



COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB THE LEAD

# When winter hands you lemons...



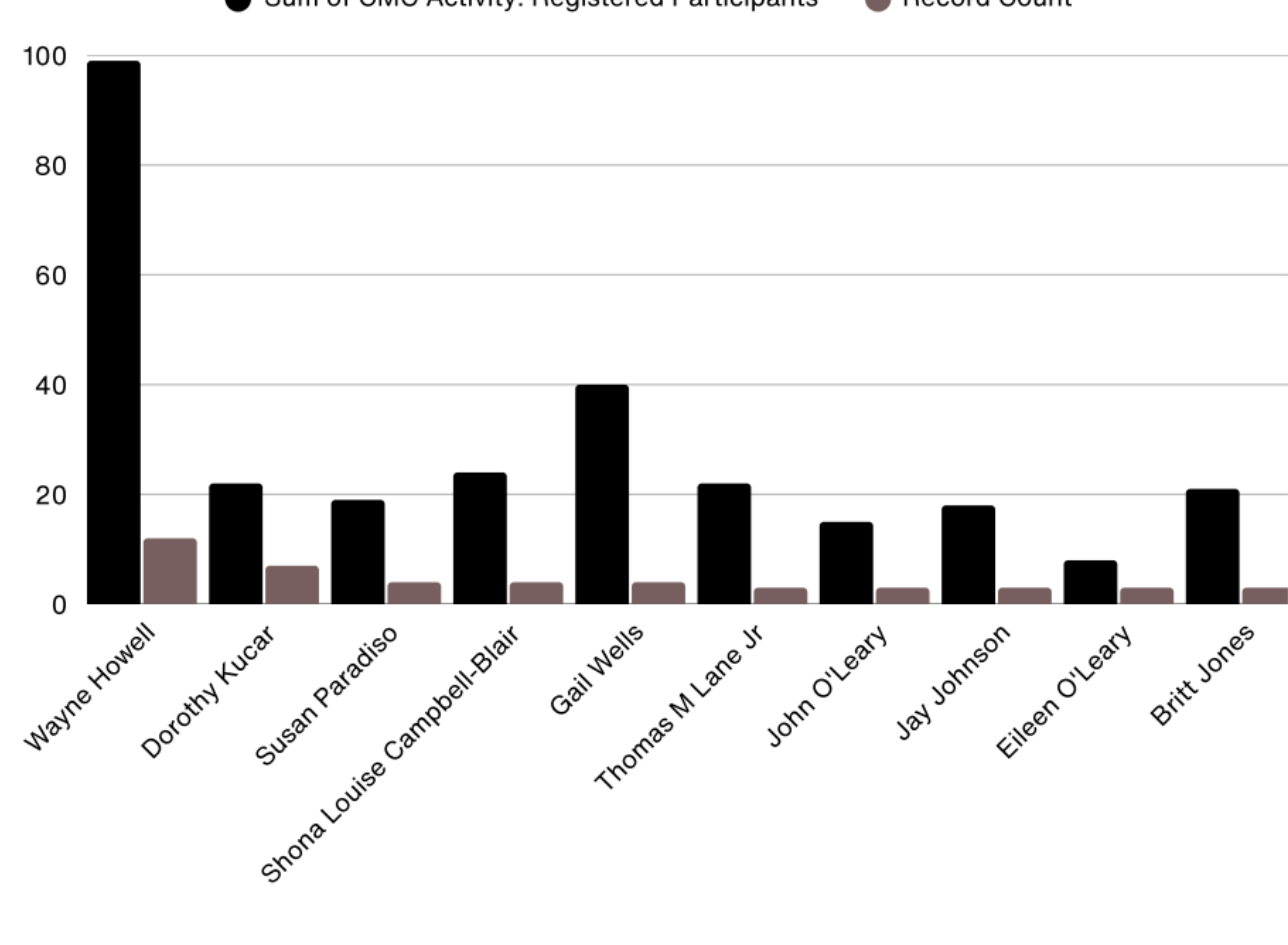
How are **you** making the most of CO's abnormal winter conditions?

CMC's Trailblazers "blaze on" during an unseasonably warm hike to the Three Sisters area. Photo taken Feb 1, 2026

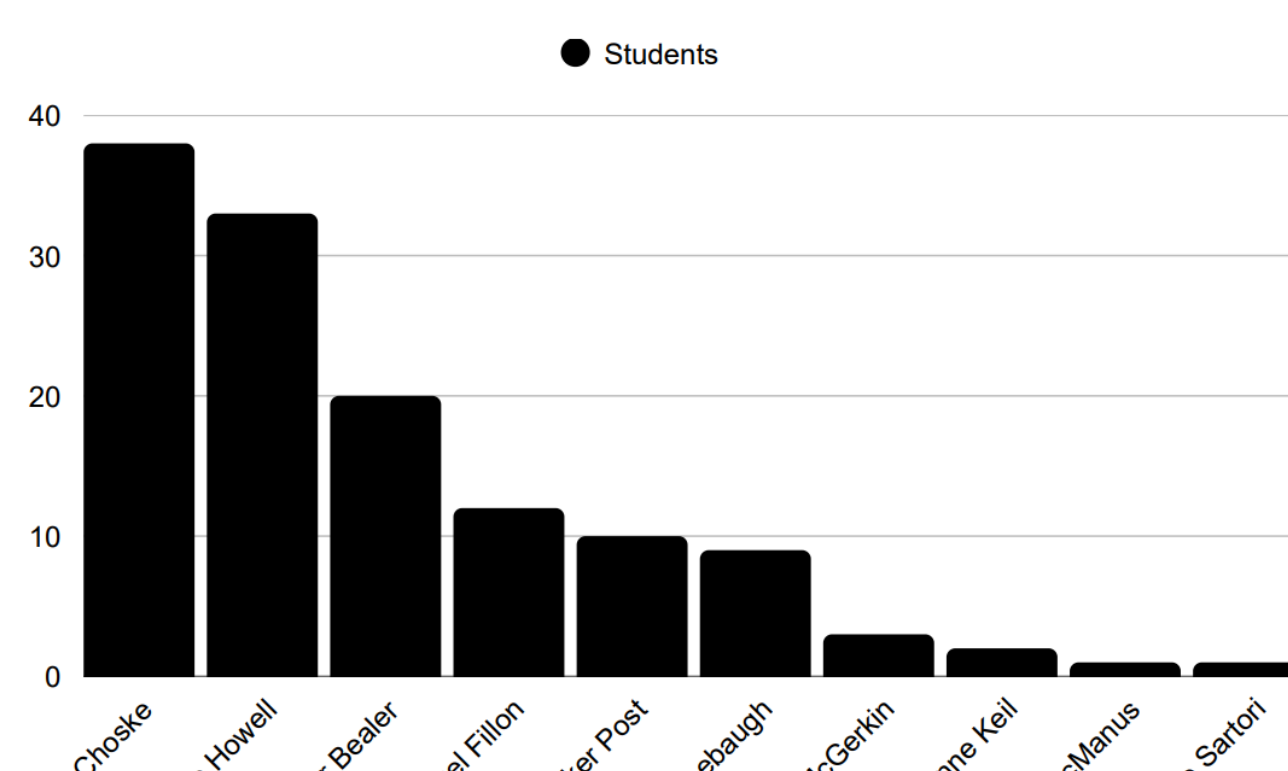
CMC member Ula Tyl

## Volunteer Shout-Outs

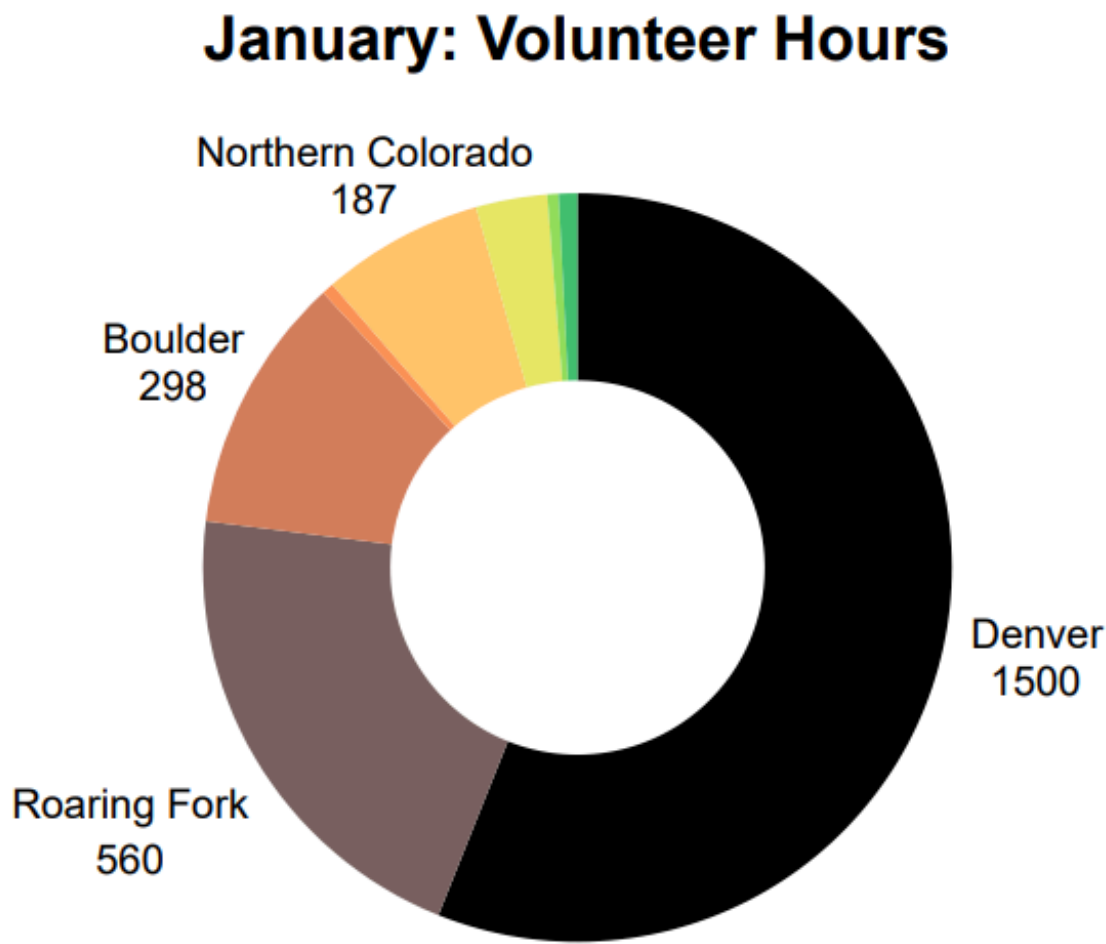
### JANUARY: TOP 10 Trip Leaders



### JANUARY: TOP 10 Instructors



### January: Volunteer Hours



### JANUARY: Feedback Spotlight (NoCo)

“Leaders **Scott** and **Bill** have invaluable knowledge of RMNP and seemed to rarely have to use navigation (Gaia) during the snow shoe trip. This was amazing since we were off trail in fresh powder at least 75% of the trip! What a most wonderful snow shoe trip and GREAT way to end the snow shoe season since no other trip will beat it!”

— CMC Member

## School Highlights



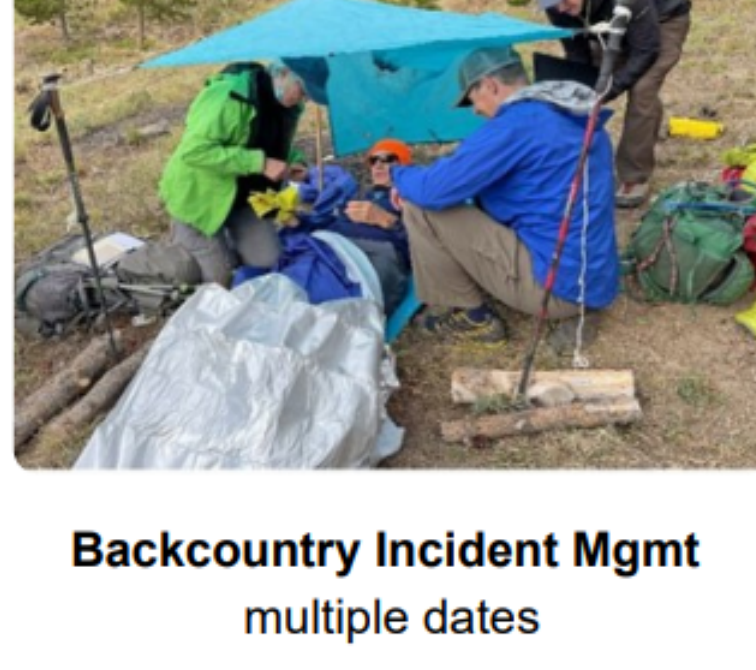
**Basic Snowshoe School**  
multiple dates



**Alpine Climbing School**  
March 4-May 2



**Boulder Mountaineering School**  
March 9-May 1



**Backcountry Incident Mgmt**  
multiple dates

Looking to get your course/trip advertised in the next *Lead*, *Rucksack*, or on Instagram? Fill out the [Marketing Form](#)

## Upcoming Events

JOIN CMC IN CHEERING ON TEAM USA

**WATCH PARTY**

FEB 20th 12-5pm

EXACT CHANGE PRESENTS

**BEST DAY EVER**

BEST DAY EVER MOVIE

JOIN US AT CMC

FEBRUARY 24 - 7-9 PM

\$20 ENTRY - INCL. 1ST DRINK

15605 W 32ND AVE. GOLDEN, CO

TICKETS AT CMC ORS-EVENTS-ORMA OPENING RECEPTION 2026 02-24

PURCHASE TICKET HERE

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

DENVER | MARCH 6-8

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY

CMC ADULT ED PRESENTS

**OPEN CLIMB NIGHT**

SPOTS ARE LIMITED. REGISTER NOW!

FREE COST \$5

March 19

April 16

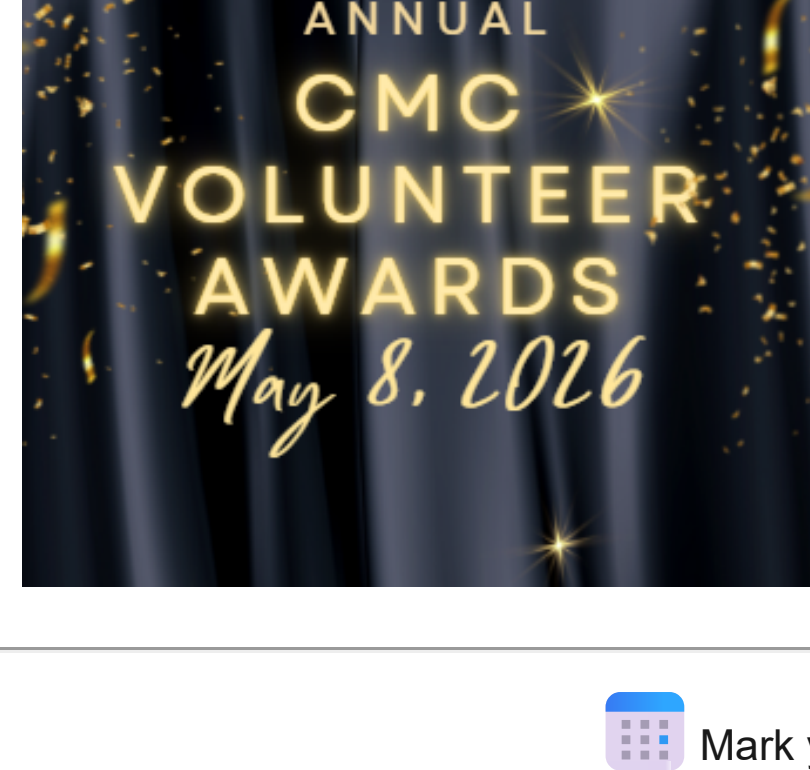
**2026 LEADERSHIP summit**

SAVE THE DATE: OCT 10

Details to come!

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Each year, the CMC proudly presents several awards to members of our community that go above and beyond to give back to our wild places, mentor the next generation of mountaineers, or volunteer their time to make the CMC even better in the future.

Make sure to [submit your nomination here](#) for the 2026 Carl Blaurock and 2026 Gudy Gaskill awards.

[RSVP Here](#)

Mark your calendars:  
**SCHOOL DIRECTORS CALL - April 27 @ 6pm**  
[RSVP](#)

## Historical Highlight



With the Winter Olympics upon us, we are highlighting the history of Ski Mountaineering in Colorado and with the Colorado Mountain Club.

[Check out the Blog Post](#)

Calling all history buffs! We are always looking for fun and interesting facts to add to our blog and Historical Highlights. Contact [ashley@cmc.org](mailto:ashley@cmc.org) if you'd like to be featured in next month's Lead.

## Risk Management Corner



### February Risk Management Corner

As we head into the new year, the CMC Risk Management team has completed its review of incident reports on record through December 2025. We want to share a few high-level observations that should be on every trip leader's radar.

[Read the Blog](#)

## CMC Volunteer of the Month



### February Volunteer of the Month: Lena Gerber

I've been with the CMC for 5 years. I've been involved every year with Alpine Climbing School, leading two teams over the past couple of years. I also joined the Boulder Group Council as the Conservation Chair last year. One of my favorite moments with the Club has been watching one of my students overcome her fear of heights and complete a technical ridge climb! You can find me sport climbing all over the country or trail running around Boulder.

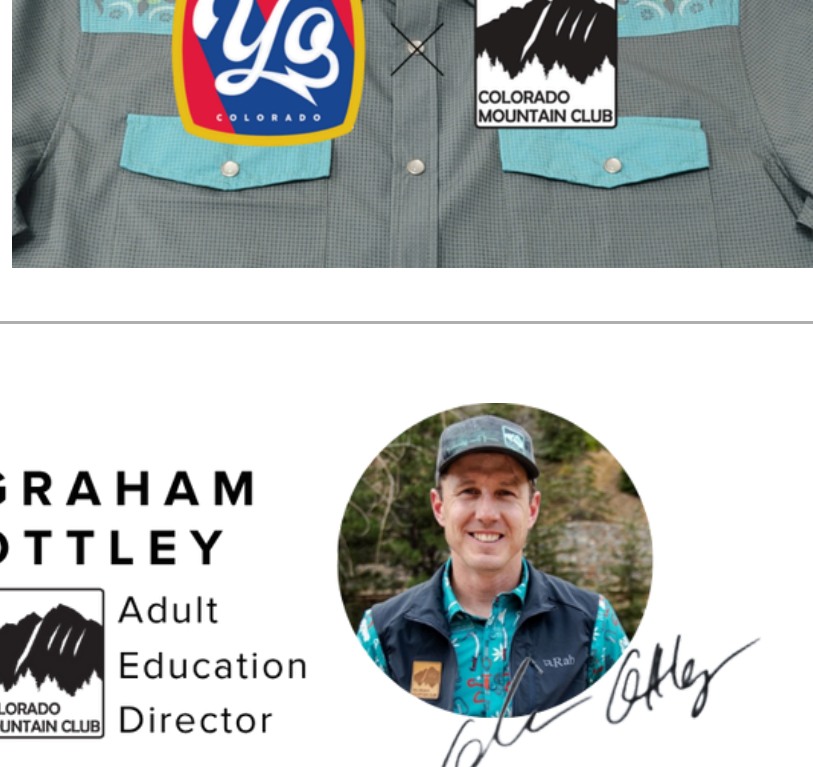
Thank you for your service Lena!

Nominate next month's Volunteer of the Month here: [\[LINK\]](#)

## CMC's new Colorado Adventure Tech Shirt have arrived and are ready for your order!

CMC members can now pre order the NEW CMC Adventure Tech Shirt designed by CMC member and volunteer Joshua Gluck in collaboration with Yo! Colorado!

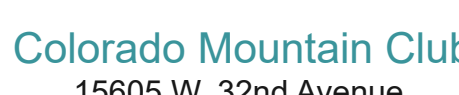
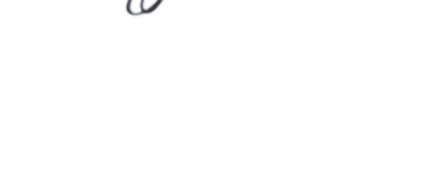
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