March 2017 News and Trips

Chair's Corner by Bob Collins

Bobcat members are special, slightly older athletes who treasure their good fortune to be able to hike the majestic Colorado mountains with fellow Bobcats. In my humble, but biased view, Bobcats are truly special because of their “one for all, all for one” safety-minded attitude. We look out for one another. At the TH, on and off the trail, trip leaders and trip participants alike, we routinely assess ourselves, our team, our equipment, and our environment for knowing what is happening, what it means, and what, if anything, to do about it. We bring a vigilant mentality of Situational Awareness to every trip. You guys amaze me.

Bob

CMC Hut Trip Opportunity

Our sister CMC Denver Group Section, Rocky-Mountain-Over-The-Hill-Gang, still
Rocky-Mountain-Over-The-Hill-Gang, still has spaces available for its annual overnight snowshoe trip. This year's destination is Chuck and Jay's cabins, part of the 10th Mountain Division system. The dates are Monday, February 27th through Wednesday, March 1st (two nights). The cabins are located on Shrine Pass, near Vail Pass. You can learn more about the cabins [here](#). And you can see trip details and sign up [here](#). The trip is open to RMOTHG Section members only, which costs only a modest $15/yr. Many Bobcats members belong to both Sections, because RMOTHG provides its own wonderful trips and social activities throughout the year.

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## March Trips

We offer nine trips this month. Sign up at the CMC Calendar by clicking the trip name.

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<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Leader(s)</th>
<th>Hike Name</th>
<th>Difficulty</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Thurs</td>
<td>Mar 9</td>
<td>Carol Munch</td>
<td>Burning Bear Trail</td>
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<td>Snowshoe 8 miles, 1200’ gain</td>
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<td>Fri</td>
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<td>Cheryl Ames</td>
<td>Mammoth Gulch</td>
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Thurs | Mar 23 | Carol Munch | Alberta Falls and the Loch RMNP | Moderate Snowshoe | 11 miles 940’ gain | CoorsTek Lot across from CMC | 6:45 am | 125/$12

Tues | Mar 28 | Cheryl Ames | Rock Creek Trail | Difficult Snowshoe | 8 miles 2000’ gain | CoorsTek Lot across from CMC | 7:00 am | 120/$12

Wed | Mar 29 | Durham Monsma & Robbie Monsma | Kenosha Pass East | Difficult Snowshoe | 10 miles 1950’ gain | The Fort pullout | 7:00 am | 90/$9

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**Calendar Suggestions and Etiquette**

Can't get the trip you want? Look first for another Bobcat trip. Try a new Bobcat Leader.....each is wonderful in his or her own way, and you may get to see some old friends, meet some new friends, and explore a different part of the mountains! Also check out Denver Group's long list of non-Bobcat trips, at the CMC Calendar.

If your chosen trip is full and no alternate Bobcat trip works for you, do not hesitate to join the wait list! **Wait lists almost always clear, even if at the last minute. So watch your email and check your wait-list status (or cancel out) by logging in at cmc.org>Membership>My Membership>My Trips.**

If you are not certain you can go when you sign up, please don't take a space "just in case." Consider waiting a few days to let the "certains" sign up first. This prevents lots of "churn" in the participant list. Your trip leaders thank you.

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**Who are the Bobcats?**

The Bobcats mission is to ensure a variety of challenging CMC trips, especially “B Difficult” and “C” hikes and Difficult Snowshoes, for our mostly age-50+ constituents. We may sponsor other activities of interest to our members, everything from bike rides to camping. Although we have members, our trips are non-exclusive. We welcome all CMC members to sign up for any Bobcats trip regardless of age or Bobcats membership.