RMOTHG's campout at Turquoise Lake, near Leadville, CO will be August 9-12, 2021. Sites which will be shared have been reserved for 28 campers for 3 nights. The cost for each participant is $25.00, campsite only, no food or drink.

Campground amenities include vault toilets and drinkable water, but no showers, electrical, water or plumbing hookups. Showers are available in the nearby town of Leadville. Activities include biking, hiking, fishing, boating (bring your own), golf, happy hour/dinner, games and group campfires. The lake is easily accessible from the campsites.

As this event is very popular, a lottery of interested campers will be held by submission of information on Survey Monkey by **April 30**. A survey registration for one or two in a party, counts as one lottery pick. If you or your party of two do not make the list, you will be placed on a waiting list. But hold fast, as several people move up to active participant list every year, often close to the campout date.

After the lottery, you will be notified by **May 10th** if you have a campsite. You will be given a link which will provide access to sign up and pay at the CMC website, as you do for other events by, **May 25.** It is mandatory to register and pay the fee by May 25 on the CMC website as you will forfeit your campsite to someone on the wait list if the fee is not paid on time.

Additional details:
1. Campers will provide their own food and beverages - except for dinner potlucks each evening. You will each be asked to bring 2 dishes to share – entrees, veggie sides or desserts, plus a serving utensil for your dish.
2. Alcohol is BYOB. Happy hour will be held at the same time as dinner.
3. Jobs to make our campout run smoothly will be shared by all campers.

All interested campers register at:  
[https://www.surveyMonkey.com/r/KXMZL2R](https://www.surveyMonkey.com/r/KXMZL2R)

Please email me with any questions, comments, or concerns.  
**Scott Kramer**  
skramer1016@gmail.com
Spring is in the air and it feels so good. This past year has tested all of us. It has been a terrible year in so many ways that with the coming of spring, we can have the feeling that life is about to get better.

Our coordinators have or will be scheduling a meeting to create the hiking and biking schedules for the summer. The social committee is meeting to plan social hours where we can get together to enjoy each other’s company. It will be so nice to share a drink and catch up with each other. Let’s remember that the coordinators, trip leaders and committee members give their time and energy to make our group function. When you see them, thank them for their dedication to RMOTHG.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continuing support of CMC through this past year, whether it was through early renewal of membership, contributions, etc. The club is financially set to continue with all its work.

I think I would be amiss if I did not mention how broken our hearts are for the tragic happening in Boulder that took the lives of ten innocent people who were neighbors and friends. We are so lucky we get to enjoy the outdoors with each other, and how those ten lives will not be able to do that. Our thoughts are with their families and friends. We hope that this will never happen again.

I look forward to seeing you on the trail soon.

Scott
By May, hopefully you will have all gotten your vaccines and are more than ready to "party" and "socialize." Your Social Committee is Judy Barday, Barb Edwards, Ginny Keir, Kathy Tandy, Linda Thompson, Sue Henley, and Co-chairs Lou Ann Dixon and Ronnie Knueven. We are working on completing the Social Calendar for the remainder of 2021. So far we have the following planned:

- **May** - A Happy Hour Lunch Outside - TBD
- **June 9, 3-5 pm** Creekside Winery, Evergreen Wine Tasting
- **June** - E-Bike Demonstration and Lunch Outside - TBD
- **July 10** - Annual Picnic at Staunton State Park with hikes and bike rides to be scheduled prior
- **August** - Happy Hour - TBD
- **September 12** - Annual Dinner Meeting/Awards at Mt. Vernon Country Club
- **October** - TBD
- **November** - TBD
- **December 5** - Holiday Party

Please check the calendar on the CMC website as more information will be available.
Can you help us with a little feedback on your experience with the Connections email list?

A year of pandemic restrictions has limited our interactions with some of our favorite people and decreased our activities. Many of you have been creative with solutions to distancing and still retained some hiking, skiing, snowshoeing outings with a few companions. Others may not have had contact information in order to arrange a trip with one or two folks.

The RMOTHG board saw potential isolation among some people as the CMC calendar was shut down. Hence, the Connections@rmothg.org contact list was created.

93 members responded to the initial e-mail expressing interest in being on the list. Of those, 51 people went through the full process of responding with their consent and were added to the member list. All 51 were provided with the login information to access the list. About 20-25 people actually went through the final steps of accessing the page.

It is not known how many of those 25 members have contacted one another or the number of trips that resulted from those contacts.

Your responses on the following short, anonymous survey would help us know if the Connections email is valuable and how it could be improved.

Thank you in advance for your responses!
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3L3BMK

Carol Wier, Communications

COLORADO STATE PARKS PASS – SAVE 30%

As a CMC member you can now very conveniently order your discounted Parks Pass directly from the CMC website. Since the office is closed to the public, online order is the only way to get it.

The price is $56 or round up to $60 to support the CMC.

The signup link can be found under “Member Benefits.” Then scroll down to the Colorado State Parks Pass logo. Alternatively, you can go directly to https://cmcpress.org/products/colorado-state-parks-pass. Member login required for both sites.

After payment, you will receive a voucher in the mail which you will trade for a pass in person at a Colorado State Parks entrance or at their headquarters. The process of transacting the voucher to the actual pass can occur by mail by downloading and completing an official form and mailing the voucher to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The pass is good for one year starting from the date you trade your voucher for the actual pass. For more information, read the description on the CMC website.
"OUTDOOR DINING IS OPEN"

Frank & Cathy Burzynski enjoyed a nice morning stroll at Barr Lake a couple of weeks back, plenty of wildlife to view. This was fairly rare, a juvenile and adult Bald Eagle on adjacent branches.

"IF YOU FEED THEM, THEY WILL COME."

Pete Spandau has been scoping out the buffalo at Buffalo Overlook, Genesee Park, I 70.
Judy Childers took her first snowshoe of the year around her apartment complex .... no elevation gained.

Ken Ruiz reminisced "If you think the snow was bad this year check out February 28 2018 ."
This is a time of physically distancing, not socially distancing. In the spirit of keeping socially connected, please share what you've been doing and thinking with the Gang.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO tophilnews@gmail.com for next month's newsletter. THANKS!

Martha Delporte and Barb Schwarz frolicked in the snow.
Linda & Tom Jagger visited New Mexico.

Wild Turkeys by their B&B

Punch and Judy Rocks in Chiricahua National Monument

Joan Winstein led a hike up Carpenter Peak, Roxborough
Fourth biggest snow in Colorado history and three snow events this week alone means snow found us in 2021! Sure hope you found somewhere to snowshoe! I shoed on the Highline but it was wet, heavy, and when an adductor muscle screamed at me, had to take shoes off for instant relief. Walked back in snow, schlepping shoes, poles, and wishing for our famous light, fluffy stuff. We’ve had a tough time of it in 2020. 2021 has served up Awful, too, and Boulder’s horror saddens and angers us so we especially need Nature’s balm right now. Martha Mustard optimistically asks leaders to meet in April to plan hikes for summer and fall, and our hiking season starts in May. We can only hope covid lessens, finally ends, and we can be together, enjoying company, supporting each other, and hiking our dear Colorado trails. For both Jeff and me, we hope moments of peace for Boulderites, and any of you who know someone there or who’ve suffered loss. We also wish RMOTHG a positive, hopeful, better Spring.

~Elaine Kallos
Greetings fellow cyclists,

I know that we are all eager to begin biking this 2021 season. We will be riding, but with a few rules due to the covid pandemic. We will only allow 10 riders per group (i.e. 10 Hares and 10 Terrapins,) including the leader. Everyone must be wearing a mask during the ride. Lunch following the ride will be described within the trip sign-up information on CMC.org. At the discretion of the Trip Leader, lunch may be a "bring your own lunch" picnic or it may be at a restaurant.

Our regular cycling season is from the first Friday in May through the last Friday in September. Most meeting times are 8:30 am with departure at 9:00 am.

There will be two styles of riding groups: Hares and Terrapins. Hares ride approximately 20-30 miles at a speed of 10-12 mph. Terrapins ride approximately 10-15 miles at a speed less than 10 mph with more stops. Most of our trips are on paved, level bike paths. Sometimes we encounter some hills and gravel trails.

The essential items for participating are plenty of water, necessary tools to repair a flat tire, replacement tube for your tire size, appropriate clothing for changes in the weather, ID and a medical card. Wearing a helmet and mask is mandatory.

Email notices are sent several days prior to the excursions to describe the weekly ride and the meeting location. Guests are allowed with signing a waiver form. Guests may participate in two of our activities before joining the RMOTHG sections and the Denver group of CMC.

If you are interested in riding, please contact Wayne Tomasello by email at bicycling.list@rmothg.org requesting to have your name added to the cycling notification list. Note that if you were on the list in 2019, your name will already be included. Only RMOTHG members will be added to the list, and you’ll receive weekly reminders to sign up at www.cmc.org.

Wayne Tomasello, RMOTHG Biking Coordinator
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