



June 2022

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
www.FlatironsSkiClub.com

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 6TH, 7PM
AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER 80303**

Message from the President

Flatirons Ski Club is fortunate to have many volunteers to lead activities, serve on committees, and support the operations of the club. There is always a need for even more volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in a volunteer role. Rosie Piller, Downhill Chair, has leader openings for winter ski trips. There are a variety of trips and activities planned for FSC members, and details are included in this newsletter. The FSC Board welcomes ideas for new trips and activities.

Enjoy the summer!
Beth G., President

Shakespeare Festival at CU's OUTDOOR Mary Rippon Theatre Two Gentlemen of Verona July 13th, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

All tickets are sold for this event. However, I will continue to take names for the waitlist, in the event that any participants need to cancel their plans. If you'd like to be on the waitlist, send me an email (see current roster) to that effect. If any paid participant decides to cancel, I will be in contact, in the order received.

Nicole deL.

*******SPRING IS HERE AND SO IS THE “FLING”*******

FRIDAY JUNE 17TH at 11:30 AM

ONCE MORE AT LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

955 Bella Vista Dr. Louisville 80027

This is a reminder. If you haven't ordered your food, please contact Elease ASAP. The menu choices were published in the May Newsletter. Contact Elease M., with any questions.

TUESDAY HIKES

Meet at trailhead promptly at 6:00 p.m. We will hike 60 - 80 minutes. Potluck at trailhead after hike.

Bring a dish for 6-8 to share, your own plates, drink and utensils.

June 7 McIntosh Lake

Monica A.

We will walk around McIntosh Lake in Longmont. From Boulder come up Diagonal and turn Left onto

Hover. Then turn Left onto 17th

St. Turn Right onto Harvard. Meet at the “pirate ship” playground at the corner of Harvard and Lakeshore, parking on the street. We will picnic at the shelter with 2 tables and a bathroom.

June 14 Niwot Loop

Marty B. and Joe G.

Meet at Pavilion at 83rd & Niwot Road where we will picnic afterwards. Bathrooms and parking available. From Diagonal go East on Niwot Road to 83rd Street, turn Left (North) and Pavilion will be on the left.

June 21st Shanahan Ridge from Cragmoor

Ellie B.

Broadway to Table Mesa, West on Table Mesa to Lehigh. Turn left (North) uphill to Cragmoor. Turn right and go to the end and park on the street. After the hike take Table Mesa East to Gillespie – turn right and continue to Viele shelter near bathrooms. (Last parking lot).

June 28th Eben Fine Park – Urban/Mountain hike

Louisa Y.

Gather at the home of Louisa. There is very little parking in the cul-de-sac, so please park on the street or at Peoples Crossing (formerly Settler's Park), which is 1 long block west of Louisa's house. Feel free to park in Louisa's driveway or one of the 2 visitor spaces. The trail will be mostly urban with a little bit of mountain path. We will start at Louisa's home and go by sidewalk and bike path to Eben Fine Park. Go to the same trailhead as for Viewpoint but go left where the trail splits. The path ends up near University Street and 5th Street. We will follow sidewalks and bike path to get back to Louisa's house.

THURSDAY HIKERS

We will meet at the Meadows Shopping Center at 7:45 AM to set up carpools and get packed up. We will leave promptly at 8:00 AM. The Meadows Shopping Center is in the SW corner of Foothills and Baseline near the 1st Bank/Remax building.

As always come prepared for all kinds of weather and bring lots of food and water, etc. Email or call Louisa Y. or Sue E. to let us know you are going to join us or if you have any questions.

3rd Thursday Hike – June 16, 2022 – Upper Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Almost summer – let's do loops from Panorama Point. The shorter loop, Racoon Trail will be 3 to 4 miles and the longer loop Racoon Trail plus a portion of Mule Deer Trail will be 5 to 6 miles. (There is an 8-to-9-mile loop if anyone is interested.) Elevation gain/loss 728', in the shade. Entrance fee as of May is \$10 per day per car. As always weather decides.

Details by email the Monday before the hike. Delores C.

10th Mountain Division Hut Trip

Arrangements have been made to go to the Fowler-Hilliard Hut August 9, 10 and 11, 2022. Spend a couple of days unplugged from electronics – no TV or radio. Cell phone service may not exist either. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag. There is room for 16 people (including co-leaders Sue and Louisa). Total cost will be \$100 per person, which includes 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners planned by volunteers. A \$20 deposit holds your space, **final payments are due June 15th**. For more information, contact Sue E. or Louisa Y.

FSC Book Club

DATE: Monday, June 13, 5:30 PM
DISCUSSION LEADER: Maddie G.
BOOK: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings the knowledge of the indigenous Potawatomi tribe together with her knowledge of plant ecology to reveal what it means to see humans as “the younger brothers of creation”. As she explores these themes, she circles toward a central argument: The awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgement and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the world. Once we begin to listen for the languages of other beings, we can begin to understand the innumerable life-giving gifts the world provides us and learn to offer our thanks, our care, and our own gifts in return.

2022 Wildflower Rambles

An interest list is being assembled with those who have responded about rambles this summer. Because it is difficult to plan for the entire summer under these circumstances, we will plan rambles as we go. The rambles leader core will decide on locations and meet up time/place. Details are still being sorted out. If you are interested in participating this summer, please drop Linda an e-mail. An indication of what you are comfortable doing or specific places that would appeal for rambling are welcome. Would you like to see something special (for example calypso orchids)?

NEW SUMMER TRIP
CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD
June 21 and 22, 2022

The Cumbres & Toltec railroad is the oldest narrow-gauge railroad in Colorado. It starts in Antonito, Colorado, crosses the state line between Colorado and New Mexico to Chama, New Mexico. It is powered by several steam engines that date back to the late 1800's. It was named the #1 Scenic Train by "USA Today 10 Best" and has been featured in National Geographic and a number of movies including Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade and Wyatt Earp to name a few. There is more information on their web site: <https://cumbrestoltec.com/> Check it out.

We will drive to Alamosa on Tuesday, June 21, and stay at hotels in Alamosa. Carpools will be formed, and each group is responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The next morning, we will drive to Antonito which is 30 miles south of Alamosa. This is a full day trip and takes 6 hours to cross the pass to Cumbres, NM. We will then take a bus back to Antonito. The train stops at the summit of the pass at Osier Station for lunch. (Lunch is included in the ticket price as is the bus.)

There are a lot of sights to see and places to go after we return to Antonito. Some possibilities are to drive to Ghost Ranch which is south of Chama. Ghost Ranch is famous for being the home of Georgia O'Keeffe. There is a museum close to the ranch. In addition, Ghost Ranch is a stunning display of geology with rock formations and colors. There are some good hikes in the area. Other possibilities include Taos, Santa Fe, the Great Sand Dunes, and hot springs.

The cost for the train ride is \$145 and includes lunch and riding in the Coach car. Any questions – call Sue E.

SAVE THE DATE

A small group of us are planning an informal trip to Mt. Bierstadt. The goal is to summit on Monday, July 18th, 2022. Woe is me, this will be my first attempt, so no promises, though there are those who will summit. To acclimate to the high altitude, I will be staying in Georgetown for two days prior. Others may camp near Guanella Pass. If you want more information, let me know and I can add you to our email list. Monica A.

2022 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, July 22 – 25, 2022

Linda and Chris P. will lead a Wildflower Rambles trip to Crested Butte next July 22 – 25, 2022 - 3 nights lodging at the Cristiana Guesthaus on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, checking out Monday. Total trip cost is \$370.00 per person in a double occupancy room or \$510.00 per person in a single occupancy room.

Sign up continues for the trip. The rooms still available are king and single occupancy (1 queen bed) rooms. All of the queen and double rooms are taken.

The Cristiana provides breakfast each morning. Provide your own lunch with items brought from home in a small cooler or purchased locally. Dinners will be at local restaurants. The trip cost covers only lodging with breakfast.

The trip leaders will lead a hike on both Saturday and Sunday. Participants are welcome to join them or go out on their own. Options for wildflower walks and hikes are numerous, ranging from walks in/near town to strenuous hiking to mountain passes. People going on the trip should be in good physical health and condition.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per person is required by mail at the time of sign-up. Sign-up is for those who are ready to commit to go on the trip. A waiting list is open. If you have interest in going but are not sure and still thinking about it (for COVID or other reasons), put your name on the waiting list – no deposit is required to join the waiting list. Before you sign up and pay a deposit, be sure you are ready to come on the trip. There are accommodations for 22 people: 4 couples (king), 8 persons in 4 queen and double rooms (each with own bed) and 6 single persons (queen). One person in a queen room will pay the single occupancy rate of \$510.00. Questions? Contact Linda and Chris by e-mail/telephone.

Please contact us by e-mail to let us know you will be signing up and sending payment. We will look out for your check in the mail. Make out checks to Flatirons Ski Club and put 2022 Wildflower Crested Butte in the note line. **Do not contact the Cristiana directly - sign up and payment is only through FSC for this trip. Full payment is due by June 1, 2022.**

After that date, unused rooms will be cancelled.

Bicycle Trip Announcement
September 6 – 9, 2022, Tuesday through Friday of Labor Day Week

This is either 3 or 4 days depending upon the participants arrival time in Gunnison Colorado. The shortest day's ride is scheduled for the first day. Whether the participant chooses to ride on the first day is optional, but a short ride is planned for this day for those arriving in Gunnison by 1:00 PM. All four days' rides are "out and back" rides so the participants can choose to shorten the length by doing a remote start to shorten the distance. All rides are on roadways. On one of the days, we will ride to Crested Butte from Gunnison. The final routing is dependent upon a scouting trip.

Further details can be provided by contacting Richard P.

Crane Festival

The ski club is planning a trip to Steamboat Springs over Labor Day weekend September 1-4, 2022, to see the Crane Festival. There are viewings, talks and field trips. We are also planning to do some hiking the area. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn at Steamboat. The cost per person will be \$350 for 3 nights. Deposit will be \$50 due asap so we can get an accurate count. Final payment will be due July 1. For more information contact Dorothy C.

AVALANCHE RANCH TRIP and APPLE FESTIVAL trip in 2022
September 30 – October 3, 2022

(None scheduled for 2023, so this may be the last)

<https://avalancheranch.com/>

Avalanche Ranch is 11.35 miles south of Carbondale, CO and 5 miles north of Redstone, CO.

For those who are new to the club, the Avalanche Ranch trip has been run for many years by the club. We rent cabins at Avalanche Ranch and soak in the brilliant color of the area, especially the golden aspen, the green pines, the gray mountains, the blue sky and occasionally the white snow on the mountains. The Apple Festival is an event run by the staff once a year. They provide meat and others provide everything else. But what I find most interesting is the community of people who attend, most are

local, and they play bluegrass music for at least an hour around the campfire.

Other than the Apple Festival, there are wonderful hikes to be made and the weather is almost always perfect. Did I mention that there are several hot tubs and a hot pool which are free and open to us twenty-four hours a day?

The club provides chili on Friday night and protein on Sunday night. On Saturday, the Ranch will provide the protein and each guest is asked to bring something for the huge potluck.

We have the Ranch House this year for happy hours and generally getting together.

The price will be \$255 a person for three nights of paradise but there are many queen beds which will need to be filled so anyone willing to share a bed with someone else will have a much better chance of getting on board this remarkable trip.

The trip is full now but send in a deposit check of \$50.00 made out to FSC to get on the WAITING list.

Send checks to:

Roger P.

(Address available in Membership Roster)



Reminder: please make trip checks out to Flatirons Ski Club, not the trip leader; however, mail checks to the Trip Leaders as identified in the announcements.

Thanks, Martha Parks

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 Marianne B., in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Marianne will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings which is scheduled the 3rd Thursday of each month. Upon approval, 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.

JUNE 2022 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	1	Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	3 FAC 4:00 PM	4
5	6	Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	8	Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	10 FAC 4:00 PM	11
12	13 Book Club 5:30 PM	Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	15	3 rd Thursday Hike, Time TBD Board Mtg 7:00 PM	17 11:30 AM Spring Fling FAC 4:00 PM	18
19	20	Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM Cumbres & Toltec	22 Scenic Railroad trip	Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	24 FAC 4:00 PM	25
26	27	Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	29	Thursday Hike 7:45 AM		

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