



Denver Leader News

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Know Your DS&L Committee

Debbie Robak has been a member of CMC since 2002 and an active and popular trip leader since 2008. She has completed a half dozen CMC schools and took basic rock climbing in Utah, where she gained experience scrambling the canyons of Utah and Nevada. A retired RN 1st assistant in surgery, Deb is Denver Group Director of Safety, where she leads the committee's accident prevention program, heads accident and incident investigations and publishes the bi-monthly Denver Leader Safety e-newsletter. One of her key safety programs is Denver Group's annual Leader Appreciation Night, which includes the annual Denver safety review, to be held this year on September 22nd (see LAN notice, this issue)

Scholarships for AIARE Avalanche School

Limited funds are available for AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Scholarships for the January, 2012 Avalanche school. The amount of each award will be approximately 50% of the normal student fee, which currently is \$240. The exact number of scholarships to be awarded will not be known until late-November, but we anticipate approximately seven scholarships. The first four awards will be made in late-October, but additional grants may be awarded in late-November, as additional funds become available. Seven class seats will be reserved for scholarship recipients. Scholarships will be distributed between Denver skiing, climbing and snowshoe leaders, based on the number trips-led during FY 2011 (from the CMC "Trip Count" database), training completed (from CMC individual "Training Records" database) and history of volunteer service to CMC (a subjective ranking by the DS&L committee). Scholarship awards also may be considered for selected new trip leaders. The Denver Safety & Leadership Committee will approve all selections. Deadline for filing is October 10th. Applicants will be notified of their status after the October 17th DS&L selection date. Download a scholarship application form and instructions at <http://www.hikingdenver.net/trip-leaders/trip-leader-training>.

Thanks so much!

Leader Appreciation Night September 22nd



Don't miss it! Denver Group's annual "Leader Appreciation Night" will begin at 6:00 p.m. featuring free pizza and beer, the Denver annual safety review at 7:00 pm, and recognition of outstanding Denver trip leaders. Leader Appreciation

Night is successor to last year's "Leader Summit," which more than 100 Denver leaders attended. Events include a great social hour for Leaders-Only, followed by several short but interesting safety presentations. Awards will include "Rookie of the Year." Sign-up is requested so we will know how many pizzas to order. See sign-up at <http://cmc.org/events/eventdetails.aspx?EventID=2520>.



4th & Union Park-n-Ride is Closed

The Coldspring Park-n-Ride at 4th & Union is now closed. It has been replaced by the new Federal Center Station on W. 2nd Place and Routt Street. The parking area is accessible from Union Blvd. via W. 2nd Place. See map at <http://www3.rtd-denver.com/elbert/news/index.cfm?id=1610>

Centennial Celebration Hikes

CMC will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2012. Among the many events being planned is the Centennial Celebration Climbs program. Centennials are the 100 top ranked peaks in Colorado. Trips may begin now and continue through December 31, 2012. You may e-mail bdwyer192@gmail.com and indicate the trip(s) you wish to lead. Once signed up, you will be responsible to schedule the trip(s) in the CMC online schedule within a reasonable period of time and complete the trip by the end of 2012. Leaders will be provided instructions, formats and assistance that will hopefully streamline their participation. A spreadsheet is available from the cmc.org website homepage.



Any Fall May Require Follow-up Actions

Members who are apparently uninjured or not seriously injured from a fall or other incident on the trail often later seek medical treatment. Such an event could expose the leader and the Club to a liability if not handled reasonably. One reasonable approach to a fall or other incident where injury could have been more serious may be to advise the member to “please seek medical attention if you believe it necessary.” Incidents involving a head strike, even a nose bleed, might be advised to consider not driving until certain there is no hidden injury. Legal defense is enhanced with a witness or documentation. Leaders might note in the final trip report that, “(named member) fell and received minor or no apparent injury, walked out unassisted and was advised to seek medical attention. [if incident involved a head strike] and was offered a ride home or to a clinic.” A final step might be to email a day or two later to ask if the member is still OK and whether they sought medical attention. If medical attention was sought, the leader must file a formal accident report. Download a copy at http://www.hikingdenver.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Incident_Injury_Illness-Report-Form-2009.pdf

2011 Hunting Season*

Hunting season has already begun for some types of hunting:

- Archery: August 15 – November 30
- Muzzle-loading: September 10 – October 29
- Rifle: October 1 – December 14

Before hitting the trail, take time to suit up with brightly colored protective outerwear. Please be sure to wear safety clothing such as an orange vest and/or orange ball cap as well as tie an orange kerchief on the back of your pack. When leading a group in areas where hunting is allowed, it is a good idea to have both the front and rear leader wearing orange or having orange on a backpack and keep the group more closely together.

*Date ranges include various areas; for specific information go to: www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/SeasonDatesAndFees/

Volunteer Service Awards

Have you met a special trip leader, trail crew volunteer, school instructor or director, social coordinator or office volunteer who deserves recognition of his/her contributions at the 2011 Annual denver Dinner? If so, please e-mail Sherry Richardson at sherry@richardsonreporting.com to nominate that special someone for a volunteer service award or Volunteer of the Year. Also include the candidate’s name, volunteer activities, background and the reason you believe he/she is deserving of the award. Deadline October 1, 2011.



New Volunteer Denver Trip Leaders

Congratulations and a big thank you to recently certified Denver trip leaders: Tim Kish, Nick Weighton, Margaret Turner, Debbie Markham, Harold Neely, Roy Mann, Nancy McDermott and Matthew Biscan.