

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Group

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Social



July 2024

Message from the President

Expression of thanks are in order. Elease Miller pulled off another fantastic Spring picnic. We want to thank her and her many, many helpers who volunteered their time, vehicles, energy and muscle to make it all come out well. Kudos to Elease and her team.

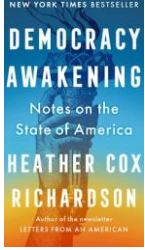
I want to reiterate our gratitude to Roger Briden for his success at bringing us into the 21st century by designing and implementing a website which is critical to any organization of our time. We honored him at the picnic with a plaque and a cake (made with love by Tom Cannon). We are sorry health issues dictate Roger's retirement from Webmaster, but we have a new one, Mark Stangl, who is tasked with some upgrades.

The heat confirms that Summer is upon us, and we anticipate another great Crested Butte trip led by Linda and Chris Paris. I don't know what makes Crested Butte so ideal for wildflowers. Maybe it's the orientation, the precipitation, the altitude. It's an undeniable fact, and FSC is poised to take advantage.

Tuesday evening hikes are well underway, thanks to Pat Irwin and her volunteers. And, of course, Thursday hikes continue throughout the year. In the winter, we stay low and close, but in the Summer, we go farther and higher. Come join us!

Louisa Young, President

**Please note: Next FSC General Meeting will be Wednesday
October 2, 2024**



FSC Book Club

- DATE:** Monday, July 8, 2024, Time: 6:45 PM
- HOST & Leader:** Jim Dimmick, see FSC roster for address.
- BOOK:** Democracy Awakening by Heather Cox Richardson

At a time when the very foundations of democracy seem under threat, the lessons of the past offer a roadmap for navigating a moment of political crisis. Heather Cox Richardson delves into the tumultuous journey of American democracy, revealing how the roots of Donald Trump’s “authoritarian experiment” can be traced back through the earliest days of the republic. She examines the historical forces that have led to the current political climate, showing how modern conservatism has preyed upon a disaffected population, weaponizing language and promoting false history to consolidate power.

Skiing Update

We are working on a full calendar of 9 overnight trips for next winter. More next month.

Are any members interested in skiing in Europe, or even Japan or South America, possibly 2025 or 2026? As costs can range upward of \$3,500, I’d love to hear from members who might be seriously interested before seriously exploring further. The Alps are where I started skiing, and there’s a great choice of terrain and great food, as some of you know.

Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

Thursday Hikes June 2024

We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 7:45 AM and leave at 8:00 AM. People can carpool from the Meadows Shopping Center, or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. The Meadows Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the Bank building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather.

Call or email Sue Evans or Louisa Young to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

Tuesday Evening Hikes June 2024

Hikes begin at 6:00 PM at the designated trailhead and are approximately 2 to 3 miles long. There will be a potluck after the hike. Contacts: Call trip leader or Pat Irwin.

July 2

Location: Coot Lake

Direction: Take diagonal from Boulder to 63rd. Go left for Tom Watson Park on the right. Cross the road to hike around Coot Lake. Potluck will be at the pavilion in Watson Park.

July 9

Leader is Louisa Young.

Location: New Urban Hike through Neighborhood

The hike will go through a canyon with interesting features, then through the Knollwood neighborhood ending at Sunshine Canyon Road (Mapleton). We will make a loop out of sections of the sidewalk through Mapleton and 4th Street and return to Louisa's home for potluck.

Direction: Park on Pearl Street near Louisa's house. If there is no space on the street, go to the parking lot at People's Crossing (northwest of intersection Pearl and Canyon) and walk back east 2 long blocks.

July 16

Leader is Herman Sievering

Location: Colorado University Campus

Direction: Meet in front (Southside) of Macky Hall 6:00 PM. Walk and talk through a variety of trees that date back to the 1800's. Bring happy hour snack to share on campus. Come early to find parking near campus.

July 23 **Leader is Pat Irwin**
Location: Bike or hike South Boulder
Direction: Access Cimmaron Way from Manhattan Drive, either from Baseline of South Boulder Road. Hikers will explore trails near East Boulder Recreation Center. Potluck will be at Pat's place

July 30 **Leader: Linda LaGanga**
Location: Sanitas Valley Trail
Direction: Meet at Linda's place. Park on street both west and east of Linda's place. Potluck will be at her place afterwards.

SUMMER WILDFLOWERS in CRESTED BUTTE

2024 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, Tuesday, July 9 – Friday, July 12, 2024

THIS TRIP IS FULL - the waiting list is open (no deposit required). Contact the trip leaders Linda and Chris Paris to join the waiting list or with questions.

Trip details were published in the March 2024 newsletter on page 4 and in the April 2024 newsletter on page 6 – refer to these descriptions for more information.

2024 Wildflower Rambles

There are no Wildflower Rambles scheduled in July or August at this time.



SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL AT CU

A comedy, "The Merry Wives of Windsor"

Wed. July 17th, 2024 @ 7PM

Although all 15 tickets are spoken and paid for, I am taking a wait list, in case anyone needs to cancel. If you'd like to be put on the Cancellation List, please contact me, Nicole deLorimier, at my Email address in our roster. The usual venue at CU is being remodeled this summer, so instead of us enjoying the play at the Mary Rippon Outdoor Theatre, it will be presented at the nearby Roe-Green Theatre on campus. Tickets are \$55 each. We will likely plan to find a restaurant 'on the hill', for those who want to join the group for dinner in advance of the play. Details to follow to all participants.

Nicole deLorimier, Organizer

10th Mountain Division Hut Trip August 18, 19 and 20, 2024



The Hut Trip is full. There is a waitlist. There are always people who have to cancel, so please put your name on the waitlist if you have any interest in going. There is no cost to do that. We rented Jay's Cabin at Shrine Mountain on August 18, 19 and 20, 2024. It is located near

Vail Pass, and it is accessible to regular vehicles. This one is uptown! IT HAS POTABLE WATER, FLUSH TOILETS, REFRIGERATOR AND SHOWERS!!! Spend a couple of days unplugged from electronics – no TV or radio. Cell phone service may not exist either. The bed configuration is different from past events. There are 8 single beds, 1 queen and 1 double. So, we can accommodate 2 couples and 8 singles. When you sign up, specify whether you are single or part of a couple.

The cost is \$225 per person and final payments are due June 15. Volunteers will be solicited to prepare and clean up breakfasts and dinners. You need to bring your own hike lunches. Mattresses and pillows are provided.

For more information, contact the Trip Leader, Louisa Young.



Fall Bicycle Ride in Grand County, CO September 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2024

Our agenda will be to arrive on Tuesday the 3rd, some people may choose to have a local ride, and meet at the Fraser house in the evening for a potluck dinner. Please bring food and lunch supplies for the rest of the days there. There is some local dining in Winter Park and the other local towns. Folks can ride Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (checkout day).

The Fraser House near Fraser has been reserved for all 3 nights. Please contact Mark Stangl to arrange accommodation if you wish to stay at the Fraser House. Those NOT choosing the Fraser House need to make their own accommodation. There will be a \$25 deposit to stay at the Fraser house. If we get at least 12 people the total fee will be around \$100 for the three nights. The approximate

price of the stay there is \$35 per night per person with a contribution to the electrical bill I estimate approximately \$5.

What we call the Fraser house is the Alpine Learning Center that was built in 1979 by some former members of the club who graciously will rent this thing out to us for a decent price. What I found on my last ski trip there was that it is a great venue for socialization in the evenings and mornings and also for making plans for the following days. This sense of community that I had there with everybody was just wonderful and one of my favorite trips with the ski club so far. Some of you will elect to stay in hotels or in condos owned by other members. I suspect you could be pleasantly surprised at how much fun you will have if you stay with us at the Fraser house. The house has three bathrooms, one on each level. All sheets and towels are there and are clean. Sleeping bags and bedding are supplied.

The kitchen is more than adequate and there are enough dining and cooking items and supplies for everybody to prepare meals for the day. If anyone would like to prepare a larger group meal, we should start planning for that now and we can add the expense to the overall fee for the trip. Usually, everyone helps clean up in the kitchen. Here is a link to the rooms and levels of the Alpine Learning Center:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bsj6tM5JvMbFSu7U8>

The ride routes have not yet been fully determined. One day, Thursday, will be the Fraser River Bicycle Trail. The other two days will be on county roads in the Grand County vicinity. Efforts will be made for the routes to be hard surfaces, but it is expected that there will be some hard-packed gravel. All efforts will be made to make this an adventure where the strongest to the weakest cyclists may participate. Toward the goal of accommodating those of varying abilities and interests, steep or long climbs will not be sought. The recommended routes will not be available until the end of June since two of the routes must be scouted.

Trip Leaders: Mark Stangl and Richard Patnoe

**Mark your Calendar!
Fall Membership picnic at Laverne Johnson Park in
Lyons on September 14, 2024. More information will
follow.**



October 6 to 9, 2024 (3 nights) Avalanche Ranch

The club is sponsoring another fun trip to Avalanche Ranch. We will be checking in on Sunday October 6 from 3 PM and leaving Wednesday morning by 10 AM. The Ranch is

twelve miles south of Carbondale along the Crystal River Valley. Typically, the fall colors are at their best while we're at the Ranch. There are many opportunities for hiking and bicycling, both with road bikes and mountain biking, too. The club has reserved three cabins plus the ranch house where we will enjoy our happy hour gatherings and our chili, and salmon and potluck dinners. The Ranch requires everyone to sign a waiver, which is available on their website. One of the cabins does in fact have a loft. Think about who you would like to share a room or the loft with.

The Ranch has wonderful hot pools available 24/7, so bring your bathing suit! Some include views of Mt. Sopris dusted with snow. The club typically provides vegetarian chili on the first night and salmon the second. The third night is optional potluck. Club members will provide side dishes and desserts. Every evening the club enjoys a happy hour. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks to share. **The cost is \$235 for three nights per person. I will be accepting full payment after August 1st.** Looking forward to another fun FSC trip.

Trip Leader: Tom Cannon

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

FAC has been an FSC tradition for many years. Everyone is welcome. We meet at Rincon Cocina Y Tequila starting at 4:00 p.m. every Friday. The restaurant is on Arapahoe just west of the intersection of Folsom and Arapahoe. Hope to see you there.

July 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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