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Denver Group Backpacking Section Formed



The **CMC Denver Backpacking Section** was officially authorized by Denver Group Council at their business meeting on September 11, 2019. The purpose of BPX is to promote backpacking as a core CMC activity, organize and coordinate backpacking trips, and give early notice to BPX members of BPX events.

The BPX Committee will now move ahead on developing our 2020 season of backpacking trips. BPX's entire 2020 schedule will be posted in March 2020, with the first activity scheduled for May. You will be notified by email as soon as the trips are scheduled. Until then, you will be updated periodically on the Section's plans and progress.

BPX's founding committee includes Jennie Popovich, director of Denver Backpacking School (who just completed a thru-hike of the CT,) Linda Lawson (long-term leader and volunteer AIARE School Director) and John Walters (over 10 years as a high volume trip leader and former DS&L Chair) as committee chair. Two or more Committee members are currently being sought to help manage the Section.

Most importantly, we are currently seeking backpacking trip leaders to lead BPX trips. If you may be interested in leading backpacking trips or helping with committee work, please see our contact info, below.

Some benefits of BPX membership include:

1. **Promotion**—BPX will promote backpacking as a core CMC activity
2. **More Trips**—BPX will create many more “general” backpacking trips than offered to Denver Group members in recent years
3. **Greater Variety**—BPX will offer a greater variety of trips, including easy and more difficult, overnights and multi-day, weekend and weekday, out-and-backs and loop trips, and with down time for fishing or exploring the area
4. **Earlier Scheduling**—BPX will post a list of summer trips in early spring, to give participants more time to plan their summer
5. **Advanced Notice**—BPX members will be kept informed on what's being planned and given email notice as soon as trips are available for registration
6. **Education**—BPX will offer backpacking articles and field training beyond Backpacking School

7. **Coaching**—BPX will help members with prior BP experience get started backpacking again
8. **Overnight Gear Checks**—BPX will offer overnight gear checks at local campgrounds to try out new gear before using it on an extended backpacking trip
9. **Newsletters**—BPX members will periodically receive published news
10. **Notices** – Members will periodically receive notice of coming events, including spots still open on posted trips

We recommend you go to your MY MEMBERSHIP on CMC.org and check the "backpacking" special interest of your personal profile page to be certain you will receive future updates directly.

Thanks for supporting BPX. We'll send you updates as we move forward.

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