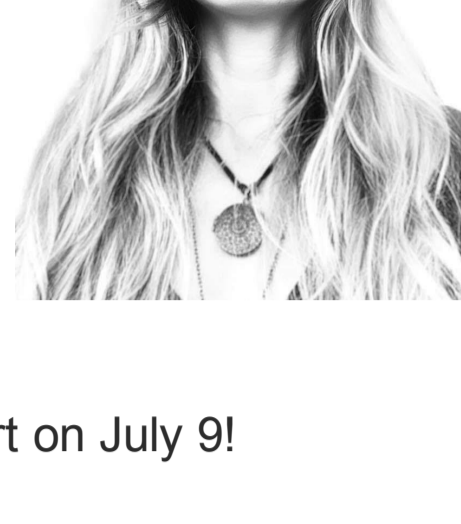




Victor Ketellapper's hike to the summit of Mt Garfield by Grand Junction. Photo by Victor. [See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)



Summer Potluck & Concert on July 9!

WSG member Bud Tasch is hosting a potluck with several outdoor hiking clubs including WSG of CMC, Cobble Creek Hiking Club and the Arizona Trailblazers at the Colona Grange on Sunday, July 9. Potluck at 4:30-6pm and concert by Emily Paige Wray at 6-8pm.

This event is free and a donation is suggested for the Colona Grange restoration & Emily. [RSVP here and please read details](#), then email Bud with what you are bringing: arizbunzer@msn.com.

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 FlexRec.

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.

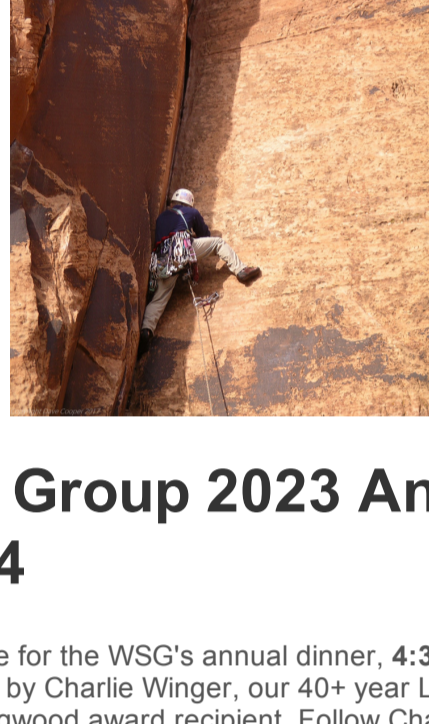
[Register here for the slide show.](#)



Durango Area CMC Members Update

[Monday, June 26, 5-6:30pm evening potluck picnic](#), Haviland Lake picnic area, join us! Meet WSG leadership and other members and potential members.

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!



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.

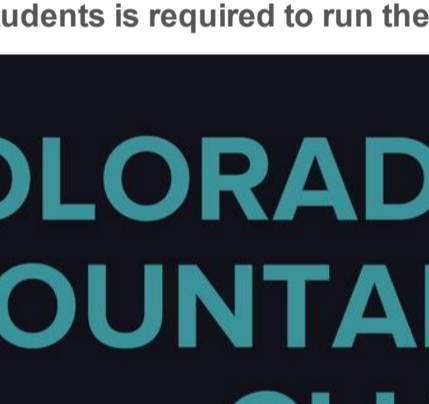
Photo is of Charlie leading a crack climb in the Colorado National Monument.

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](#)", Montrose Flex Rec meeting room. Diane & Charlie Winger.



Wilderness First Aid Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30

Registration deadline is July 10. Trip leaders are required to take 2-day WFA once and scholarships/fee waiver are available. A minimum of 9 students is required to run the course. [Register for WFA here.](#)

COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

- 2-day in-person training
- July 29 & 30
- In Motion Therapy - 611 E Star Ct #B
 - Montrose, CO 81401
- Go to cmc.org/calendar to register
- Free tuition for trip leaders!

PRACTICE RESPONSIBLE OUTDOOR RECREATION. GET CERTIFIED!

Risk Management Corner: June 2023

The following is from The Lead newsletter that's emailed to CMC trip leaders. [Learn helpful takeaways from three recent hiking related incidents that occurred during the past three weeks.](#)

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](#)

7/6-9. [Avalanche Lake Backpacking](#). Difficult. John Broadbooks/BPX.

Monday, 7/10. [Hiking - Upper Cascade Falls \(Ouray\)](#). Moderate. Brenda Leach

7/14-16. [Marble Car Camping & Hiking](#). BPX.

7/15. [Hiking - Little Cimarron River in the Uncompahgre](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

Thursday 7/20. [Hiking - Pollock Bench](#). Moderate. Victor Ketellapper.

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

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

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

9/5-10. [Mountaineering - Weminuche Wilderness](#). 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.

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. [Guatemala](#). Adventure travel, fee. 2024 trip.

**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

Monday 6/26. [Durango and Beyond CMC Members Potluck Picnic](#). Haviland Lake. 5-6:30pm.

Sunday 7/9. [Colona Grange Potluck and Concert](#). 4:30-8pm.

Wednesday 7/26. [Patagonia Presentation](#). Montrose Flex Rec meeting room. 6-7pm.

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

Monday 8/7. [Rock Climbing in Joshua Tree](#). Montrose Flex Rec meeting room. 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday 10/14. [WSG Annual Dinner at the Ute Museum](#). Montrose, 4:30-7:30pm.

[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)

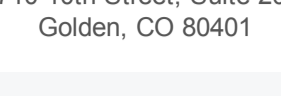
Vice Chair & Newsletter Editor: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

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 2023 WSG Council meetings will be held 7/17, 9/12 and 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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