



Denver Leader News

The newsletter for Denver Leaders of the Colorado Mountain Club

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Volunteer of the Year Honored

[Linda Lawson](#) was honored as CMC Denver's Volunteer of the Year at Denver's Annual Dinner in November. Linda stood out for her leadership as Denver Council's chairperson during difficult times, innovative solutions to group problems, willingness to take on any task, involvement in a large number of schools and activities and as one of Denver's most prolific and respected trip leaders.

Superleaders Recognized at Annual Dinner

Six of Denver's finest leaders received Service Awards at the Denver Group's Annual Dinner:

- [Tim Musil](#), Leader, WTS Master Instructor and Adventure Travel Committee Member
- [Jeanette Kehoe](#), Leader and Director Wilderness First Aid School
- [Bob Dawson](#), Leader, Instructor for BMS, HAMS and WTS and prior DG Council member
- [Deb Kirk](#), Leader, Director BMS, former Denver Group Council Member, WFA Instructor
- [Dan Kinzie](#), Leader and Instructor for BKPS, WFA, BRC and Avalanche Schools
- [Todd Felix](#), Leader and Director Basic Rock and Basic ice Climbing Schools



2010 New Trip Leaders

Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone who completed trip leader training in 2010: [David Riter](#), [Jeff Sillik](#), [Susan Henley](#), [Mark Miller](#), [John Manzione](#), [Chris Bartle](#), [Kay Kenfield](#), [Alan Chudnow](#), [Frank Barber](#), [Marty Billings](#), [Tim Hill](#), [Patrick McKinley](#), [Jim Peterson](#), [Iain Saunderson](#), [Frank Burzynski](#), [Tony Chen](#), [Warren May](#), [Linda James](#), [Thom Curtis](#), [David Sanders](#), [Derek Taylor](#), [Tom Caprio](#), [Nicolas Browne](#), [David Miller](#), [Rich Allen](#), [David Cassin](#), [Richard Yost](#), [Eileen O'Leary](#), [Bob Hunter](#), [Cindy Bero](#).

Emergency Contact Info

Please ask members on your trip whose emergency contact info is missing on the roster to update their personal info at www.cmc.org. Such info is used for more than notifying survivors. It also has been used to inform family or friends of missing, injured, ill and even well but very late returning members.



Centennial Anniversary, Centennial Peaks

CMC will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2012. To help celebrate the anniversary club members will climb all the centennial peaks (top 100 ranked peaks) during 2011 and 2012. Right now each group is allowed to reserve peaks in their own "backyard." Eventually a list of the "unreserved" peaks will be sent to all groups. Unreserved peaks will go to individual leaders on a first come basis. The leader who signs up first to lead a trip to that peak reserves the peak. A specific date will not be required at the time of the reservation. Peaks may be climbed at any time of the year. If you are interested in leading a trip up one or more of the centennial peaks in either 2011 or 2012, please email [Beth Dwyer](mailto:Beth.Dwyer@comcast.net), Beth.dwyer@comcast.net, with your name and which peak(s) you would like to climb.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULING ROOMS @ AMC

To schedule conference rooms, auditorium, etc. contact:

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Please indicate both the time you need the room and the START TIME of your event in addition to any equipment (PC projector, Flip chart, etc) needed.



A Hikes

Expect A-hikes to include new members and even first-time hikers who don't yet know the ropes. Most common problems: don't know the meeting place, late shows, no-shows, wrong clothing, deficient gear, short on ten essentials, couldn't find what they were looking for on the website and don't know what to expect. You can forestall a lot of A-hike problems with a detailed email two days before trip, ask at meeting place if we have any new members and ask new members to ride with leader. Please be patient and tolerant with new members.

New Denver Group Website

Members have long complained about not being able to find anything on www.CMC.org. The new Denver Group website, www.hikingdenver.net is well on its way to solving that problem. Denver Council, committee chairs, school directors and section chairs are reloading their info and materials onto the new website. We will continue using www.CMC.org, to schedule and manage trips. But for finding info about other Group activities, use our new website. Many thanks go to Council member and volunteer webmaster [Sharon Kratze](mailto:SharonKratze), who has donated hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to this new website.

Avalanche School

If you lead winter trips and haven't taken avalanche training in the past three years, don't forget to sign up for avalanche school this winter. Re-currency training is not required but strongly recommended. The January school is at capacity but the second school starts on February 22nd.

New CMC Denver Group Safety Letter

Beginning in February 2011, DS&L will begin publishing a bi-monthly Leader Safety Letter. The safety letter will publish summaries and lessons learned of accidents and incidents both outside and inside CMC as well as safety tips. [Debbie Robak](mailto:DebbieRobak), is editor. Debbie welcomes suggestions for tips at DebRobak@HikingDenver.net.

Jeffco Medley

Leader [John Walters](mailto:JohnWalters) will begin in January a new hike series, "Jeffco Medley." Each week a different Jeffco Open Space Park will be explored. Tuesday hikes will be repeated on Saturdays. Hikes will be listed for specific parks but exact trails will not be selected until two days before the hike, depending on weather and trail conditions. Pre-hike emails will provide details such as trail, mileage, elevation and whether snowshoes will be needed. This series will be ideal for winter hikers who want to avoid avalanche terrain. Signup online.



Beetle-Kill Hazard



Standing beetle-killed trees are still very much a problem in winter due to snow loading and winds that can snap weakened trunks. Be aware when hiking, snowshoeing or skiing in area with dead beetle-killed trees. Avoid dense patches of trees – they can fall without warning.

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