

# Flatirons Ski Club



May 2026

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social  
Group

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**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE**

**MAY 6TH, 7 PM**

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

## **Message from the President**

In the April Newsletter, Louisa Young bid us farewell as President of the Club, a role to which she dedicated her time, attention, and grace for a combined total of five years. Today, it is my privilege to say hello, as after the April Board meeting, I have officially become the new Club President.

Fortunately, the overnight ski season ended successfully before our dear mountains lost their pillowy white tunics and became great mounds of fertile soil. However, several members have reported good spring skiing up at Loveland. Richard Varey and his excellent crew of Trip Leaders again put together a season's worth of overnight ski trips, which were deemed a success by participants and the bottom line.

Make sure to check our monthly newsletters to stay informed about planned summer activities, as some are still in the works. Our Board Chairpersons are hard at work to find new adequate locations for the Club's Picnics and Festivities.

Our Webmaster has been working to improve our web portal so it can provide more information for our current members and prospective members seeking information about the Club.

I would also like to acknowledge and extend a warm welcome to Michael Chapman, the new FSC Vice President, and to Bruce Ramp, a new co-chair on the Social Committee.

I am looking forward to working with the Board and all the Club members to ensure the continued success of the Flatirons Ski Club.

**Juan Contreras, President**

# Annual FSC Spring Fling

June 13, 2026, from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM  
Louisville Community Park, 955 Bella Vista Dr.



Join your fellow FSC members for the annual Spring Fling and hear about FSC Summer Activities and plans. We will be serving pulled pork and chicken.

Please bring a side dish to share, such as a salad, baked beans, potato salad, vegetables or fruit. Desserts are also welcome.

Hope to see you there.

**Tina and Bruce Ramp, Social Co-Chairs**

## May 6, 2026, General Meeting

Title: "What We Do - See our Year in Review and how we communicate with the FSC Membership"

Presenters: Linda LaGanga and Martha Parks

**Micheal Chapman, 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.

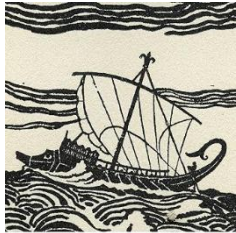
Conversely, If you would like your name to be removed from this list so you won't be bombarded by Book Club emails, please contact Amy Varey as well.

Date: Monday, May 11th, 2026  
Time: 7:00 pm

Discussion Leader & Host: Arnie Mullen  
Location: Boulder Rural Fire Rescue  
6230 Lookout Road  
Gunbarrel

## Book: “The Odyssey” by Homer

### Description:



This timeless tale follows the legendary hero Odysseus as he embarks on a perilous ten-year journey to return home after the Trojan War. With its richly woven narrative and unforgettable characters, The Odyssey captures the essence of human strength, resilience, and the power of determination. Immerse yourself in this epic saga that explores themes of love, honor, and the quest for self-discovery, and discover why it has stood the test of time.



**Amy Lem Varey, Book Club Leader**

## Thursday Hikes May 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 will 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 April we hiked:

- **The Fowler Trail to Eldorado Canyon**
- **Ceran St Vrain Creek Trail**
- **Rabbit Mountain - Eagle Wind Trail**

We have a list of future hikes that we will match with current weather and trail conditions that include:

Green Mountain West Ridge Trail; Middle St Vrain Trail; Rattlesnake Gulch; Rawhide Trail; Sawmill Trail & Belcher Hill Trail, and, of course, RMNP hikes.

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

## 2026 May Tuesday Hikes

Tuesday hikes are back starting May 12 and will be coordinated by Sue Evans. We will hike for an hour or so, followed by a potluck and social time. Please bring a dish to share (enough for 5 or 6 people along with you own plate and silverware.

Following is the schedule for May:

May 5: No hike due to the Moab trip

May 12: Louisa Young will lead an urban hike. Park on Pearl St near Louisa's hose at 287 Pearl St. If there is no parking, go to the parking lot at People's Crossing (northwest of intersection of Pearl and Canyon) and walk east 2 long blocks.

The hike will go through a narrow canyon with interesting features, then through the Knollwood neighborhood ending at Sunshine Canyon Road (Mapleton). Return along sidewalks to Louisa's home for a pot luck.

May 19: Pat Irwin will lead a hike from her house to open space including the Bobolink and Boulder Creek trails.

May 26: Dorothy Cohen will take us to Marshall Mesa. The parking lot and picnic area have been improved. After the hike we will enjoy the potluck at the new picnic area.

## 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.

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**

## **Free Day at Denver Art Museum Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

We will catch the 10:15 FF1 bus from the Table Mesa Park n' Ride (platform is on the West side of 36 and is accessed by the pedestrian bridge on level 4) to Union Station, and then the free Mall Ride across the 16th Street Mall to the end at City Park. We will walk across the Park and have lunch at Mad Greens, which is directly across from the entrance of the museum. You can check their website for exhibits that interest you.

**Tom Cannon and Dorothy Cohen, Co-Activities Chairs**

## **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 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.

General information trip details were published in the February 2026 newsletter on page 4, in the March 2026 newsletter on page 4-5 and in the April 2026 newsletter on page 5-6 – refer to these descriptions for more information.

## 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 pending, so no specific details are available at this time. Wildflower rambles are relaxed and slow-paced to allow attention to the details of the flowers and plants and to make identification easier. We also spotlight particular flower groups. Bring sun protection, snack/lunch, water, rain gear, poles and field guides. There is a carpool fee payable to the driver.

The rambles leader team welcomes everyone who likes to look for or wants to find out more about flowers. We recognize that there are many levels of expertise and pace among our rambles and also recognize that we will get strung out on our route because of that. Some want general information about the flowers and others are into keying them out. Rambles are not meant to be hikes. Our rambles policy is to provide more than one leader to accommodate moderate and ambling paces. You are welcome to go as far as your interest or physical condition take you. Please consider your physical capabilities/limitations, the ramble trip details (elevation, surface, topography, etc.) and your schedule in your decision to participate.

# Uncle Bud's Hut Trip

## August 10-12, 2026



Uncle Bud's Hut, owned by 10th Mountain, is similar in aspect and construction to the 10th Mountain Division Hut. Views from the south window-wall include a panorama of 14,421-foot Mount Massive and the bare pate of Bald Eagle Mountain. The hut was built as a memorial to 10th Mountain Division veteran Bud Winter (1925-1945), who was killed in action in Italy during World War II, and was one of 33 soldiers who completed the legendary "trooper traverse" winter ski crossing from Leadville to Aspen in February of 1944. Funds for the hut were given by Bud's brother, Dr. Fred Winter. His sister Laura contributed the proceeds from her poetry book *Laura's Lines*.

**Layout and capacity:** Two-level hut with four distinct sleeping areas. Upstairs: 2 private bedrooms, 1 with 6 beds, 1 with 4 beds, and a communal sleeping area with 7 single mattresses. Capacity 16.

**Hut Location:** Uncle Bud's Hut is located just a few miles east of the Continental Divide at 11,380' in the Rocky Mountains of central Colorado, nearest town is the city of Leadville.

You can access Uncle Bud's during the summer by driving around Turquoise Lake and taking FS Road 107 to the summer closure gate approximately 1/4 mile from the hut.

The [Colorado Trail](#) runs right near Uncle Bud's Hut and provides beautiful hiking in either direction. Galena Mountain also makes a beautiful destination hike. For a longer

day of hiking, you can head down the [Colorado Trail](#) southwest to the Timberline Lake trailhead and hike back up to the lake for some excellent fishing.

The Club has reserved 3 nights (Aug. 10-12). Sign up to plan and provide the materials for a breakfast or dinner (you need to bring your own lunches). Everyone helps with preparation and clean-up. The Club will provide potable water. Note there are no showers or flush toilets (there is an outhouse). The setting has amazing views of the night sky if the weather cooperates.

Cost is \$150 per person. Deadline for payment is July 1.

**Louisa Young, Trip Leader**

## **FSC Fall Bicycle Ride** **Tentative date September 29 to October 1, 2026**

Under active consideration is the Colorado Springs area hence the late September date. After Richard Patnoe and his buddies have scouted the area, more information will be available.

Richard Patnoe, Trip Leader

## **Avalanche Ranch Trip** **October 4 to 7, 2026**

Tom Canon once again will lead this trip and provide detailed information in the upcoming newsletters.

### **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.

## 2026 FSC Summer/Fall Calendar

Date/s	Description of Activity	Leaders/Organizers
5-3 to 5-8-2026	Annual Moab Trip	Ruth Durst & Janne Cookman
5-12-2026	Denver Art Museum	Tom Canon & Dorothy Cohen
5-27-2026	Rafting on the Poudre River	Dorothy Cohen
6-3-2026	Rocky Mountain Raptor Facility	Dorothy Cohen
6-13-2026	Annual FSC Spring Fling at Louisville Community Park	Tina and Bruce Ramp
7-7 to 7-10-2026	Summer Wildflowers in Crested Butte	Chris & Linda Paris
8-10 to 8-12-2026	Uncle Bud's Hut Trip	Louisa Young
9-29 to 10-1-2026	Fall FSC Bicycle Ride	Richard Patnoe
TBD	Annual FSC Membership Picnic at the Lavern M. Johnson Park, Lyons	Tina Ramp
10-4 to 10-7-2026	Annual Avalanche Ranch Trip	Tom Canon

### May 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1		1 FAC 4:00 PM	2
3	4	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	6 FSC General Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	8 FAC 4:00 PM	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Book Club Meeting	12 Denver Art Museum Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	13	14 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	15 FAC 4:00 PM	16
17	18	19 Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	20 June Newsletter submittals due	21 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	22 FAC 4:00 PM	23
24	25 <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	27 Rafting the Poudre River	28 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	29 FAC 4:00 PM	30 <hr/> 31

**FSC Board Members effective May 2026**

President	Juan Contreras
V. President	Michael Chapman
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Treasurer	Martha Parks
Publicity	Linda LaGanga
Newsletter	Marianne Bachmann
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Social Co-Chairs	Tina & Bruce Ramp
Safety Chair	Arnie Mullen
Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair	Richard Varey
Activities Co-Chair	Tom Cannon
Activities Co-Chair	Dorothy Cohen
<b>Member at Large</b>	
Webmaster	Mark Stangl

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# ACCUMULATED FLATIRONS SKI CLUB POLICIES

## Flatirons Ski Club General Trip Policies

*adopted by the Flatirons Ski Club Board of Directors August 15, 2019*

*Revised 11/14/2019*

*Revised 2/18/2021*

*Revised 3/28/2023*

*Updated 7/9/2023*

*Updated 10/2024*

*Updated 05/2026 added 1.13*

**1. Sign-up Procedures:** The Flatirons Ski Club (hereafter referred to as the FSC) doesn't intend to profit from activities but usually charges a fee to cover costs.

1.1 The deposit holds your spot on the activity. Deposits in general are non-refundable.

1.2 When an activity is full, sign up on the Wait List. Cancellations often occur.

1.3 If you must cancel, notify the Leader promptly so a replacement person can be found.

1.4 It is preferred that when a person cancels and a replacement is found, the replacing person reimburses the cancelling person directly.

1.5 Pay your balance by the Due Date, or the Leader will replace you from the Wait List.

1.6 Pay separately for each activity, noting the activity name and date with the payment.

1.7 Make payments out to "**Flatirons Ski Club**" and give them to the Activity Leader.

1.8 The Treasurer will alert the Board of Directors to trips that have a significant profit after all known income and expenses have cleared. The Board will consider the reasons for the profit and authorize refunds if appropriate. An example of an appropriate situation is if the trip made money because one or more person(s) paid the full charge for the trip, cancelled before the trip started and the Club was able to recover whatever costs it had paid for the participant.

1.9 Communicate any issues promptly to the activity leader.

*The following items were adopted by the FSC Board of Directors on October 16, 2024*

1.10 Members shall not bring pets on overnight trips.

1.11 If members arrange for their own housing concurrent with an FSC arranged trip, and if such members desire to be included in meals or other activities included in the concurrent trip, it will be in the discretion of the trip leader to decide if there is room for the alternatively housed members. The trip leader may charge the cost of the meal or activity for the alternatively housed members.

1.12 FSC funds shall not be used to purchase alcohol.

1.13 Participants must be members in order to go on overnight trips.

## **2. Health Guidelines**

*Adopted by the FSC Board of Directors on October 16, 2024*

2.1 Members are strongly advised to have the most current vaccinations and boosters for the common infectious diseases, including flu and COVID.

2.2 If you have symptoms of any contagious disease (respiratory, gastrointestinal, or anything else) before the trip, do not attend.

2.3 If you develop symptoms of a contagious disease during the trip, isolate and/or drive home as soon as possible.

**3. Capability.** When a person's capability is inadequate for the activity, it negatively impacts other participants.

3.1 For the group's safe enjoyment of a given activity, members and guests must participate only in those group activities (skiing, hiking etc.) that are well within their current endurance, ability and skill so as not to cause an incident.

3.2 An incident is defined as any accident or adverse disruption to the safety of the planned group activity, an increase in the group's time or cost to accomplish the planned activity, or undue imposition on the group or outside parties.

3.3 Recognizing that mistakes can occur and accidents can happen, repeated incidents caused by a participant's lack of capability may disqualify that member from group activities and may result in use of FSC's Grievance procedure.

#### **4. Guidelines for Conduct**

4.1 During the activity, the Leader's decision on member participation is final.

4.2 Participants should be provided with a list of contact information of all participants, when possible, being aware that mobile devices might not be in service in remote areas.

4.3 Group activities should be done with two people minimum in the case of rescue patrolled areas, and with four persons minimum in other cases (so one person can stay with the victim and two people can go together for help).

4.4 If a group member becomes incapacitated, call for medical assistance. The group must care for him/her because participation in the activity implies agreement to help out in case of trouble.

4.5 If you suspect a member of the Club has a concussion, let the person know of your concern, suggest that they stop the physical activity immediately, and offer to call for medical assistance.

4.6 A group must not split up unless there is a clear plan for a regroup place and time.

4.7 Turn-around times should be determined so that return can be accomplished in a timely manner.

4.8 In case of separation, wait at the first fork in the trail or the base of the agreed ski lift.

4.9 Voluntary solo-diversion from the group is strongly discouraged, effectively removes the person from the activity, and relieves the group from responsibility.

4.10 Carrying communication devices (e.g., cell phones and walkie talkies) is strongly encouraged for all members.

## **5. Bicycle Safety**

*adopted by the FSC Board of Directors June 15, 2023.*

- 5.1 Always wear a helmet. Biking gloves and protective eyewear are recommended.
- 5.2 Use hand signals when stopping, slowing down, and turning. Point at obstacles or hazards on the road (such as broken glass, branches, trash, etc.) so those following will be aware of them.
- 5.3 Don't wear headphones or any device that would prevent hearing sounds from other vehicles, pedestrians, runners, cyclists, dogs, and anything else that might be on the road or trail.
- 5.4 When passing pedestrians, runners, or other cyclists, use a bell or call out well ahead of time "on your left" or "on your right" and do not pass any closer than is necessary.
- 5.5 At intersections, before proceeding, observe traffic signals and make eye contact with vehicle drivers. Do not start to cross under the assumption that you have the right of way. You could be DEAD right.
- 5.6 If you ride after dark, wear reflective clothing and use flashing lights.
- 5.7 Carry a spare tire tube, tire pump, gas cartridges for tires, and the tools necessary for minor repairs. Have the tools and knowledge required. If necessary, take a bicycle mechanics class.
- 5.8 Inspect your bike before each ride-tires, brakes, shifters, and lubricate the chain and sprockets periodically.
- 5.9 Agree on a route and an end point. The leader shall stop periodically and make sure everyone in the group is accounted for. Carry your cell phone and have it charged up and turned on.
- 5.10 The leader should review these rules with the group before each ride.

## **6. Ski Club Minutes Request Policies**

*adopted by the FSC Board of Directors on November 14, 2019*

- 6.1 Member requests for minutes should be directed to the FSC Board of Directors, rather than to an individual Board Member.
- 6.2 Member requests for minutes must be made in writing or via email and should be made only after the requested minutes have been approved.
- 6.3 Each request should list only one set of minutes.

## **7. FSC Policies Relating To Facebook**

*adopted by the FSC Board of Directors on February 18, 2021*

The FSC wishes to participate in social media in order to promote relationships among its members and the public. Our Facebook presence is meant to provide a venue for members to share their experiences and photographs of Club activities. Our Facebook page shall be governed by the following policies and monitored by the Board through the Publicity Chair.

- 7.1 The promotion of violence of any kind shall not be tolerated, including hate speech and cruel and insensitive allegations.
- 7.2 There shall be no nudity or sexually explicit material.
- 7.3 Members may post items they wish to sell or exchange, but no commercial sales will be allowed.
- 7.4 Friend requests shall be limited to those who have a relationship with FSC.
- 7.5 If facts are to be alleged, the person posting such material shall verify the truth of allegations through reliable, traditional sources before posting.
- 7.6 The FSC Facebook page is for FSC members only.
- 7.7 The Facebook page will be managed and supervised by the FSC Publicity Chair.
- 7.8 Each month, the Publicity Chair will provide the Board with the appropriate FSC Facebook page stats – number of visits and posts, general kinds of posts and use, etc.
- 7.9 The Publicity Chair will promote the Facebook page to FSC members.