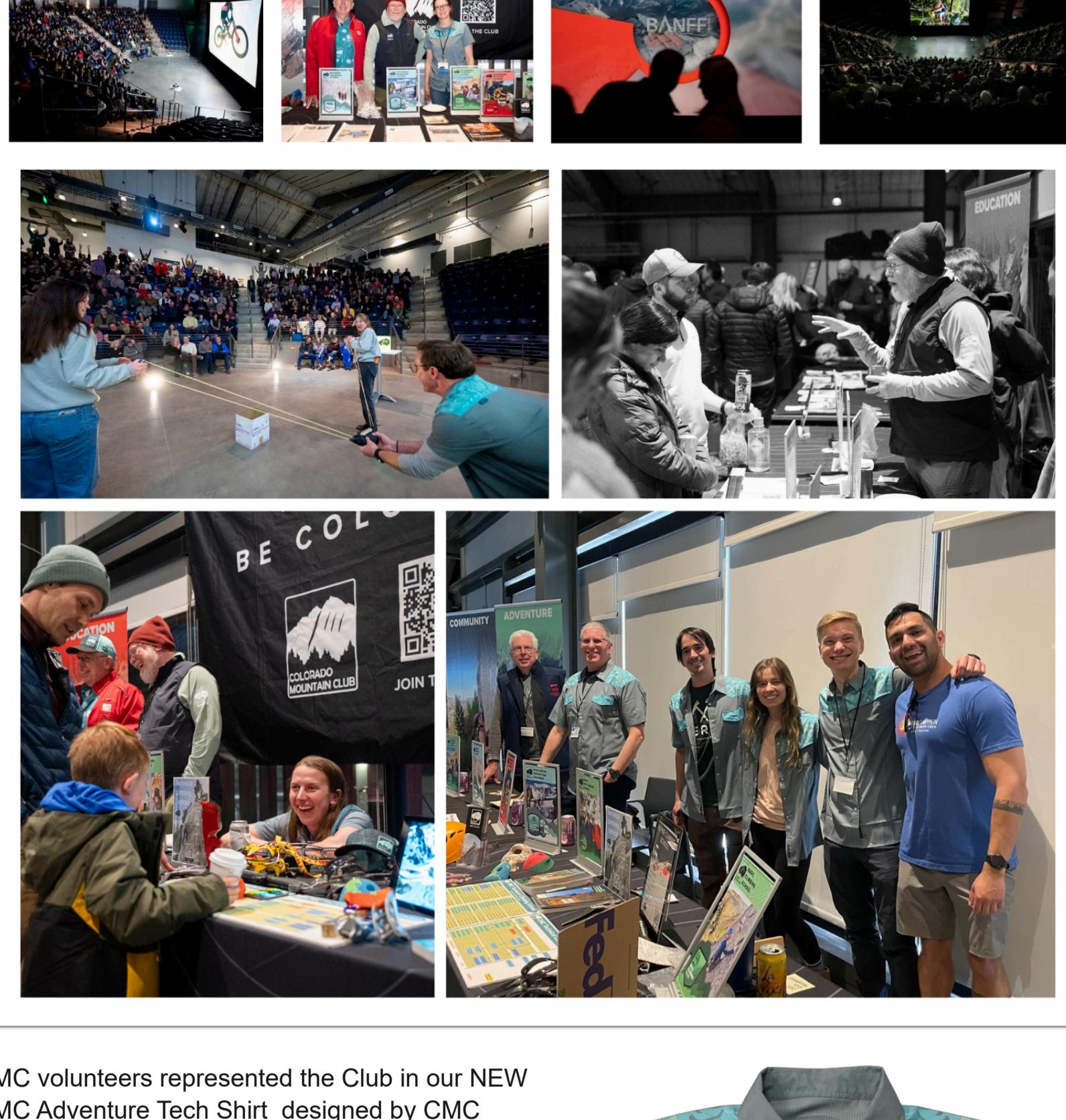




## Thank you for your support at BANFF!

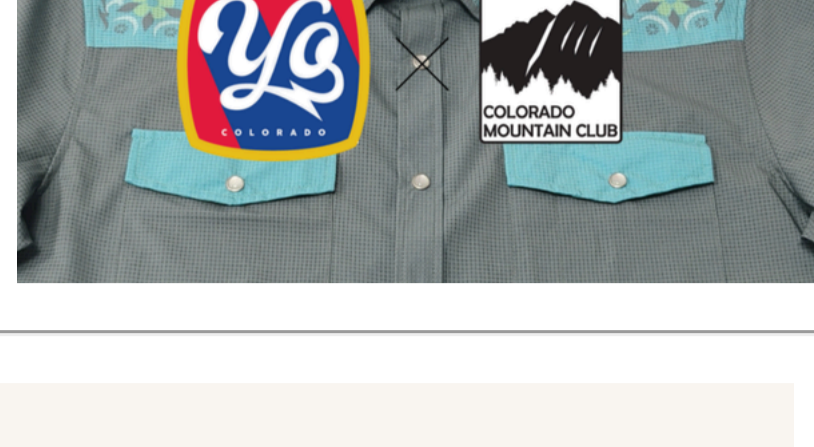
Another successful year of BANFF in the books. Congratulations to CMC's Chief Communications Officer, **Ashley Hanlon** and the CMC team that helped make it possible. We had four showing over three days, sold out two nights, and brought in over 1,200 people to the showings! Thank you again to everyone that came to support.



CMC volunteers represented the Club in our NEW CMC Adventure Tech Shirt designed by CMC member and volunteer Joshua Gluck in collaboration with Yo! Colorado!

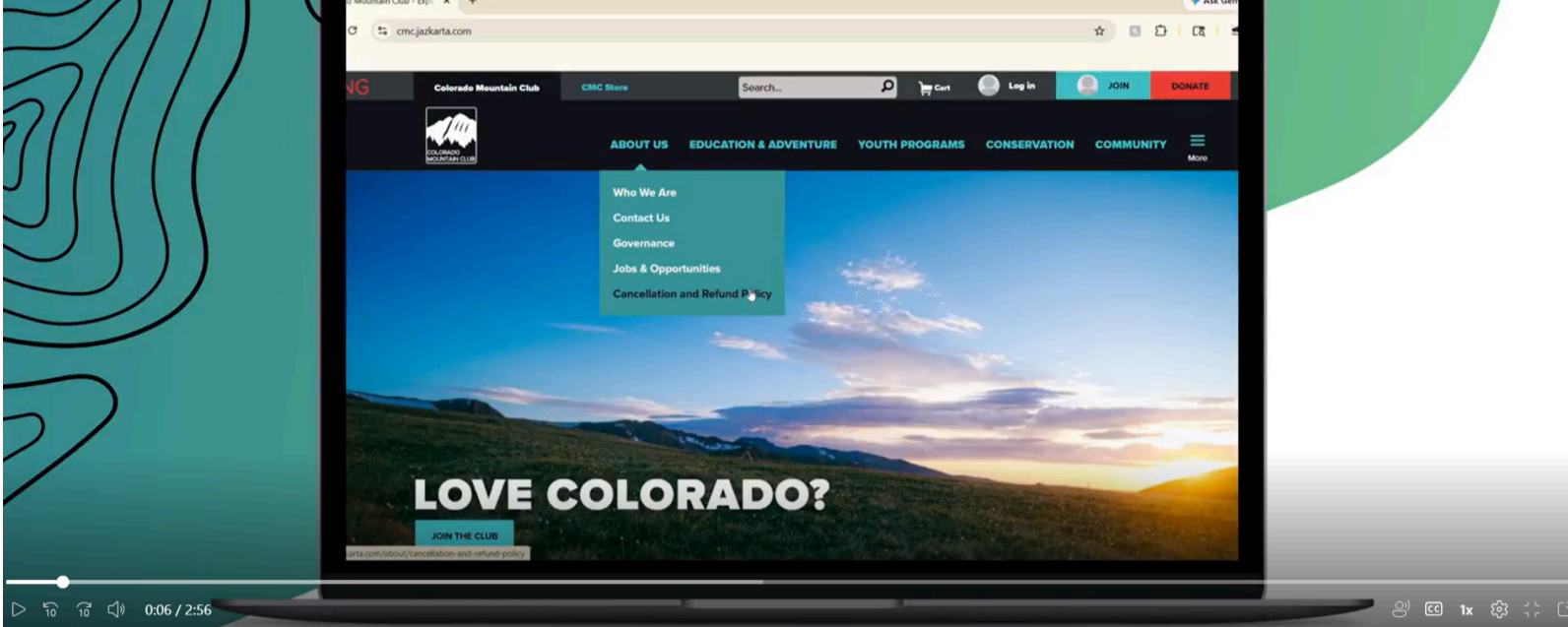
CMC members can now order their own!

[Learn More!](#)



## Important Updates

We are making some exciting updates to our Homepage and Navigation to help members and guest find our trips and courses with ease.



[Watch the Video HERE](#)



### March Volunteer of the Month: Daniel Glatter / Western Slope Group

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 Colorado Mountain Club (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 have been a Wilderness First Responder since 2023. I love hiking, climbing mountains, and traveling. I have hiked and climbed mountains in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Since I have been back in Colorado, as a member of the CMC Western Slope Group (WSG), I have lead hikes in Colorado National Monument, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, among other places. I recently became the Schools Director for the CMC WSG, and I am grateful for the opportunity of serving in this position! I have enjoyed working with the members of the CMC WSG Council.

Personally, I hope to complete the Colorado fourteeners (I've climbed 41) and perhaps the centennials in the next few years.

**Thank you for stepping up as School Director for the Western Slope Group, Daniel!**

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

## Upcoming Events



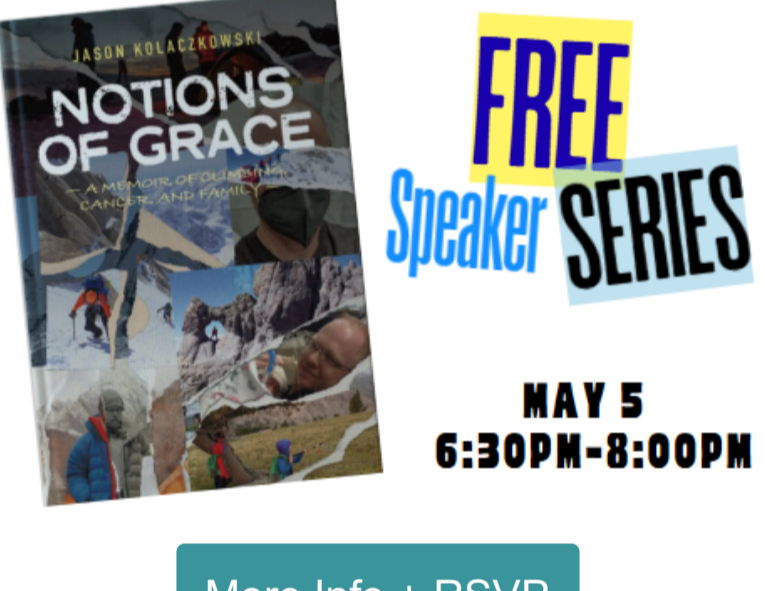
Photo Credit: John Fielder

### 14'er Climb: Summit 2026

In 2026, as the nation commemorates 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Colorado invites you to reach new heights! We're reimagining the spirit of the 1976 Bicentennial with a breathtaking challenge. The American 250 - Colorado 150 Commission, in partnership with the Colorado Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry, is orchestrating a once-in-a-lifetime "14er" climb during the summer of 2026. This event will unite outdoor enthusiasts to summit these peaks. Aspiring climbing teams will apply for a chance to be part of this historic moment, with peak assignments tailored to experience levels.

CMC has centered itself in this event and will be creating the registration for folks joining these teams. The first step is finding leaders and we are looking to CMC volunteers to gauge interest and availability to lead some of these teams. Please complete the following form to state your availability, interest in leading, and preferred peaks. This is not an application or assignment of peaks, simply interest so we know what CMC can offer in terms of leadership as we work with the Summit 2026 steering committee and partner organizations to fill out teams for as many 14ers as possible.

[14'er Trip Leader Interest Form](#)



[More Info + RSVP](#)



[Get Your Tickets!](#)



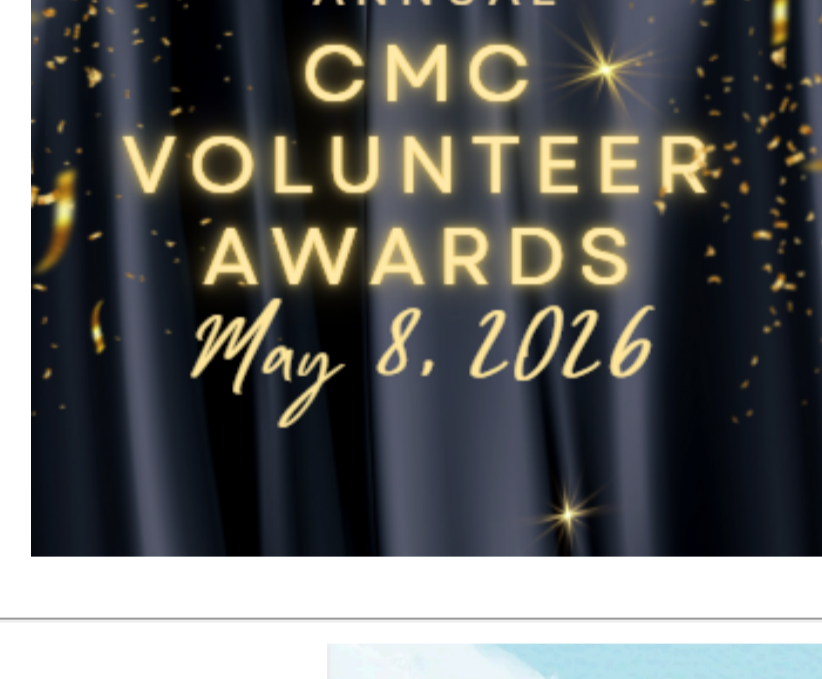
### School Director's Call

APRIL 27, 2026 / 6:00 - 7:30pm

This is part of our monthly Leadership Meeting series. This meeting is for School Directors and interested instructors to discuss 2026 updates.

[RSVP Here](#)

### SAVE THE DATE:



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.

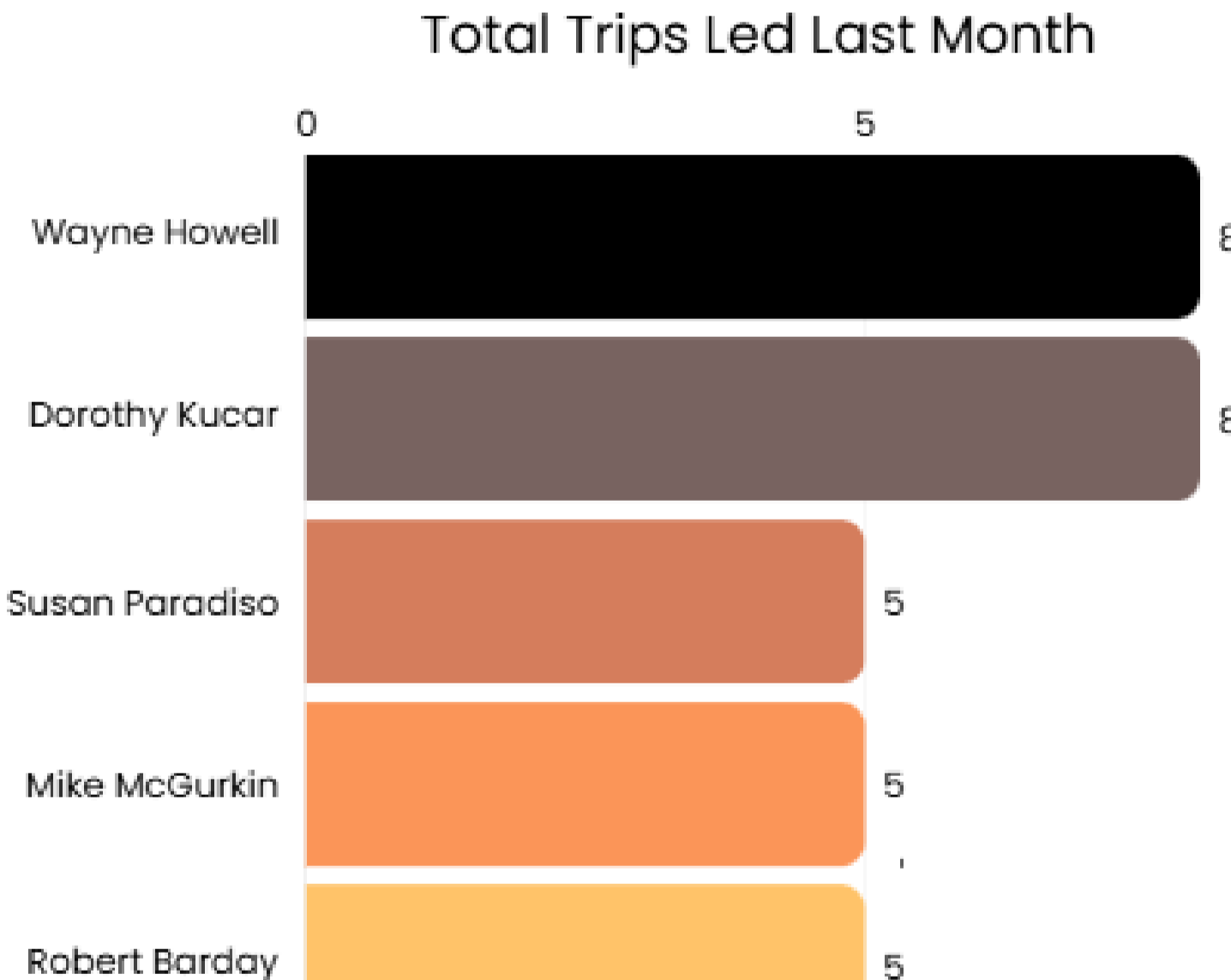
Make sure to **submit your nomination here** for the 2026 Carl Blarock and 2026 Gudy Gaskill awards. **(Due by March 31)**

[RSVP Here](#)

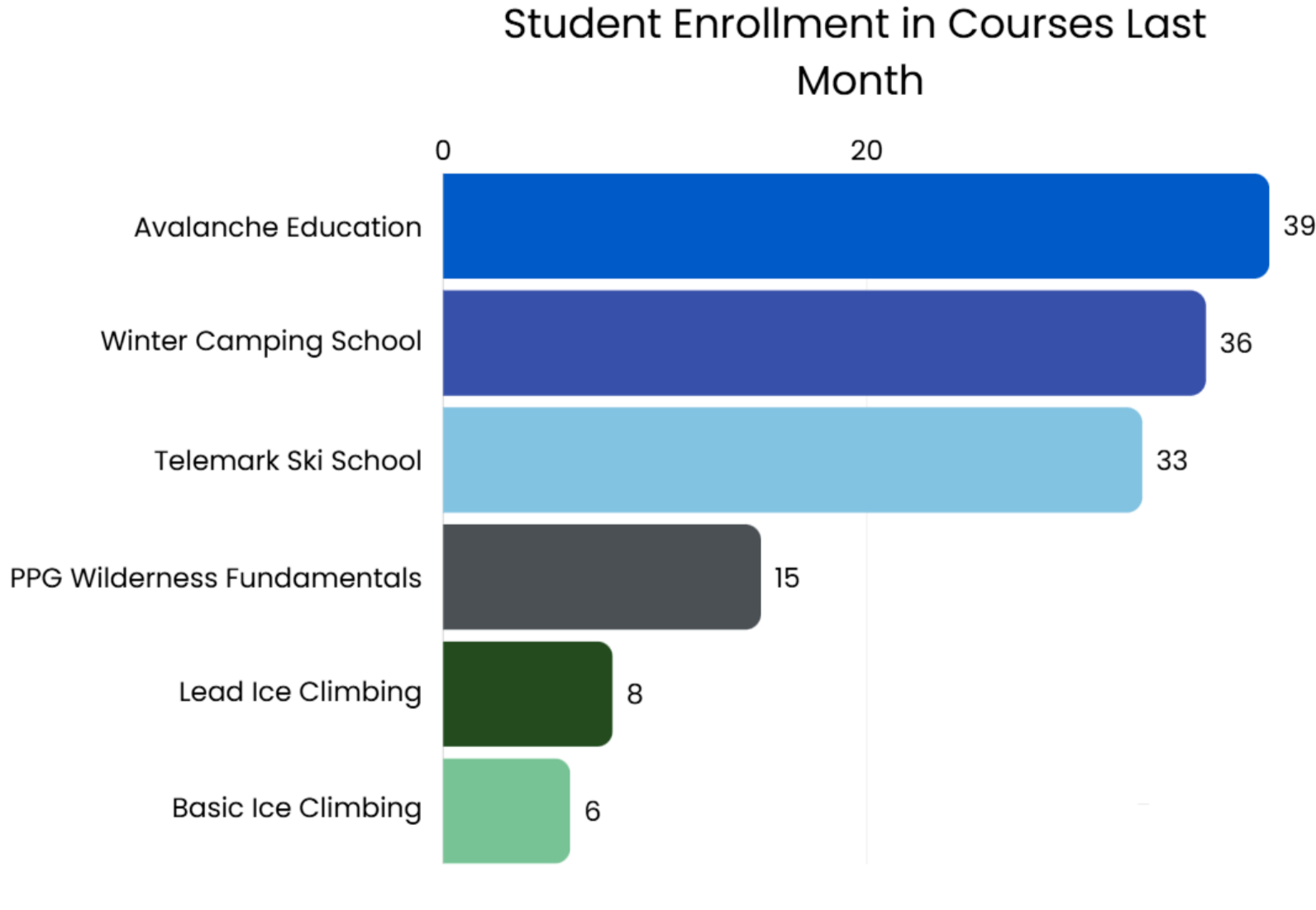


## Volunteer Shout-Outs

### Total Trips Led Last Month



### Student Enrollment in Courses Last Month



## Historical Highlight



With over 6,000 members and decades of trips and adventures in the Colorado Mountain Club, there have surely been countless moments when two members found themselves in the same place at the same time, perhaps without ever realizing it.

Lifetime member, Judith Childers, wonders who else in the Club was at the First Annual Frisco Gold Rush Ski Touring Race in 1971.

[Read more on her 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*.

[Check out the Blog Post!](#)

## Risk Management Corner

### Preventive Search and Rescue (PSAR) Series - By Kieth Stinebaugh

Check out this new series put together by Kieth Stinebaugh, representative of the Risk Management Committee and Boulder Group. This month he is highlighting a foundational PSAR document: the [CMC Leader Manual](#). Starting with a focus on Chapter 5 to discuss **preparations at the trailhead** as part of actions on a trip or in class.

The key message: don't just say a quick "hello" and start up the trail. Every leader should ensure the group knows the plan, understands expectations for pace and breaks, and knows who's leading front and rear along with communication protocols.

#### Best practices beyond the manual:

- **Share your emergency plan** — ask who on the team has first aid experience, let the team know where the first aid kit and the Incident Management cards are located, and who takes charge if the leader is injured?
- **Discuss emergency comms**, especially if you'll be out of cell range. A quick demo of your SOS device (like a Garmin inReach) goes a long way.
- **If carrying radios, do a comms check** to confirm everyone's on the same channel.

*Next month: steps to take while on the trip.*



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