

July 2022

Dear Friend,

After nearly 3 years with the Club, I have made the very difficult decision to move on, and today, July 13 will be my last day at the CMC.

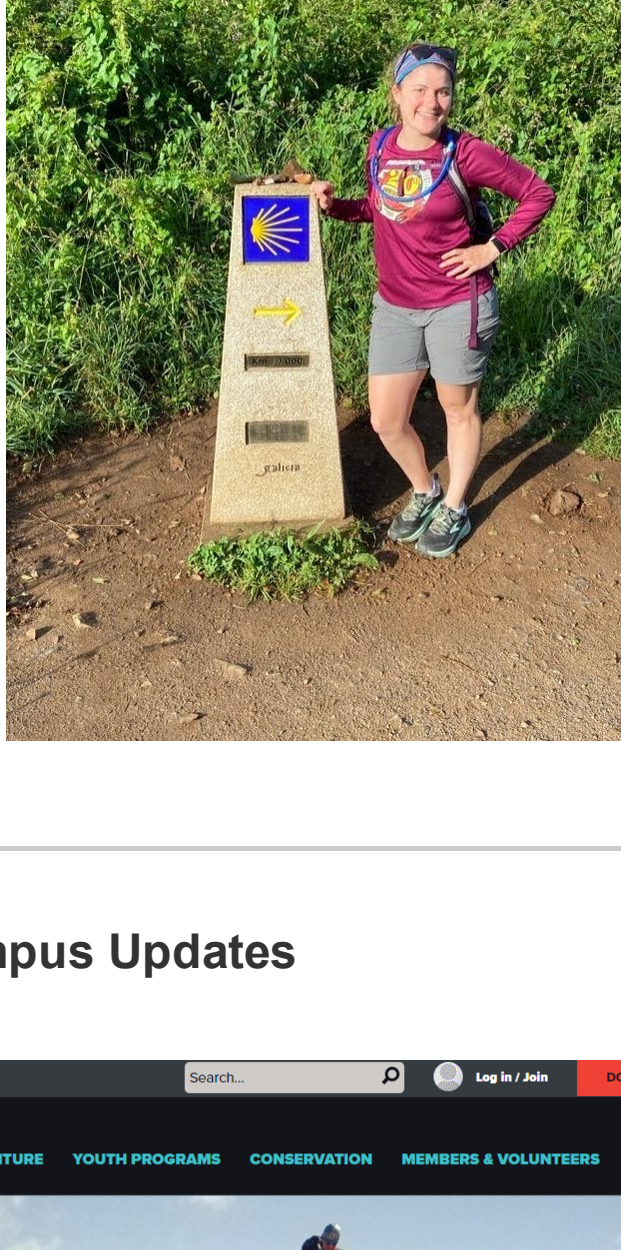
Throughout my time working with all of you, I have learned that education and training is a personal passion of mine, and so my next journey will be pursuing personal training.

I have greatly enjoyed getting to know and learn from you all, and I am deeply going to miss everyone at the CMC.

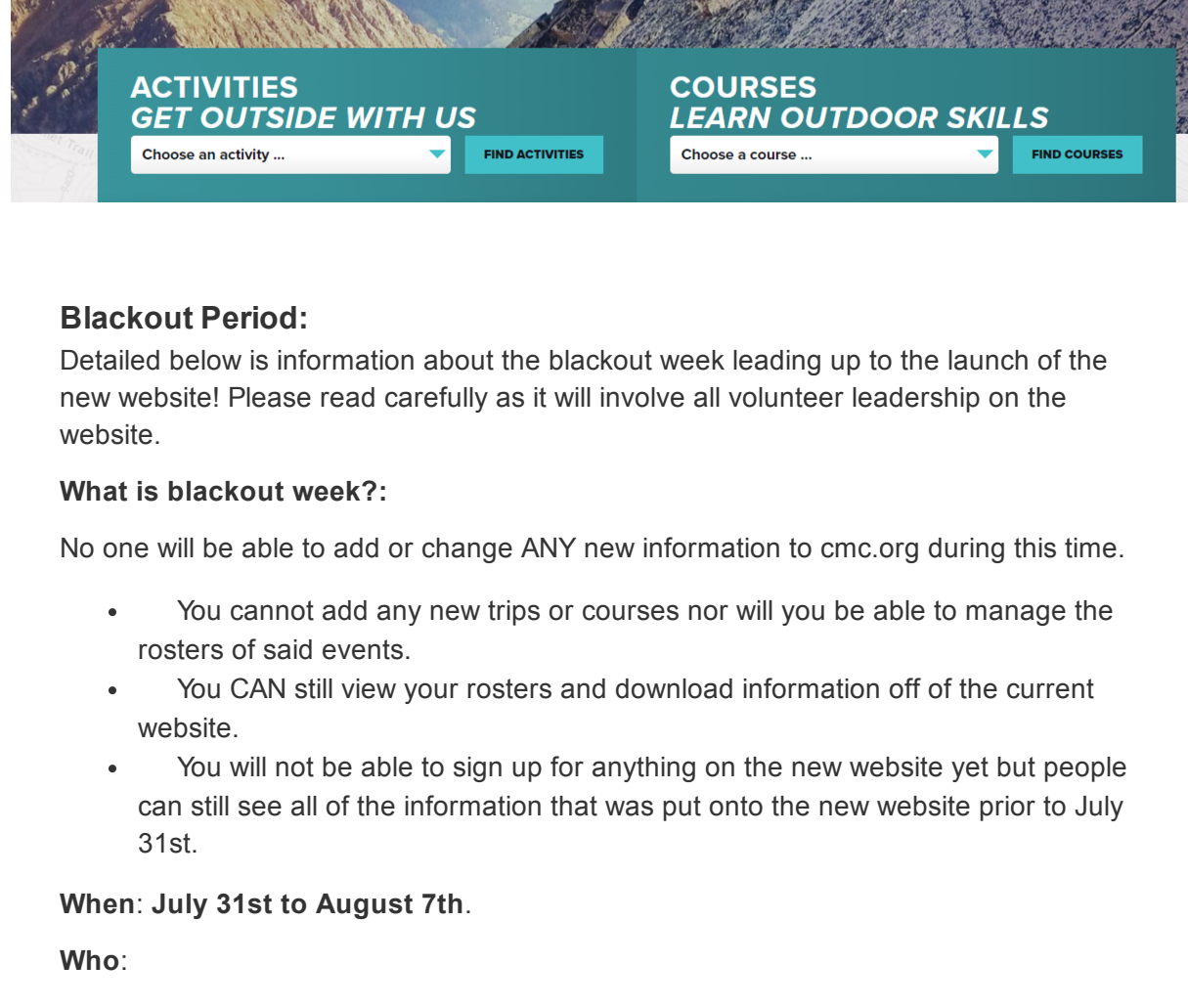
Thank you for all of the amazing memories!

See you on the trails,

Claire Joseph



Olympus Updates



Blackout Period:

Detailed below is information about the blackout week leading up to the launch of the new website! Please read carefully as it will involve all volunteer leadership on the website.

What is blackout week?:

No one will be able to add or change ANY new information to cmc.org during this time.

- You cannot add any new trips or courses nor will you be able to manage the rosters of said events.
- You CAN still view your rosters and download information off of the current website.
- You will not be able to sign up for anything on the new website yet but people can still see all of the information that was put onto the new website prior to July 31st.

When: July 31st to August 7th.

Who:

- Leaders, School Directors, Instructors and Group Admins will be able to view their rosters and events but cannot add or change any information pertaining to them.
- General Membership and non-members will be able to see events on cmc.org but will be unable to sign up for events

Why:

- To import as much information from the old server to the new website
- We will be migrating trips, courses, events and activity history data from the old website

How can I prepare?:

- If you have an event (trip, field day, lecture, course) planned between July 31st and August 26th, **download the roster** of your event as well as take note of the **event ID**. You will still be able to view the details of your event on cmc.org BUT **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE THEM**.
 - If your event doesn't appear on the new website, then we can use the event ID and your name to recover the information from the old website.

How do I submit an incident report during this time?:

- Continue to use the [CMC Google form](#) to submit incident reports

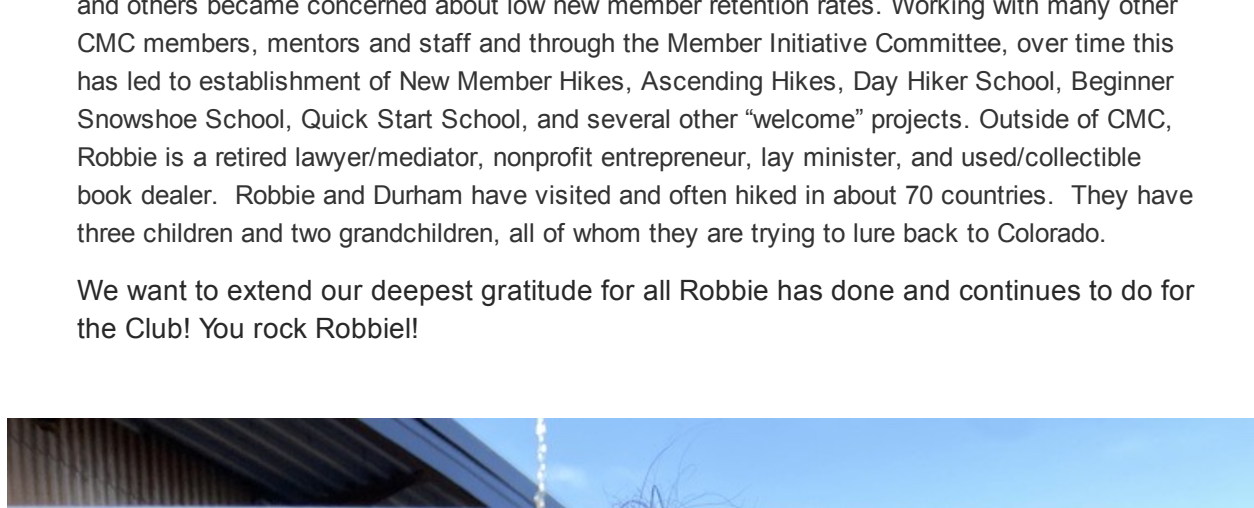
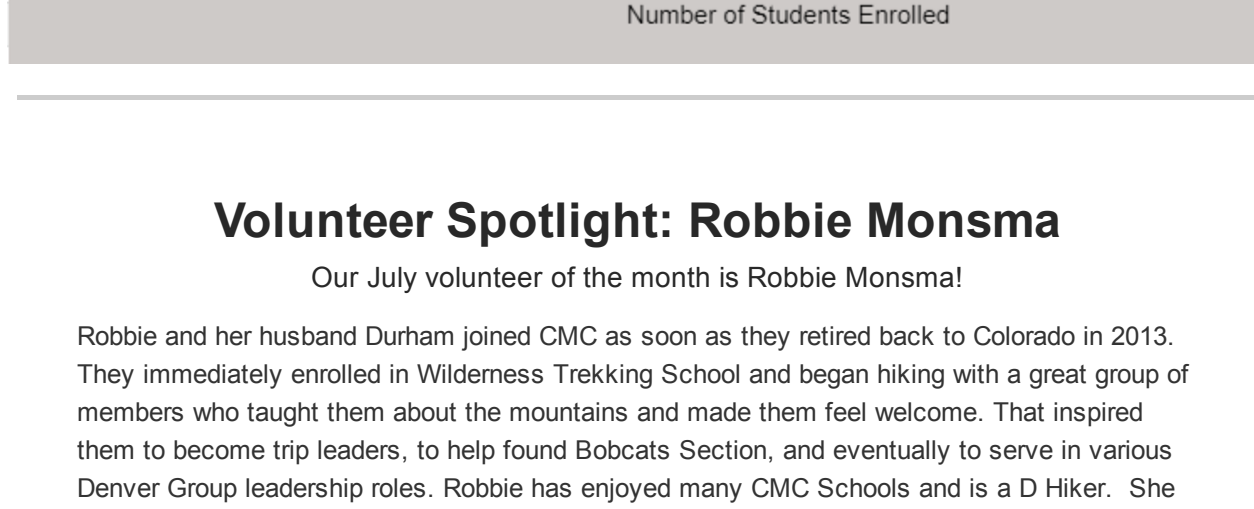
Who should I ask if I have questions?

CMC member: office@cmc.org

Trip Leader: reach out to your Group's Olympian. If you don't know who that person is, refer to the leader resources page [here](#).

School Director or Instructor: [Graham Ottley](#)

For more General questions, please refer to our [FAQ page](#)



Volunteer Spotlight: Robbie Monsma

Our July volunteer of the month is Robbie Monsma!

Robbie and her husband Durham joined CMC as soon as they retired back to Colorado in 2013. They immediately enrolled in Wilderness Trekking School and began hiking with a great group of members who taught them about the mountains and made them feel welcome. That inspired them to become trip leaders, to help found Bobcats Section, and eventually to serve in various Denver Group leadership roles. Robbie has enjoyed many CMC Schools and is a D Hiker. She joined Denver Group Council in 2015, eventually Co-Chairing 2019-2020. While on Council she and others became concerned about low new member retention rates. Working with many other CMC members, mentors and staff and through the Member Initiative Committee, over time this has led to establishment of New Member Hikes, Ascending Hikes, Day Hiker School, Beginner Snowshoe School, Quick Start School, and several other "welcome" projects. Outside of CMC, Robbie is a retired lawyer/mediator, nonprofit entrepreneur, lay minister, and used/collectible book dealer. Robbie and Durham have visited and often hiked in about 70 countries. They have three children and two grandchildren, all of whom they are trying to lure back to Colorado.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude for all Robbie has done and continues to do for the Club! You rock Robbie!

Submit your nomination for next month's issue!

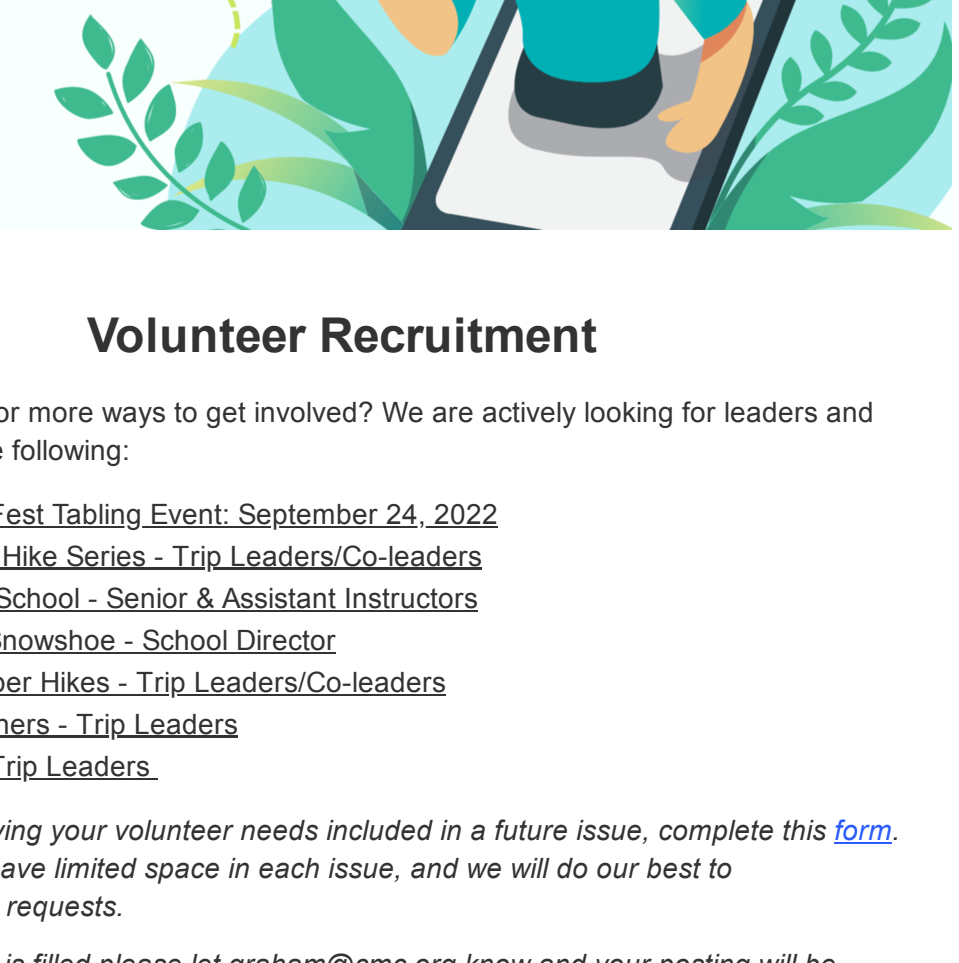
Each month we'll be shining a spotlight on one CMC Trip Leader or Instructor. To submit a nomination, use the button below. Any nominees not selected will be considered in the following month. The selected nominee will receive a prize. Next month's prize is a CMC Nalgene water bottle.

[SUBMIT NOMINATION](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Mountain Fest - Sept 24
- 10am-7pm
- Represent your group, section, or school
- 2 volunteers minimum at the table
- Make community connections, recruit new members, advertise your offerings
- Interactive activity

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT: graham@cmc.org BY JULY 18



Volunteer Recruitment

Are you looking for more ways to get involved? We are actively looking for leaders and instructors for the following:

- Mountain Fest Tabling Event: September 24, 2022
- Ascending Hike Series - Trip Leaders/Co-leaders
- Day Hiker School - Senior & Assistant Instructors
- Beginner Snowshoe - School Director
- New Member Hikes - Trip Leaders/Co-leaders
- Peak Crushers - Trip Leaders
- Technical Trip Leaders

*Interested in having your volunteer needs included in a future issue, complete this [form](#). Please note we have limited space in each issue, and we will do our best to accommodate all requests.

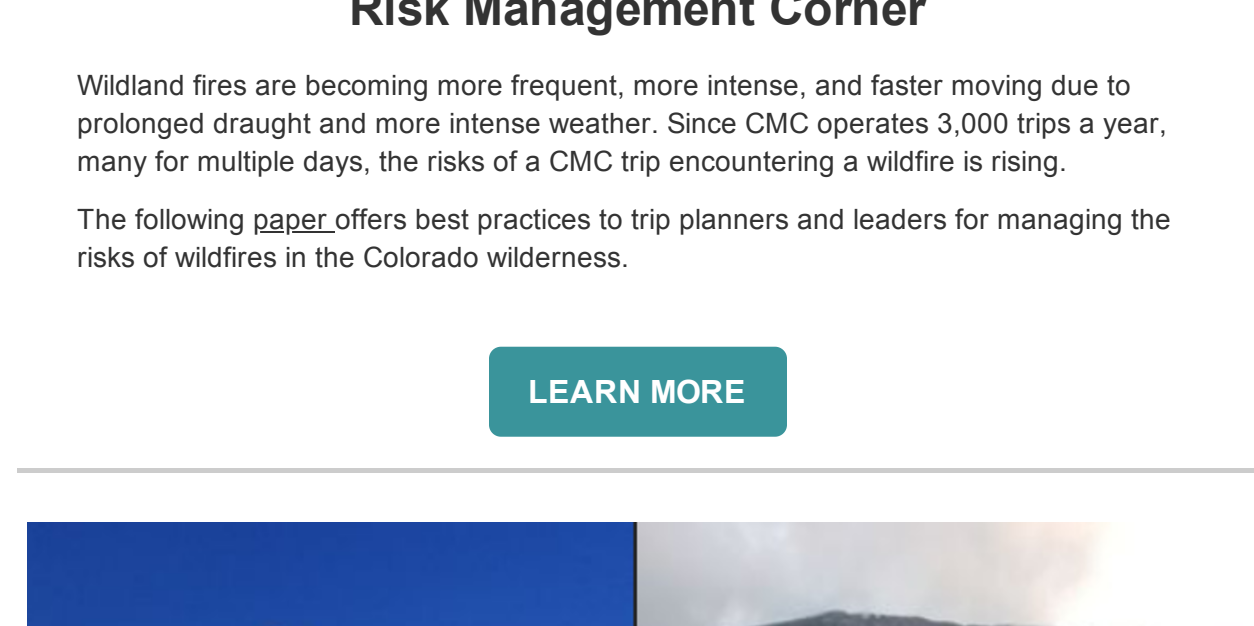
*Once your need is filled please let graham@cmc.org know and your posting will be removed.

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Permit Applications due Aug 1

All USFS winter requests are due by August 1. USFS winter months are from Nov 1 - May 31. The [CMC Guide to Permits](#) can be found on the CMC website under Leader Resources - For School Directors. Permit planning workshops will be held on July 11, 18, 25, and Aug 1. Visit the calendar for more information. On Aug 1, a Forest Service representative will join us for any last minute questions.

Before requesting new permits, please submit your actual use for any classes held in 2022 through [this form](#) (also found in the Guide to Permits document).



Risk Management Corner

Wildland fires are becoming more frequent, more intense, and faster moving due to prolonged drought and more intense weather. Since CMC operates 3,000 trips a year, many for multiple days, the risks of a CMC trip encountering a wildfire is rising.

The following [paper](#) offers best practices to trip planners and leaders for managing the risks of wildfires in the Colorado wilderness.

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Conservation Corner

Decalibron updates:

Check out our newest blog post providing the latest updates on access to the [Decalibron Loop](#).

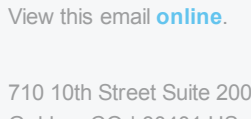
Protected Places Hikes:

The Denver Group Conservation & Trails Committee has a new program this year featuring hikes into Protected Places. These can include wilderness areas; study areas; roadless areas; and why they're protected. The program also is looking at some places where the protections aren't as good as they might be, for various reasons.

Leaders who want to add "Protected Places" hike to a trip description are welcome to contact [Steve Bonowski](#) for information about your destination. Steve hasn't been everywhere in Colorado, but he is a 40 year member of CMC with much experience.

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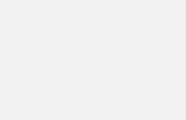
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