pm.

Monday 1/16 7-8pm. Zoom Gathering for Durango-Pagosa Area Members! See above.

ATA-Avalanche Terrain Avoidance, a 2-day course required for trip leaders and open to all

members will be scheduled this winter, local dates TBA. Will be required for CMC Leader trips on

AIARE (Avalanche research and education) 2023 sessions are offered through the Denver Group, registration is open to any member statewide. If non-members are interested in enrollment the

Wednesday - Friday 1/4-6. Nordic Skiing - Grand Mesa. Gore Range Group

In-State-Outing (ISO) Week 1, Vallecito Lake. Aug 13-18, 2023. State CMC.

ISO Week 2, Vallecito Lake. Aug 20-26, 2023. State CMC with WSG leaders.

9/5-10 2023. Mountaineering - Weminuche Wilderness. Pikes Peak Group.

Friday 1/20. XC Ski and Snowshoe Priest Lake. Easy. Brenda Leach & Anne Keil

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

<u>Trip Leader Training</u>: **We are seeking new trip leaders!** The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current

individual must first join CMC. Required for backcountry snow Trip Leaders.



Sunday 1/15. Electric Hills, Montrose. Easy. Anne Keil

<u>5/19-30. Croatia.</u> Adventure travel, fee.

PRESENTATIONS

snow.

let us know if something interests you.

leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com or check the new website.

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)

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

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose) Secretary: Jill Mattoon (Ouray)

Vice Chair & Newsletter Editor: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Content

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 2023 WSG Council meetings will be held on 1/12, 3/20, 5/8, 7/10, 9/11 and 11/13 from 3-4:30pm.

welcome to attend.

Zoom availablility and location will be determined closer to the meeting dates. WSG members are

CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more. JOIN





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