

# Flatirons Ski Club



April 2026

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social  
Group

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**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 7 PM**

**AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER  
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER, CO 80303**

## **Message from the President**

As my second consecutive year (5<sup>th</sup> total) as President comes to an end, I want to thank those who help the Club run smoothly and those who cooperate to make it that way. First there are our Board Members who put in time and energy on their specific and collective responsibilities. Many are returning which makes it much easier for our new President. Then there are our trip and activity leaders, who, in some cases, manage trips year after year. These are the backbones of the Club. Those who participate in the activities often help the leader and other participants, and they all deserve our gratitude. I hope and expect that everyone will give their ready support to Juan Contreras, our new President. We have a special community because people genuinely care for each other with a “can do” attitude. It’s amazing how supportive everyone is. I’m not just saying thank you to be polite. It comes from my heart.

**Louisa Young, President**

**Heads up: The Annual FSC Spring Fling date is set for  
June 13, 2026  
Venue is the Louisville Community Park**

# April 1, 2026, General Meeting

Our speakers for the April 1 General Meeting are:

**Ievgen Potykun and Hanna Boiarska, husband/wife owners of the Freedom Folding and Electric Bikes Shop on 28th St, Boulder.**

They came here from the Ukraine when Russia started the invasion. You can read their story at: <https://www.cpr.org/2024/10/23/ukraine-family-boulder-freedom-folding-bikes/>

They will be speaking about bike safety and repairs and some of the new types of bikes.

**Joe Golden, Vice President**

## FSC Book Club

If you are interested in joining the FSC Book Club, please contact Amy Varey to be added to our distribution list.

Please be sure to RSVP to her when she sends the monthly meeting reminder so the host can plan to accommodate attendees.

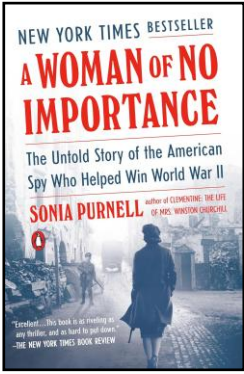
Conversely, if you would like your name to be removed from this list so you won't be bombarded by Book Club emails, please contact Amy Varey as well.

**Date:** Monday, April 13th, 2026  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Discussion Leader & Host:** Claudia VanWie  
**Location:** Boulder Rural Fire Rescue  
6230 Lookout Road  
Gunbarrel

**Book:** "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell

**Description:**

In 1942, the Gestapo sent out an urgent transmission: "She is the most dangerous of all Allied spies. We must find and destroy her."



The target in their sights was Virginia Hall, a Baltimore socialite who talked her way into Special Operations Executive, the spy organization dubbed Winston Churchill's "Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare." She became the first Allied woman deployed behind enemy lines and--despite her prosthetic leg--helped to light the flame of the French Resistance, revolutionizing secret warfare as we know it.

Virginia established vast spy networks throughout France, called weapons and explosives down from the skies and became a linchpin for the Resistance. Even as her face covered wanted posters and a bounty was placed on her head, Virginia refused order after order to evacuate. She finally escaped through a death-defying hike over the Pyrenees into Spain, her cover blown. But she plunged back in, adamant that she had more lives to save, and led a victorious guerilla campaign, liberating swathes of France from the Nazis after D-Day.

**Amy Lem Varey, Book Club Leader**

## Thursday Hikes April 2026

If you're a new FSC member and would like to join our hikes, please email me, Leonard Gehring (see FSC roster).

Similarly, if you would like me to remove your name from the list, email me, and I'll take care of it.

With the weather right now so unpredictable, we will plan a suitable hike tailored to each week's weather forecast and send out the details in our Sunday Emails.

Flexibility is the name of the game!

In March, we hiked:

- ❖ **Fowler, Goshawk Ridge, and Spring Brook Loop Trail**
- ❖ **Lion's Lair Trail**
- ❖ **Caribou Ranch**
- ❖ **Meyers Homestead Trail**

We hope you'll come out and join us for April Hikes and witness the seasonal changes.

## **The Annual Moab Trip is scheduled for Sunday 3 May to Friday 8 May 2026.**

The Moab trip is currently full. Please contact Ruth Durst if you would like to be added to the waitlist list.

The FSC will once again be heading to Moab for our annual hiking and biking adventures in the beautiful outdoors of Utah, staying at the Lazy Lizard: Watermelon and Grandma's houses. There will be a potluck on Monday evening and happy hour nightly.

The cost this year is \$157 for 5 nights. If you have not yet made full payment do so immediately.

**Trip Leaders: Ruth Durst and Janne Cookman**

## **Rafting on the Poudre River May 27 at 2:00 pm**

We have chosen the whitewater rafting outfitter, A Wanderlust Adventures, located in Laporte, CO, to conduct this special FSC adventure.

It is a 3-hour rafting trip so we will be done around 5:00 pm. The cost is \$98 with a \$10 discount if you use code save10. They rent wet suits for \$15. Everyone will make their own reservation but 12 spots have been saved for the FSC; hence, reservations must be made by April 30 by calling 800 745-7238.

After making your reservation let Dorothy know so she can keep count of the spots. Any of the 12 spots not reserved will be released on April 30.

**Dorothy Cohen, Trip Leader**

## **Visit Rocky Mountain Raptor Facility in Ft. Collins June 3, 2026, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program (RMRP) in Fort Collins, Colorado, is a non-profit that rescues, rehabilitates, and releases injured birds of prey like eagles, hawks, and owls, while also providing environmental education.

The cost of the visit will vary depending on how many folks go. We are limited to 15 participants. If interested we can do a short hike in the morning. We will carpool in the morning depending on the interest in a hike.

**Dorothy Cohen and Tom Cannon, Trip Leaders**

# SUMMER WILDFLOWERS in CRESTED BUTTE

2026 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, Tuesday, July 7 – Friday, July 10, 2026

**THIS TRIP IS NEARLY FULL. There are two single occupancy (Queen) rooms available - the cost is \$620 per person.**



The waiting list is open (no deposit required). Contact the trip leaders Linda and Chris Paris to join the waiting list or with questions.

Below is general information about this trip. Please note that there are no more king or queen+double rooms available on the trip.

Linda and Chris Paris will lead a midweek Wildflower Rambles trip to Crested Butte next July 7 – 10, 2026 - 3 nights lodging at the Cristiana Guesthaus on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, checking out Friday morning. **Total trip cost is \$480.00 per person in a double occupancy room or \$620.00 per person in a single occupancy room.** We will be accepting

deposits for the trip beginning April 1.

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 lodging with breakfast.

The trip leaders will lead a wildflower hike on both Wednesday and Thursday. Participants are welcome to join them or go out on their own. Options for wildflower walks and hikes are numerous, ranging from easy to moderate walks in/near town to strenuous hiking to mountain passes. People going on the trip should be in good physical health and condition. Being vaccinated for COVID, flu and RSV is strongly encouraged.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per person is required at the time of sign-up – either by mail or at a membership meeting. Sign-up and checks will be accepted at the April or May FSC Membership Meeting.** Members who pay deposits or trip cost balance electronically through the FSC website should send an email to the Parises to let us know that you paid online. We are not involved with the online payment system and do not receive notification of payments. If you pay the deposit online, mail us the sign-up form below or include the same information in the email letting us know you paid electronically.

Signing up is for those who are ready to commit to go on the trip. If you have interest in going but are not sure, still thinking about it, or your schedule may change, 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.

Our reservations accommodate 26 people: 5 couples (king), 10 persons in 5 queen+double rooms (each with own bed) and 6 single persons (queen). Queen+Double rooms are only for double occupancy - 2 persons who are comfortable rooming with each other and mutually agree to do so. Sign up together after you have found your roommate. The trip leaders can suggest persons to contact to arrange a roommate if you don't have someone in mind. Finding a roommate is your own responsibility. Questions? Contact Linda and Chris by e-mail/telephone.

Please let us know by e-mail if you are sending us a check by mail so we can watch for it and inform you when we receive it. **Make out checks to Flatirons Ski Club and put 2026 Wildflower Crested Butte in the note line.** Deposits and final payments by check should be sent to the Paris' by mail (address available from the membership list). Please don't send checks for this trip to the club post office box address. **Full payment is due by Friday, May 29, 2026.** After that date, unused rooms in our reservation will be cancelled and sign-ups will only be allowed for persons coming off the waiting list.

Here is the sign-up form to fill out and bring to the meeting or send to the trip leaders:

TRIP \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPOSIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ROOMMATE PREFERENCE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The trip is: **2026 Wildflower Crested Butte**

If you would like to have a single occupancy room, please say that under Roommate Preference(s) on the form. You can also use this form to join the waiting list.

To be a participant in the trip, you must sign up with the trip leaders as part of the FSC trip sign-up process that began March 4 for Wildflower Crested Butte. Those staying anywhere else than the Cristiana pay a \$20.00 Participant's Fee to receive trip communications and attend any trip activities (including Happy Hour). That fee does not include breakfast or any amenity privileges at the Cristiana.

## 2026 Wildflower Rambles

If you are interested in participating this summer, contact Linda Paris by email to join the interest list (last year's list is not carried over to this summer). Detailed information about place/time, leaders, meet up for carpooling, directions and trail attributes will be sent out by email to the interest list. Planning for this summer is about to start, so no specific details are available at this time.

# FSC Injury Prevention

Hi everyone – Some of our club members have been injured while skiing this winter. I wish them a quick and full recovery.

I have a few tips that can help skiers, bikers, and hikers to be safe.

- Spring skiing can have widely varying conditions within hours. The snow can vary dramatically within a short time and between shady and sunlit areas. A skier going downhill at a good clip can hit slush and the snow can grab the skis while the skier's body still has momentum, resulting in a flip or a fall. Beware! I recommend using a wax specifically designed for spring conditions to help prevent this. Also, spring sun can be blinding, so wear good goggles or sunglasses and sunscreen. It's a good idea to reapply sunscreen several times on a bright day.
- I also recommend that all skiers save the ski patrol's phone number for each ski area they visit on their phone. This can save time when a mishap occurs. Keep your skis tuned and have the bindings checked by a shop to make sure they release properly. Also, identify your "emergency contact" in your phone contacts so they can be reached if necessary. Know and obey the skiers' responsibility code.
- For bikers, I recommend always wearing a helmet and keeping your bike tuned up. Make sure you have good tires and brakes. Use appropriate hand signals when slowing, stopping, or pointing out road hazards. Carry a spare tire tube, pump, and tools to change a tube or tire if necessary.
- For hikers, carry the ten essentials.
- For participants in skiing, hiking, and biking, make a plan of where and when to meet at the end of the activity. Have phone numbers stored for everyone in your group or vehicle as necessary. Keep your phone charged and turn it on at least at the end of the day's activity so people can be in touch if necessary. Hike and bike on the right side of the trail as much as possible. When passing others, call out "on your left" or use a bike bell.

Be safe and have fun!

**Thanks**

**Arnie Mullen, Safety Chair**

## 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.

## 2025/26 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Monday: Ed Hanson			Thursday: Linda LaGanga			4/1/2026		
C: 303-902-3709			C: 720-352-6805					
Email: <a href="mailto:ewhfhgh@cs.com">ewhfhgh@cs.com</a>			Email: <a href="mailto:Linda.Laganga@gmail.com">Linda.Laganga@gmail.com</a>					
<b>MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC)</b>			<b>WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY (IKON)</b>					
Date	Area	Carpool Fee	Date	Area	Carpool Fee			
1-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	4-Dec	Copper	\$10			
8-Dec	Beaver Creek 7:00am	\$15*	11-Dec	WP/MJ	\$10			
15-Dec	Keystone	\$10	18-Dec	A-Basin	\$10			
22-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	26-Dec	TBD	\$10			
29-Dec	Keystone	\$10	31-Dec	Eldora 8:15am (Wed)	\$5			
5-Jan	Vail 7:00am	\$15*	8-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10			
12-Jan	Keystone	\$10	14-Jan	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10			
20-Jan	Breckenridge (Tuesday)	\$10	22-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10			
26-Jan	Keystone	\$10	29-Jan	Eldora 8:15	\$5			
2-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10	5-Feb	WP/MJ	\$10			
9-Feb	Keystone	\$10	11-Feb	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10			
17-Feb	Beaver Creek 7:00am (Tue)	\$15*	19-Feb	Eldora 8:15am	\$5			
23-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10	26-Feb	WP/MJ	\$10			
2-Mar	Keystone	\$10	5-Mar	A-Basin	\$10			
9-Mar	Vail 7:00am	\$15*	12-Mar	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10			
16-Mar	Breckenridge	\$10	19-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10			
23-Mar	Keystone	\$10	26-Mar	A-Basin	\$10			
30-Mar	Breckenridge	\$10	1-Apr	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10			
6-Apr	TBD		9-Apr	WP/MJ	\$10			
13-Apr	TBD		16-Apr	TBD				

- An asterisk (\*) indicates that there will be a parking fee in addition to the carpool fee.
- If you are not on Ed and/or Linda's list of midweek skiers, please let them know of your interest.
- Unless otherwise noted, carpools depart at 7:30 from the Eldorado Park 'n' Ride on the northeast corner of Hwy 93 and Hwy 170 (sometimes called Marshall Rd). **Please arrive ten minutes early to ensure an on-time departure.** Let Ed or Linda know if you are willing to drive. We can also meet skiers at agreed upon times in the Woolly Mammoth lot in Golden.
- Ski destinations are suggestions only, and may change depending on weather, traffic, ski conditions, or carpool preferences.
- Occasionally, Ed and Linda may need alternate leaders when they are away on ski trips.
- The club's prevailing health guidelines apply to all activities.
- We typically wear green ribbons on our helmets so it's easy to find each other on the mountain. Let Ed or Linda know if you need one.

# A Huge Thank You to our Volunteer Ski Leaders!

A Huge Thank You to our Ski Leaders for 9 great trips and midweek opportunities to ski together. All are veterans at this, except Linda Laganga, who stepped in for Arnie Mullen for midweek IKON days - thanks for volunteering! Lots of camaraderie helped to make up for the lowest snowpack in decades. All emergencies were handled smoothly by leaders and members, but we did suffer a significant number of cancelations.

## **2025 Overnight Trip Leaders:**

**Linda & Chris Paris** - Crested Butte

**Tom Cannon** - Steamboat

**Louisa Young** - Fraser House (Winter Park)

**Beth Gaffney** - Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA (Winter Park)

**Donna Cooper & Louise Geil** - Monarch/Wolf Creek

**Sue Bolton & Susan McGannon** - Vail/Beaver Creek

**Janne Cookman** - Snowy Range

**Richard Varey** - Aspen/Snowmass

**Ed Gostling** - Leadville/Ski Cooper

## **Mid-Weekday Skiing Leaders:**

**Ed Hanson - Epic pass holders** - Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail

**Linda Laganga - Ikon pass holders** - A-Basin, Eldora Copper, Winter Park/MJ

**Nan Keehner**, manager of email group for visits to Loveland

The season is not quite done...

**Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair**

## April 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>FSC General Meeting 7:00 PM</b>	2 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	3 FAC 4:00 PM	4
5 Happy Easter!	6	7	8	9 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	10 FAC 4:00 PM	11
12	13 Book Club Meeting	14	15	16 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	17 FAC 4:00 PM	18 May Newsletter submittals due
19	20	21	22	23 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	24 FAC 4:00 PM	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### FSC Board Members

President	Louisa Young
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