



September, 2021

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 7TH, 2021
VIA ZOOM**

President's Message

Flexibility continues to be key! The COVID pandemic continues with the Delta variant being even more contagious and resulting in more restrictions. The Board of the Flatirons Ski Club has decided to make several changes to the club plans for the next membership year. We are going to cancel or modify various activities.

We have cancelled the September 2021 Membership Picnic, but we remain hopeful for another fun Spring Fling in 2022. The membership renewal process will be conducted through the mail similar to the process last year. The renewal process will include the member form, liability waiver, trip policy acknowledgement, and annual payment of \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. You can locate the membership forms and trip policy acknowledgement on the FSC website. The liability waiver will be available on the website soon.

The General Meetings will return to the Zoom format starting in October, at least for the next few months. At this point, the Board has decided that COVID vaccinations will be required for the 2022 ski trips. We are fortunate to have a vaccine available to us with another booster shot coming soon.

At the General Meeting October 7th on Zoom, the upcoming ski trips for 2022 will be presented by the trip facilitators, and like last year, members will have a week to sign up for the trips they are interested in attending. The details will be in the October newsletter.

Beth Gaffney,
President

2022 FSC Save The Date Ski Calendar*

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Trip Leaders
Jan 21-24	Crested Butte, CO	Cristiana Guesthaus	26	3	EPIC	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 31-Feb 3	Steamboat, CO	Steamboat Mntn Lodge	38	3	IKON	Tom Cannon
Feb 7-10	Granby, CO	Snow Mountain Ranch	28	3	Misc.	Beth Gaffney
Feb 14-18	Wolf Creek Monarch Pass	Quality Inn (South Fork) Baymont Inn (Salida)	24 per area	4 (2 per area)	Misc. 69-70+ free	Louise Geil & Donna Cooper
Feb 22-26	Park City, Utah	Park City Peaks Hotel	24	4	IKON EPIC	Sandy Morris
March 1-4	Fraser, CO	Fraser House	12	3	Misc.	Linda & Chris Paris
Mar 7 – Mar 10 or 11	Aspen, CO	Element Hotel, Basalt	40	3 or 4	IKON	Sandy Morris
Mar 15-17	Leadville, CO	Columbine Inn	20	2	Misc.	Elease Miller

***Attention members: Please know that the sign-up for Flatirons' 8 scheduled ski trips in 2022 will begin after our October 7, 2021, monthly meeting on Zoom. The October meeting on Zoom will include talks by each of our trip leaders on our eight planned trips. Deposit amounts and trip costs will be noted in the Ski Calendar in the October newsletter. No sign-ups or deposits will be taken by the trip leaders until after the October meeting.**



FSC September Book Club

Date: September 13, 2021, 6:45 PM

Place: Pat Irwin's House, 220 Cimarron Way, Boulder **THIS MAY BE A ZOOM MEETING DEPENDING ON COVID STATUS**

Moderator: Louisa Young

Book: Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

This epic panorama of World War II illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

SEPTEMBER FSC BICYCLE RIDE

There will be a bicycle ride in Pitkin and Mesa Counties on September 8,9,10, Wed-Fri of 2021. This is a three day, two night event.

The ride is designed to accommodate a wide range of abilities by having options for each day. The ride will all be on hard surfaces so any bicycle is suitable. On the first day, we will drive to Carbondale and then choose one of several options for cycling starting in Carbondale. On this day, we will also continue on to Fruita, CO where we will spend the night in either a motel (Comfort Inn/Motel 8) or other. On day two, we will ride in the Colorado National Monument with all of its magnificent scenery. On day three, we ride on the Colorado River Bicycle Trail beginning in Fruita and will also return to Boulder. To register and for a complete ride description, please contact Richard Patnoe, rpatoe@gmail.com.

Want to Sell Something?

Every month, members will now have the opportunity to sell something (ski equipment, etc.) by having their items listed in our FSC Club Newsletter. Submit your items via email to Monica Abbott, in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Monica will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings. Items will be posted in the newsletter sometime during the 4th week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.

THURSDAY HIKERS
****FALL TIME CHANGE****

Our summer has been filled with amazing flowers and many challenging hikes. Fall brings the changing aspen, cooler weather and shorter days. **Because of the shorter days, our meeting time will change to 8:45 AM as of September 1.** We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We will leave Meadows at 9:00 AM. People can car pool from the Shopping Center or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. It is up to the individual and their comfort with carpooling. Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the 1st Bank and ReMax Realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather. Everyone must have a mask and be willing to wear it. Social distancing is followed. We generally hike 6 to 8 miles at a moderate pace. Please be prepared to do this and please be considerate of others. There will be days we do not hike due to the weather. Call Sue Evans (303-506-2825) or Louisa Young (303-444-6428) to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

An Avalanche of Aspen
Avalanche Ranch (Carbondale/Redstone)
#1 Autumn FSC Trip ---- Friday 10/08 – Monday 10/11
(Note: this is the weekend after the Apple Festival)

Premier Leaf Viewing, Hiking, Hot Tub Soaking
Antiquing in Marble/Redstone, Fine Dining in Redstone/Carbondale

Rustic Cabins, Hot Springs Pools, Trails, the Crystal River, and golden ASPEN
Go To: avalancheranch.com

Leaders: Roger Povilus rppcolorado@gmail.com
Tom Cannon ceramictom@gmail.com

ALL THE SPOTS ON THE TRIP HAVE BEEN FILLED!!!!

Avalanche Ranch has been the main autumn destination of the FSC. The Ranch, at the foot of towering Mt. Sopris, is in a magnificent setting to experience Colorado's aspen colors. The club will supply chili Friday night and some form of protein on Sunday night. Easy to difficult hikes are close by. We will occupy quaint rustic cabins or the huge Ranch House where we will socialize and plan activities and have happy hours. Hot springs on the property provide large and small soaking pools with a range of comfortable temperatures (plus a waterfall !!!!).

TUESDAY EVENING HIKES, SEPTEMBER, 2021

The season is winding down and the days are getting a little shorter so we will now **meet at 3.00 PM.**

Instead of having potluck we will have a voluntary happy hour - cheese and crackers, etc and wine or drink of choice at the shelter afterwards. We do not have any designated leaders this month so we will decide the hike when we meet.

SEPT 7th

Meet at Foothills Community Park – 800 Cherry St, Boulder
 From Broadway, drive north to Violet Avenue and turn left - in 1 mile turn right onto Cherry, in .2 mile turn right onto Seventh St and in 300 ft. turn left into parking lot.

SEPT 14th

Meet at Louisville Community Park. From E. South Boulder Road go south on 95th St (H42) to Pine Street, turn right (West) on Pine – at the stop sign (Front Street) turn left and continue straight until you see the park on the right.

SEPT 21st

Bear Creek Trail – Happy Hour at Viele Lake shelter
 Take Broadway South to Table Mesa Drive. Go west (uphill) to Lehigh. Turn left (south) and go to next right – Bear Mountain Drive. Go .4 mile and trailhead is on the right. Hike along foothills below NCAR – uphill 1 mile to bridge and turn around.

SEPT 28th

Meet at East Boulder Rec Center. Take Baseline East to 55th, turn right (south) to Rec center. Park on East side of parking near trailhead. Hike Bobolink or Boulder Creek Trail. Happy hour at shelter near tennis courts.

Pat Irwin

3rd Thursday Hike - September 16th - Mount St. Vrain Trail from Allenspark

The aspens will be changing by mid September, the trail starts in the trees. Our goal is the saddle between Mount St. Vrain and Meadow Mountain. The saddle is an 8+ mile round trip hike. Weather as always will decide. An email the Monday before the hike will go to interested hikers. Meet at the Meadows Shopping Center at 7:45 AM for carpooling and directions.

Dolores Afainer: afainer@yahoo.com



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Thurs Hike	3 FAC	4

				8:45 AM		
5	6	7 Tues Eve Hike 3:00 PM	8 Rockies Game Bike Ride	9 Thurs Hike 8:45 AM Bike Ride	10 FAC Bike Ride	11
12	13 Book Club 6:45 PM	14 Tues Eve Hike 3:00 PM	15	16 3 rd Thurs Hike 8:45 AM Board Mtg 7:00 PM	17 FAC	18
19 Newsletter Input Due	20	21 Tues Eve Hike 3:00 PM	22	23 Thurs Hike 8:45 AM	24 FAC	25
26	27	28 Tues Eve Hike 3:00 PM	29	30 Thurs Hike 8:45 AM		

Board Members

President	Beth Gaffney		
Vice President	Janet Fredericks		
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Treasurer	Martha Parks		
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Safety Chair	Sue Evans		
Downhill Chair	Donna Cooper		
Activities (Co-Chairs)	Dorothy Cohen Richard Patnoe		

Members at Large

Mailing	Larry Rittenhouse		
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