

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group



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September 2024

You are invited to the F&C Fall Membership Picnic

- Date & Time:* September 14, 2024 – 11:30 PM to 1:30 PM
- Location:* LaVern M Johnson Park, 600 Park Drive, Lyons CO
- Directions:* Take Hwy 36 to Lyons, turn left at the stop sign onto Hwy 7, and right into the park.



New location in a beautiful setting in the heart of Lyons. We have reserved the WPA shelter at the far end of the park next to the river. Parking inside the gates is \$3.00 per hour on the weekends, free on the streets outside of the park. You can drive into the

park to drop off your food at the shelter and then go to the park if you wish. The club will provide pulled pork and chicken plus drinks of lemonade and water.

Please bring a side dish to share. You can hike, kayak, go tubing or just enjoy the beautiful setting. Please join us.

Social Co-Chairs: Elease Miller and Tina Ramp

Message from the President

It is with great pleasure that I note that we are making progress on a new website look under the capable leadership of Mark Stangl. The Board decided to hire an outside consultant, who got to work right away after the Board decision. Roger Briden got us off to a good start many years ago, but, like many things in life, technology has marched on, and we will benefit from a new look. More to come soon.

As summer winds down, the Ski Club never rests. We are still hiking every week, have FAC every week, book club meets every month, and there are special events thanks to our volunteer leaders. Be sure to thank the leader when you go on one of the trips. A lot happens behind the scenes.

Louisa Young, President

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

FSC Book Club

DATE: Monday, September 9, 2024, Time: 6:45 PM
HOST & Leader: Pat Irwin's house, see FSC roster for address.
BOOK: The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Description: Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-existing Christian community, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, the young girl—and future matriarch, known as Big Ammachi—will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life, full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss, her faith and love the only constants.

2025 FSC Save-the-Date Ski Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Trip Leaders
Jan 14-17	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 20-23	Steamboat	Homewood Suites	40	3	Ikon	Tom Cannon
Jan 28-30	Snowy Range	Old Corral Hotel	18	2	Misc	Janne Cookman
Feb 3-6	Snow Mtn Ranch	YMCA of the Rockies	28	3	Ikon	Beth Gaffney
Feb 10-13	Vail/Beaver Creek	Comfort Inn Avon	20	3	Epic	Susan McGannon & Sue Bolton
Feb 18-21	Monarch Mtn (& Wolf Creek*)	Baymont (Salida)	20	3	M: 69+ ski free WC: Misc	Donna Cooper & Louise Geil
Feb 25-28	Fraser/Winter Park	Fraser House Alpine Center	10	3	Ikon	Louisa Young
March 3-7	Aspen/Snowmass	Comfort Inn & Suites (Carbondale)	40	3 or 4	Ikon+	Richard Varey
March 11-13	Leadville/Ski Cooper	Columbine Inn	30	2	Misc	Ed Gostling

* We will be staying at Baymont by Wyndham in Salida for all three nights. Monarch Mountain is 30 minutes away from the hotel, and Wolf Creek ski resort is 2 hours away.

** Note: The sign-up for Flatirons' scheduled ski trips in 2025 will begin at our October 2, 2024, monthly meeting. We will let you know the particulars following the September board meeting. 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 the October meeting.

Thursday Hikes

June 2024

For a few years, Sue Evans and Louisa Young have been planning and leading day hikes on Thursdays. We have decided to put our destinations in the newsletter. We reserve the ability to change without notice if the weather or other factors so motivate us. We hope this will help people in their decision whether to save a particular Thursday and commit to join us. We meet at the Meadows Shopping Center parking lot in the northeast area, near the office building at 7:45 and leave promptly at 8. Look for people standing by their cars. The Meadows is on the southwest quadrant of the corner of Baseline and Foothills Parkway. It's an option to drive yourself and meet at the trailhead but let us know your plan. Pay attention to the forecast and bring layers of clothing plus water and snacks. We are often out all day and stop for a picnic lunch along the way. We welcome newcomers.

September 5 – Coulson Gulch is located in between Big Elk Meadow and the Button Rock area west of Lyons. It is about 7 miles round trip. Spoiler alert: you start out going downhill, so at the end, you have to climb that hill when you are tired. Pace yourself.

September 12 – rescheduling of Butzel Hill. The trailhead is along Left-Hand Canyon Drive at the group of houses called Rowena. It's about 4 ½ miles roundtrip, with some elevation gain.

September 19 – Blue Lake from Mitchell Lake trailhead in the Brainerd Lake area. It is 6 ½ miles, and one source says it's 1200 ft of elevation gain. The trail is considered moderate. We will have to get entry permits, so it will be important to respond if you are joining us. We will designate drivers for the permits.

September 26 – Switzerland Trail, west of Gold Hill. The exact section is still under consideration.

Leaders: Louisa Young and Sue Evans

Tuesday Evening Hikes

It's been another great season enjoying the camaraderie, sharing nice dishes and snacks, and catching up with friends after the hikes. Lots of thanks to organizer, Pat Irwin, the weekly leaders and communication trooper, Linda Giandinoto.



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

Dear Fellow Cyclists,

We now have some openings in the Fraser house (Alpine Learning Center) near Tabernash. I have 12 people signed up to stay in the Fraser house now. We could handle More especially if you like sleeping on an upper bunk. See previous newsletters for more information about Fraser House

Directions: To reach the Alpine Learning Center, take US 40 through Tabernash. Turn left (south) on Grand County Route 5 (also called Pole Creek Golf Course Road) about 3 miles north of Tabernash. If you see a sign for Snow Mt. Ranch, you have gone one mile too far past the left turn. Immediately after turning on Grand County Route 5, turn right (west) on Grand County Route [521 \(Marble Rd\)](#). After a short distance, Marble Rd divides into a circle drive with a number of houses located around the loop. It is best to take the left fork (Rd. 5212). The Alpine Center is on your right (north side of the road) about a quarter of a mile from the fork. Remember parking is limited and it is best to carpool for those staying overnight and visiting.

We have a potluck planned for the first night with the members of the trip staying at the center, Remember parking is limited and it is best to carpool for those staying overnight and visiting.

Richard Patnoe Has an entree for us. Michael Chapman has volunteered to bring / make coffee in the morning. Most people are bringing their own breakfast and lunch supplies. We will organize meals for the evenings and if you have a suggestion or volunteering idea for Wednesday and Thursday nights, your ideas are welcome. Please email Mark Stangl. Storage space will be somewhat limited as there is one large refrigerator.

Our Ride Routes are in Ride with GPS. They can be viewed from a browser or better yet from the Ride with GPS app.

This is the Winter Park-Granby trail: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/47403918>
This is our Thursday ride. We did a test ride opposite from Winter Park down to Tabernash when we were doing our scouting. It was Approximately a 22- or 30-Mile round trip. We will stop for lunch at the Winter Park base area with all the concessions.

For the Tuesday Wednesday and Friday rides, we will choose the following rides:

- Vasquez backroads loop (Winter Park to Resort and back on bike path): <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/47404593> We drove on the road just checking this right out when we were on our scouting trip. There are many alternate pathways
- Willow Creek Reservoir to Monarch Lake along Lake Granby (out and back, unpaved road): <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/47405040> 20 or 25 miles out-and-back. On the first day when we arrived after we had lunch.
- Cottonwood Pass and Hot Springs town out & back: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/47405257> This is an out-and-back ride of about 20 miles starting from a parking area north of Tabernash

Trip Leaders: Mark Stangl and Richard Patnoe



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

I recently sent out the cabin assignments for our upcoming Avalanche Ranch Trip (October 6 - 9, 2024). If you think you are on the trip and didn't receive the email with the

assignments, please contact Tom Cannon. The trip is full. There were limited spaces and four women have been asked to share two queen beds. Others have been assigned to the loft and futons. As a reminder, the trip is very inexpensive - \$235 for three nights and the club provides two dinners! If you are unhappy with the accommodation and want to cancel, we will do our best to fill your space.

Last year it was a way fun trip. The fall colors were amazing and everyone enjoyed themselves. Remember to bring your bathing suits, hiking gear, and a good attitude. The Ranch requires everyone to sign their waiver, which is on their website. If you are not feeling well, please be considerate and stay home.

Trip Leader: Tom Cannon

Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center, Divide, Colorado. Tuesday, November 5, 2024



Let's visit the Wolf and Wildlife Center to see live wolves and how Colorado conservation is working. An hour walking tour standard is \$20 as of now. There are several types of tours offered and each has its own very strict rules to follow. These wolves are alive and need consideration. For more information the website is www.wolfeducation.org..

Divide, Colorado is a 2 Hour Drive south of Boulder. If you are interested in going, let me know by 1

October by email.

Trip Leader: Dolores Afainer

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.

September 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 Fall	4 Bicycle	5 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM Ride	6 FAC 4:00 PM Grand County	7
8	9 Book Club 6:45 PM	10	11	12 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	13 FAC 4:00 PM	14 Membership Picnic
15	16	17	18 FSC October Newsletter submittals due	19 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	20	21
22 1st Day of Autum	23	24	25	26 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	27 FAC 4:00 PM	28
29	30					

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