



COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

WESTERN SLOPE GROUP

Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group October 2023



Victor Ketellapper's hike to Wombat Arch in the BLM Bangs Canyon Management Area close to Grand Junction. [See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)



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.

We need help the day of the annual dinner with these tasks: table set-up, kitchen set-up, check-in, table tear-down and clean-up. If you're able to help with any of these tasks, please let us know at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. Thanks!

Photo is of Charlie leading an ice climb in Canada.

Welcome Trip Leader Dean Cates!

My name is Dean Cates. I moved from Littleton to Grand Junction at the end of August 2023. I have been a CMC member since 1989 and a Denver Group leader since 2012. I have a Denver Group "D" hiking classification and have taken many of the CMC schools including Basic Mountain School (BMS), Intermediate Rock Climbing School (IRCS), Wilderness Survival School, AIARE Level 1, Wilderness First Aid (WFA), and Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA). I hope to meet members of the Western Slope Group to hike with, participate in the hikes lead by the group leaders, and make some contributions to the group. I also enjoy cycling on the Riverfront Trail.



Trip Leader Appreciation Party at San Juan Brews in Montrose, Friday, November 10, 2-4pm



It's been 3 years since we re-booted the Western Slope Group and we could not have done it without our dedicated trip leaders! Join us at San Juan Brews in Montrose and meet your trip leaders and WSG Group Council members. [Click here to register](#). San Juan Brews is located at 512 E Main St in Montrose.

We'll also plan a leader appreciation for the Grand Junction area in December!

Durango Area CMC Members Update

We currently have 2 Durango members getting trained to become leaders!!

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!

Revised GMUG FS Revised Forest Plan and Comment Period

The Forest Service has published a revised Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) forest plan and final environmental impact statement. [This legal notice](#) was published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel on August 30 and indicates there's a 60-day objection filing period. This is an FYI to keep our members informed of this revised GMUG plan.

Discounted Memberships through September 30!



For the month of September **all** new and renewed memberships are eligible for **\$20** off using the promo code: [HelloFall2023](#)

To redeem, enter the code in the Promo Code box at checkout.
Valid through 9/30/23 at 11:55pm.

Website FAQ: "How do I find out about new trips after they're posted?"

The new website has a nice feature where you can get notified of new trips when they're added or in a daily digest or in a weekly digest. Here's the steps for setting that up.

- 1) Login to your CMC account and click on "My Profile" under your name on the upper right.
 - 2) Scroll down the page and click on "Edit Profile".
 - 3) Scroll down the page to "Alerts and Notifications Preferences" and select your desired "Update Frequency". You'll also need to choose at least one activity.
 - 4) Scroll down the page and click on "Save".
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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](#)

9/25-28. [Morefield Campground at Mesa Verde National Park](#). BPX.

Thursday, 9/28. [Hiking - Colorado National Monument - Ute Trail](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

Tuesday, 10/3. [Hiking - Bench Trail](#). Moderate. Dean Cates.

10/5-8. [3rd Annual WSG Camping/Hiking San Rafael Swell](#). Green River UT. Register with leader only via email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Friday, 10/6. [Hiking - Ding and Dang Canyons](#). Moderate. John Broadbooks. Green River SP trip participants only.

Saturday, 10/7. [Hiking - Wildhorse Canyon](#). Moderate. Anne Keil. Green River SP trip participants only.

Wednesday, 10/11. [Hiking - No Thoroughfare Canyon Car Shuttle](#). Moderate/Difficult. Lynda Law & Victor Ketellapper.

Saturday, 10/21. [Hiking - Devil's Canyon Trail System](#). Moderate. Dean Cates.

11/3-16. [Sacred Hidden Himalaya Valley - Nepal](#). Adventure travel, fee.

Sunday, 11/12. [Hiking - Kokopelli Loops Car Shuttle](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

12/3-16. [Patagonia](#). Adventure travel, fee.

2/8-12, 2024. [Yellowstone](#). Adventure travel, fee.

2/16-25, 2024. [Guatemala](#). Adventure travel, fee.

4/25-28, 2024. [WSG at Capitol Reef Group Campsite and Hiking](#). Contact Victor Ketellapper to register with leader and for more info. Preference for WSG members. If you have a trailer, book an individual site for Fruita campground loop C at Capitol Reef on recreation.gov on 10/25 at 8am. Those sites sell out quickly!

**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

Saturday 10/14. [WSG Annual Dinner at the Ute Museum](#). See above.

Friday 11/10 2-4pm. [Leader Appreciation at San Juan Brews](#). See above.

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 next WSG Council meeting will be held 9/25 & 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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