

# Denver Safety and Leadership Newsletter May 2019



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## New Trip Leaders

Congratulations to Scott Kramer, Nick Quensel, Mark Andes, and Robert Richardt, who recently became Denver Group Trip Leaders. Please reach out to these new leaders and help them develop a following by offering to co-lead or sharing some of your favorite trips.

## BIG NEWS: Co-Leaders Now Get Trip-Leading Credit!

DS&L last month decided to credit trip co-leaders as well as leaders with leading trips. Chairman Kevin Schaal said the move will help new leaders transition into planning and leading their own trips during the year, following completion of trip leader requirements.



This change should also allow leaders to expand their rosters and split up an oversubscribed hike. This may help solve some of the wait list problem.

One other benefit of the new policy – it will help some leaders remain in Active status by co-leading at least one trip annually between October 1 and the following September 30.

## Members Want More Trips, Ask for 14'ers!

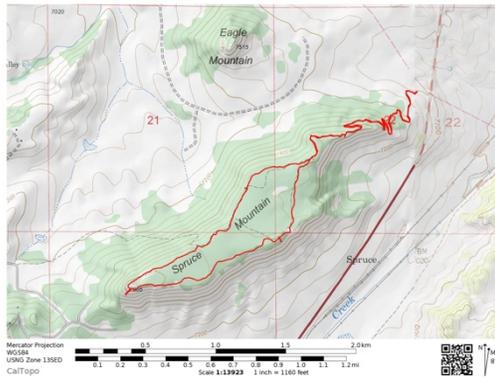


New club members – even veterans – get discouraged when trips fill quickly. Although waitlists usually clear, most members may not know that, or may know that but not believe it. But any member feels more comfortable with a calendar commitment.

Please consider upping your game this summer by adding more trips to your hiking calendar, particularly the lesser-known Fourteeners. Staff has received specific member requests for trips to Mt. Elbert, Mt. Bross, Mt. Lincoln, Mt. Massive, and Mt. Evans.

## We Have Our Own GPS Track Library, With Over 200 Tracks.

Kudos to Jeff Stevens for launching the [Track Manager Program](#), which has a growing library of CMC-led trip tracks for leader download. If you'd like more information or would like to contribute more tracks, please contact Jeff at [drjeffstevens@gmail.com](mailto:drjeffstevens@gmail.com).



## Leaders Still Needed for Summer New Member Hikes and 2019 Ascending Hikes, Series 2



### New Member Hikes Available

These New Member Trips remain available for adoption. They are linked to the Trip Edit page. Just change Robbie Monsma as the leader to yourself and change the contact box info. If Robbie's name is not there as leader or co-leader, that trip is already "taken." Questions? Contact Robbie at [remonsma@gmail.com](mailto:remonsma@gmail.com):

- Saturday 7/27 [Mt Falcon](#)
- Saturday 8/17 [Goliath Peak Straight up](#)
- Sunday 9/8 [Kenosha Pass West](#)
- Saturday 9/21 [Cub Creek](#)

## Ascending Hikes Available

These trips have been so popular, we are adding a second series. Although many have been taken, these trips remain available. Just change Jeff Stevens' name as the leader to yourself and change the contact box info. If Jeff's name is not there as leader, that trip is already "taken."



We also could use some short-notice and back-up leaders. These trips tend to attract long waitlists, which is discouraging for everyone. If you are willing to take a co-leader role on short notice or to take half the roster as leader on the same or next day (when you are available), please write Jeff Stevens at [drjeffstevens@gmail.com](mailto:drjeffstevens@gmail.com). A pool of back-up leaders would make everyone's life easier.

- Sunday 6/23 [Roxborough St. Park](#)
- Sunday 7/21 [Burning Bear Trail](#)
- Tuesday 7/23 [Grays Peak 14,278 ft](#)
- Sunday 7/28 [Silver Dollar & Murray Lakes](#)
- Sunday 8/25 [Herman Lake](#)
- Sunday 9/8 [Meadow Creek Trail](#)
- Sunday 9/29 [Mount Bierstadt 14,065 ft](#)

## Help Members Settle into the Club!



If you'd like to take a more active role serving fellow members, there are plenty of opportunities. At the moment Denver Group Council (Council) is seeking trip leader volunteers for the Denver Members Initiative Committee (DMIC). We meet via Zoom!

DMIC's mission is to encourage and support Denver Group members' engagement with the CMC. In other words, to make the Club more interesting and attractive for members. In its first 18 months of operations, DMIC has launched the new Day Hiker and Quick Start Schools as well as the Ascending Hikes, Beginner Snowshoe, and Track File Manager programs. It promotes specialty trips like Geology and Birding hikes. See the DMIC page at <https://cmcdenver.org/denver-member-initiatives-committee-dmic>.

Trip Leader or School Instructor status preferred (current, prior, or working on it). If you're interested in this project, please contact Council Co-Chair Robbie Monsma ([remonsma@gmail.com](mailto:remonsma@gmail.com)).

## CMC in the News

CMC's Roger Wendell, a trip leader, Denver Group Council member, and 40-year CMC member who works in Member Services, was recently quoted extensively in a May 19<sup>th</sup> feature article about "Climbing Your first Fourteener." Please see ['What you need to know to climb your first fourteener.'](#)

## Personal Leader Encouragement, Latest Trip Leader School



*By Kevin Schaal, Denver Safety and Leadership Chair*

Thanks to the 9 Instructor Leaders who guided the 31 members who successfully completed the one-day Trip Leaders School (TLS) and their initial Leader-in-Training (LIT) hikes on May 4. They are: Carole Adler, Frank Burzinski, Tammy Cullins, Jeff Damp, Marshall Hull, Sarah Maurer, Carol Munch, Robert Richardt, and Kevin Schaal. The LIT hikes were conducted in White Ranch, Beaver Brook, Mt. Galbraith, and Lookout Mountain.

The next step for the 31 students – the largest TLS class in recent memory – is to complete their second and last LIT with an Instructor Leader, then submit their leader application.

Here's where you can help. If you know any of these TLS grads, encourage them to complete their LIT and then to join you as a co-leader on one of your hikes. Our recent grads are:

Sean Allison  
Barbara Audin  
Rick Bell  
Noah Bergman  
Geoff Berkheimer  
Karl Brauer,  
Christopher Brown

Morgan Dsakowic  
Jeanne Eiss  
Julia Fraser  
Matthew Gloe  
Karin Hensel  
Jonathan Hieb  
Sonja Hirsch

Rachel Jaakkola  
Scott Kramer  
Tim Lane  
David Langley  
Christopher Larson  
Christopher Lawrence  
Dylan Leighner

Max Lloyd  
Mark Maslyn

Ryan McCauley  
Michael McMahon  
Tim Murray  
Robert Richardt

Ken Ruiz  
Nancy Ruiz  
Daniel Schweising  
Joan Winstein

Saturday, October 19 is the next time trip TLS will be offered and will be led by Sarah Maurer and Tammy Cullins. Sarah and Tammy are the newly appointed Director and Assistant Director of the school. Enrollment will be opening in August, so please alert good candidates who can help us meet the demand for more leaders and more trips.

For more information, members can contact the CMC office at 303-279-3080.