



Denver Leader News

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Know Your DS&L Committee

Martha Mustard joined CMC in 1974 within days after arriving in Denver. She took BMS and IRC and taught BMS. She left CMC to volunteer with Rocky Mountain Rescue for several years. But she came back to CMC, big-time, in 2001. Martha now serves as Director of Denver Trip Leader School, as a Master Instructor for WTS, as a committee member on the WTS Committee, the Denver S&L Committee and the CMC State Safety and Leadership Committee. She retired in 2007 from a career in civil engineering, as a hydrologist for U. S. Geological Survey. Martha is a treasured resource for DS&L.



New Denver Avalanche Training Program

A new Denver avalanche training program becomes effective October 1, 2011. Denver's former 12-hour, Avalanche Awareness School did not serve any user group well. It offered too little training for winter backcountry users and too much training for non-backcountry. In the future, avalanche training will be required on two levels.

CURRENT TRIP LEADERS

(CERTIFIED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2011),
WILL BE GRANDFATHERED-IN TO THEIR
CURRENT QUALIFICATIONS AND MAY
OPERATE UNDER CURRENT POLICIES FOR
FIVE YEARS.

New trip leaders (certified after September 30, 2011) must complete AIARE Level 1 training before leading backcountry trips. AIARE Level 1 training is available through commercial providers. All other new winter trip leaders must take a 3-hour, Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA) class provided by CMC avalanche instructors.

Contact John Walters at J.Walt@comcast.net for more details.

2011 New Trip Leaders

Congratulations and a big thank you to all who recently completed certification as Denver trip leaders: Tracie Mucha, Brian Le Blanc, Richard Moore, Jeff Speake, Carol Shansby, Sarah Thompson, Neil Schliemann, Margie Schliemann, Kris Ashton, Carole Adler, Martin O'Grady, Angie Parris-Raney.



First LOST Hike a Success

The first Leaders-Only Scouting Trip (LOST) was co-led with great success by John Walters and Linda Lawson on May 28th around Deer Creek/Rosalie/Tanglewood Loop. Participants included brand new to very senior leaders, who connected, or reconnected, by sharing knowledge and lore of the Colorado mountains. The trip took longer than usual because of all the stopping to talk, question, answer and tell tales. LOST hikes will be scheduled monthly by various experienced leaders.



Leader Appreciation Night

Please mark your calendars:

Leaders-Only
Thursday, September 22nd,
6 p.m. at AMC

Free pizza and beer

Leader recognition and accident reviews.



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.



Survive in the Wilderness by Avoiding Accidents

The first rule of survival in the wilderness is to avoid accidents. Laurence Gonzales has studied accidents and their roots for 35 years. His *Deep Survival*, 2003, is a classic on safety and a “must read” for mountain adventurers. The first half of the book describes why and how accidents happen, the second half explains the attitude set of accident survivors. One of his best quotes is:

“Accidents have to happen, but they don’t have to happen to you and me.”

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Trip Leader Photos

CMC’s reputation for hospitality might be improved if more leaders would place a head photo and short note in the leader info link on the trip scheduler. New members, especially, like to know something about a leader they are considering signing up with, and be able to recognize that leader at the meeting place. This is one of the many small things we leaders can do to be more accommodating to new members.



Hourly Point Weather Forecasts, in Detail

Did you ever consider cancelling a trip based on forecast weather and wish you knew when the worst of it might hit your trail? Check out the National Weather Service’s point forecast and hourly weather at:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=39.75999140525313&lon=-105.2325439453125&site=bou&unit=0&lg=en&FcstType=text>.

Drag and zoom the map to your exact trail and click for a point forecast. Then check the hourly forecasts for that point at the bottom right of the page. Fabulous info!

