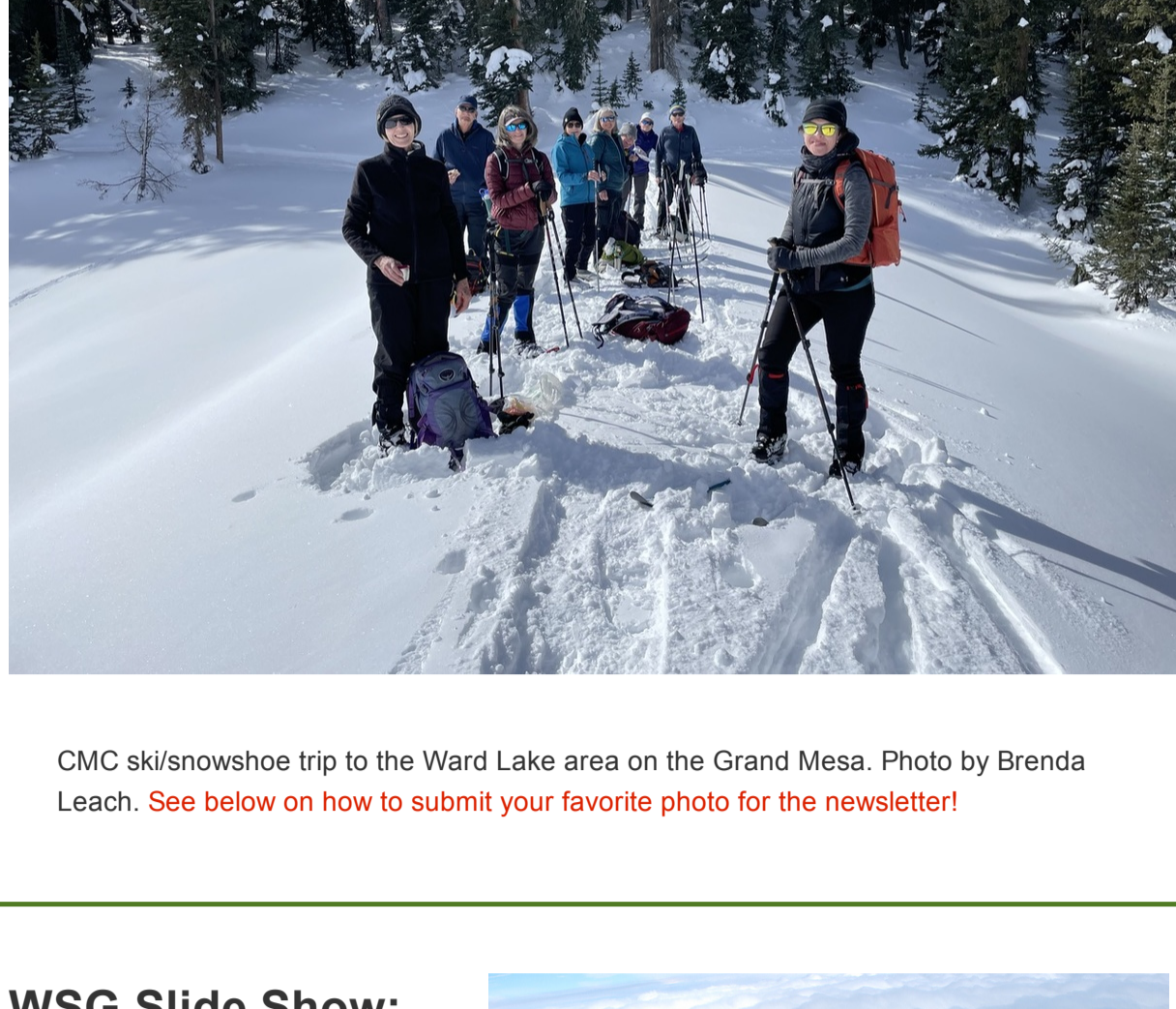
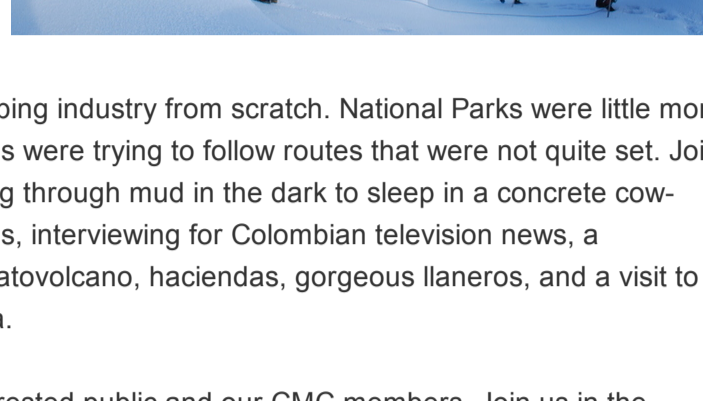


Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group March 2023



CMC ski/snowshoe trip to the Ward Lake area on the Grand Mesa. Photo by Brenda Leach. [See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)

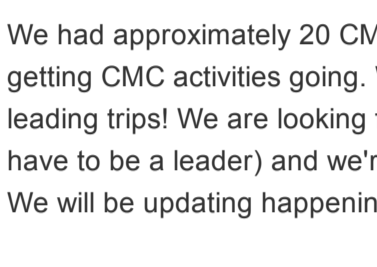
WSG Slide Show: Mt. Tolima in Colombia



Jill Mattoon, the WSG Secretary, will give a slide show presentation on **Friday, March 10, 4:30-6pm**, of her trek through Los Nevados National Park in Colombia for a climb of Mt. Tolima. In 2016, Colombia was attempting to build a trekking and climbing industry from scratch. National Parks were little more than a line on the map, and new guides were trying to follow routes that were not quite set. Join Jill for a look at beautiful Bogota, sliding through mud in the dark to sleep in a concrete cove-shed, hiking in circles, falling in streams, interviewing for Colombian television news, a successful summit of the 17,304 ft. stratovolcano, haciendas, gorgeous llaneros, and a visit to the charming "Estes Park" of Colombia.

This event is free and open to the interested public and our CMC members. Join us in the Montrose Library meeting room (enter the library and make an immediate left at the foyer statue). Doors open at 4:30pm, bring a snack to share and a non-alcoholic drink. Meet other CMC members and find out more about what the WSG is doing! The presentation starts at 5pm. We will need to vacate the library room no later than 6pm as that's when the library closes. [Please sign up here.](#)

CMC Social Gathering at Ramblebine Brewing Co in Grand Junction, Sunday, Feb 26, 4-6pm



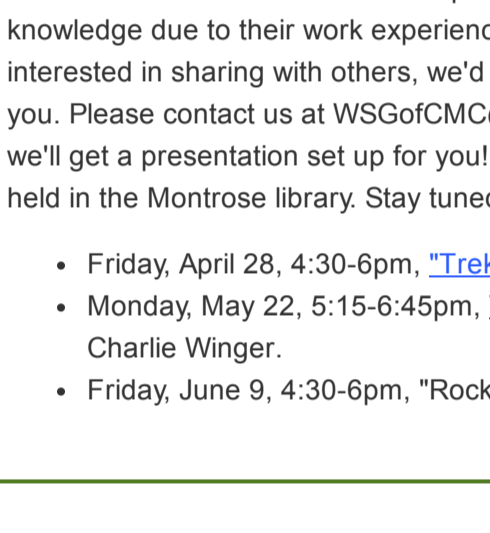
Join us at [Ramblebine Brewing Co](#) in Grand Junction to meet and socialize with fellow CMCers. Ramblebine is located at 457 Colorado Ave. [Please RSVP here.](#) Thanks to Victor Ketellapper for hosting this event!

Durango Area Members Update

We had approximately 20 CMC and non-CMC folks join our Zoom call in January, all interested in getting CMC activities going. We have 2 leaders, Jason Kosola and Lee Mebel, who will be leading trips! We are looking for other 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: Save the Date!

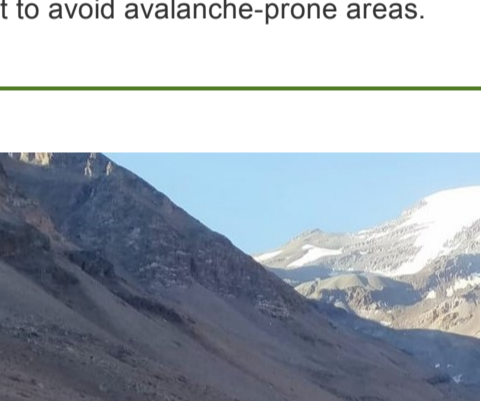


We are excited to announce that 40+ year Lifetime member, senior CMC schools instructor, author and 2013 Albert R. Ellingwood award recipient Charlie Winger will be our speaker, **October 14 from 4:30-7:30pm**. Registration opens soon!

Charlie leading the 1st pitch on Ames Ice Hose, WI 5, near Telluride. Photo by Dave Cooper.

Upcoming WSG Slide Shows

The WSG will host a series of slide shows featuring our members that like to travel and have been to interesting countries and adventurous places in the US. 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 to be held in the Montrose library. Stay tuned for more info.



- Friday, April 28, 4:30-6pm, "[Trekking in Nepal](#)", John Broadbooks.
- Monday, May 22, 5:15-6:45pm, [Video: "Everest the Hard Way with Ed Webster"](#), Intro by Charlie Winger.
- Friday, June 9, 4:30-6pm, "Rock Climbing and Traveling in Southern Spain", Brenda Leach.

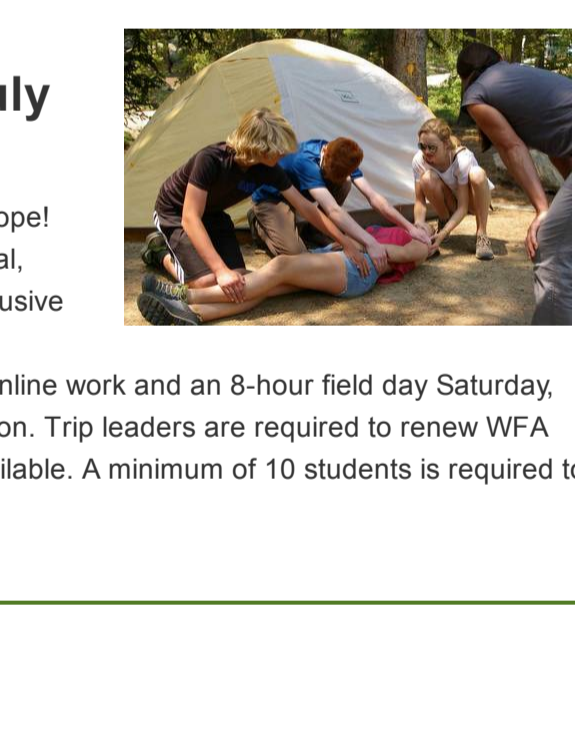
Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA) Hybrid Course on the Western Slope



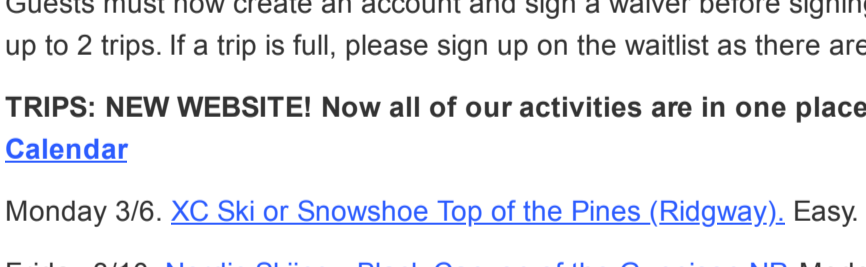
The ATA course consists of 3-4 hours independent online study plus a half day field day on Grand Mesa on **Monday, 3/27**. [Registration](#) is limited after our on-snow leaders enroll. This is a great course if you like to travel on snow, but want to avoid avalanche-prone areas.

WSG Leader: Daniel Glatter

I have been hiking and backpacking for more than 50 years. I got my first tastes of mountain climbing when I participated in successful guided ascents of Mount Rainier and the Grand Teton in the summers of 1976 and 1977, respectively. I joined the CMC in 2002. As a member of the Denver Group, I took Wilderness Trekking School (WTS), Basic Mountaineering School (BMS), High Altitude Mountaineering School, Avalanche Awareness School, Trip Leader School, Winter Camping School, Advanced Crevasse Rescue Seminar and Wilderness First Aid between 2003 and 2009. Also, I served as an Assistant Instructor for WTS and BMS between 2003 and 2011. I moved away from Colorado in 2012 but I maintained my CMC membership while I was away. I moved to Grand Junction in 2022. I recently completed a Wilderness First Responder course. I love hiking, climbing mountains, and traveling. I have hiked and climbed mountains in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Now that I am a back in Colorado, and a member of the CMC Western Slope Group, I am looking forward to leading CMC trips! For myself, I hope to complete the Colorado fourteeners (I've climbed 41) and perhaps the centennials.



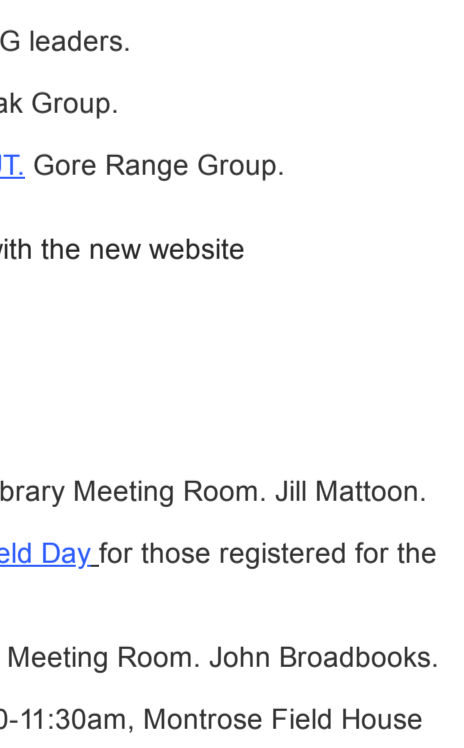
Hiking Safety Course in Montrose!



Learn how to be safe in the backcountry. Even if you are a proficient mountaineer from other mountain states, the Colorado mountains present very unique challenges. From high altitude concerns to intensely fast weather changes, learn how to prepare yourself and your group for a fun day. **Saturday, May 20, 10-11:30am** at the Montrose Field House Summit Room. [See the specific topics and register here.](#) \$7 members, \$12 non-members.

Wilderness First Aid on the Western Slope, Saturday, July 29

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 will be a hybrid class with 8 hours of online work and an 8-hour field day Saturday, July 29. A Montrose location will be announced soon. Trip leaders are required to renew WFA every 2 years and scholarships/fee waiver are available. A minimum of 10 students is required to run the course. [Register here.](#)



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: NEW WEBSITE! Now all of our activities are in one place at [Western Slope Group Calendar](#)

- Monday 3/6. [XC Ski or Snowshoe Top of the Pines \(Ridgway\)](#), Easy, Jill Mattoon.
- Friday 3/10. [Nordic Skiing - Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP](#), Moderate. Brenda Leach.
- Sunday 3/19. [Hiking - Wedding/Monument Canyon Loop](#), Moderate. Daniel Glatter.
- Monday 3/20. [Hiking - No Thoroughfare Canyon](#), Moderate. Victor Ketellapper.
- Saturday 3/25. [Electric Hills Hike, Part 2](#), Easy. Anne Keil.

- [5/19-30. Croatia](#), Adventure travel, fee.
- Tuesday 6/6. [Hiking - Thomas Lakes](#), Moderate. Roaring Fork Group.
- [In-State-Outing \(ISO\) Week 1, Vallecito Lake](#), Aug 13-18. State CMC.
- [ISO Week 2, Vallecito Lake](#), Aug 20-26. State CMC with WSG leaders.
- 9/5-10. [Mountaineering - Weminuche Wilderness](#), Pikes Peak Group.
- 9/18-22. [Backpacking - Virgin Springs from Fuller Bottom, UT](#), Gore Range Group.

****All members and guests must sign a new liability waiver with the new website**

[COVID policy for trips: updated Dec 9, 2022](#)

PRESENTATIONS/COURSES

- Friday 3/10. [Mt. Tolima in Columbia](#), 4:30-6pm. Montrose Library Meeting Room. Jill Mattoon.
- Monday 3/27. [Avalanche Terrain Avoidance \(ATA\) Hybrid Field Day](#) for those registered for the Hybrid course. Space is limited.
- Friday 4/28. [Trekking in Nepal](#), 4:30-6pm. Montrose Library Meeting Room. John Broadbooks.
- Saturday 5/20. [Intro to Hiking Safety Course](#), Art Hoging, 10-11:30am, Montrose Field House Summit Room. \$7 members, \$12 non-CMC members.
- Monday 5/22. [Everest the Hard Way, Ed Webster Video](#), Montrose Library Meeting Room. 5:15-6:45pm.
- Saturday 7/29. [Wilderness First Aid](#), Montrose location TBD. Fee or free/scholarship for leaders.
- Saturday 10/14. [Save the date! 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.**

[AIARE \(Avalanche Research and Education\)](#) 2023 sessions are offered through the Denver Group, registration is open to any member statewide. This is offered locally by San Juan Mountain Guides, mtnguide.net.

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. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com or cmc.org.

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 3/20, 5/8, 7/10, 9/11 and 11/13. Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting dates. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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