

Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group June 2023



Anne Keil's Cinco de Mack-yo CMC hike to Mack Ridge in the Kokopelli Trails. Photo by Jill Mattoon. [See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)

WSG Slide Show: Rock Climbing and Traveling in Southern Spain

Brenda Leach, the WSG Vice Chair, will give a slide show presentation of her December 2022 trip to southern Spain.

Highlights include sport climbing on Spanish limestone, quaint towns with castles, the Alhambra in Granada and some overall self-planning travel tips.



Join us for Brenda's slide show presentation on **Tuesday, June 6, 5:15-6:45pm**, at the Montrose Library meeting room (enter the library and make an immediate left at the foyer statue). This event is free and open to the interested public and our CMC members. Doors open at 5:15pm. The presentation starts at 5:45pm. Bring a snack to share and a non-alcoholic drink. Meet other CMC members and find out more about what the WSG is doing! We will need to vacate the library room no later than 7pm as that's when the library closes. [Please sign up for the slide show here.](#)

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!

**Colorado Mountain Club
Western Slope Group**

Annual Dinner, Potluck & Meeting

featuring local mountaineer extraordinaire

CHARLIE WINGER

Join our annual dinner presenter, Charlie Winger, as he shares some of his exciting adventures spanning 40+ years.

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.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2023**
at the
Ute Indian Museum
17253 Chipeta Rd
Montrose

Admission: \$10
Guests welcome!

Bring a dish to share (appetizer, main, side dish, dessert) and serving utensil if needed. BYOBeverages.

EVENING SCHEDULE

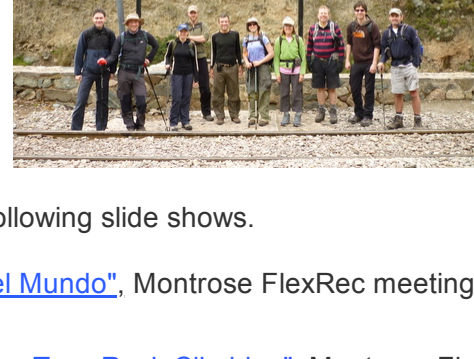
4:30pm: Socializing
5pm: Dinner / potluck
6pm: Annual meeting
6:30pm: Charlie's presentation
7:30pm: Evening conclusion

SIGN UP & CONTACT INFO:

www.cmc.org/Groups/WesternSlope
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Upcoming WSG Slide Shows

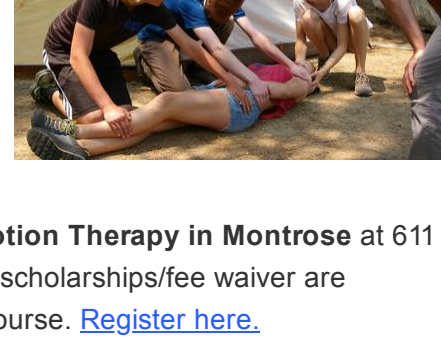
The WSG is hosting a series of slide shows featuring our members who like to travel and have been to interesting countries and adventurous places. We also have some members who have a special expertise and knowledge due to their work experience. If you're interested in sharing with others, we'd love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



- Wednesday July 26, 6-7pm, "[Patagonia to El Fin Del Mundo](#)", Montrose FlexRec meeting room. Anne Keil.
- 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

The CMC will hold a WFA class on the Western Slope! WFA is a 16-hour course that covers environmental, medical, and traumatic injuries with a focus on inclusive care and rescue, patient and bystander mental health. This is a 2-day in-person course, 8 hours each day on Saturday, July 29, and Sunday, July 30. Both days will be held at **In Motion Therapy in Montrose** at 611 E Star Ct #B. Trip leaders are required to take WFA once and scholarships/fee waiver are available. A minimum of 10 students is required to run the course. [Register here.](#)



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 6/3. [Hiking- Mt Garfield/GJ](#). Difficult. Victor Ketellapper.
- Tuesday 6/6. [Hiking - Thomas Lakes](#). Moderate. Roaring Fork Group.
- Friday 6/16. [Hiking - Upper Cascade Falls](#). Moderate. Brenda Leach.
- Wednesday 6/21. [Hiking- Devil's Canyon Trails](#). Moderate. Victor Ketellapper.
- Friday 6/23. [Hiking-Galloping Goose \(Telluride\)](#). Easy. Anne Keil
- 7/6-9. [Avalanche Lake Backpacking](#). Difficult. John Broadbooks/BPX.
- 7/14-16. [Marble Car Camping & Hiking](#). BPX.
- 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
- 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.
- 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)

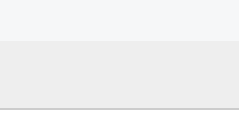
Conservation Chair: Open. See the [Conservation Chair volunteer description](#) for more info. If you're interested, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

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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