

Flatirons Ski Club



September 2026

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social
Group

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

Message from the President

I wish to extend a warm welcome to all new members of the Flatirons Ski Club (FSC). Since September 2025, 61 people have joined, and our roster now has 277 members. I hope you all take advantage of what FSC has to offer.

On a different note, at times some of our members experience severe health issues or suffer accidents not related to FSC activities. The Board's policy is not to use official communication channels to broadcast these issues or to secure help for those members. But we are a close-knit and long-standing community. Individual members often reach out to create a network of support. I have been informed that the response in these instances has been great, and members feel that we are more than a club, we are a family.

Finally, summer is coming to an end, and fall will soon be upon us. With fall, the pace of FSC activities quickens, so please make sure to check the calendar details. I hope to see you at the Fall Membership Picnic. If you have any feedback or wish to contact me, please do not hesitate. You can find my contact info in the FSC roster.

Thanks, **Juan Contreras, President**



Fall Membership Picnic September 12, 2026 LaVerne M Johnson Park, Lyons, CO 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join us in a beautiful canyon park in Lyons on September 12. We have again reserved the WPA

pavilion at the far end of the park, next to the river. Parking inside the gates is \$3/hour on weekends, free on the streets outside the park. You can drive into the park to drop off your food at the pavilion and then go park.

The club will provide brats and pulled chicken, plus drinks. There will be a limited number of veggie burgers for those who do not eat meat. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

Take Hwy 36, or 66 to Lyons, turn left at the stop sign onto Hwy 7 and a quick right turn into the park.

If you could help with setup or cleanup, please let me know. Phone number is in the roster.

FSC Social Chairs: Tina and Bruce Ramp

Annual FSC Membership Renewal and Waiver Signing

I Hope to see many of you at the above-described Membership Picnic on September 12 at Laverne Johnson Park in Lyons. Around September 1st, I will send another blast email with the waiver attached.

Please print the waiver, sign it, write a check payable to Flatirons Ski Club for the dues **(\$30 single, \$50 couple)** and mail both items to:

Flatirons Ski Club
PO Box 6120
Boulder, CO 80306

This will help me with the bedlam at the picnic. Thanks so much!
Membership Chair: Linda Giandinoto

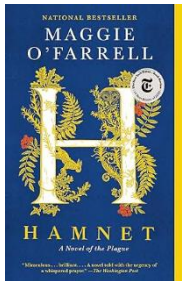
FSC Book Club

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 meeting reminder email to reserve a seat.

Date: Monday, September 14th, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm
Discussion Leader and Host: Jane Hilleren
Location: Boulder Rural Fire Rescue
6230 Lookout Road
Gunbarrel

Book: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell

Description:



England, 1580: The Black Death creeps across the land, an ever-present threat, infecting the healthy, the sick, the old and the young alike. The end of days is near, but life always goes on.

A young Latin tutor—penniless and bullied by a violent father—falls in love with an extraordinary, eccentric young woman. Agnes is a wild creature who walks her family's land with a falcon on her glove and is known throughout the countryside for her unusual gifts as a healer,

understanding plants and potions better than she does people. Once she settles with her husband on Henley Street in Stratford-upon-Avon, she becomes a fiercely protective mother and a steadfast, centrifugal force in the life of her young husband, whose career on the London stage is just taking off when his beloved young son succumbs to sudden fever. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet.

Amy Lem Varey,
Book Club Leader

Tuesday Evening Hikes

Our last Tuesday evening hike/potluck was at the end of August. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed wonderful food. Thanks to all of the leaders for leading the hikes.
Sue Evans, Organizer

Thursday Hikes September 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 being 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 August we hiked:

- MacGregor Falls via Lumpy Ridge and Black Canyon Trails
- Glacier Creek Trail, Storm Pass to Sprague Lake
- Beaver Reservoir Lollipop Loop via Camp Dick and Buchanan Pass Trail

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

- Rainbow Lakes Trailhead to Arapaho Glacier
- Diamond Lake Trail via Fourth of July Trail
- Hessie Trail to Devil's Thumb Bypass Loop, back on Devil's Thumb Trail
- RMNP hikes

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

FSC Fall Bicycle Ride

Tuesday September 29 to Thursday October 1, 2026



The routes have been scouted and we will be doing parts or all of the Garden of the Gods, Manitou Springs, the Greenway, areas around the Broadmoor Hotel and Old Colorado City. There are some significant hill climbs in these areas but the cycling is great.

Eight double-queen rooms have been reserved at a 15 percent discount at the Buffalo Lodge, a renovated 1920's lodge that

specializes in bicycle tourism. The lodge is clean, funky, and an all-around delight with a continental breakfast.

Please make your own reservations by calling 719-634-2851 and having the hotel remove my name and place yours in my stead. They have rooms with kitchenettes and other amenities. In addition, send a \$25 NONREFUNDABLE check made out to the Flatirons Ski Club to Richard Patnoe, see FSC roster. **This will secure your place on this adventuresome event.**

By the way, they have a bluegrass concert weekend beginning on Friday afternoon, October 2, for those who wish to stay over.

Richard Patnoe, Trip Leader

Annual Avalanche Ranch Trip

Sunday October 4 to Wednesday October 7, 2026



Once again, the club has reserved cabins at Avalanche Ranch near Redstone for what we hope will be the peak of Colorado's spectacular fall colors. Whether you enjoy hiking, biking, soaking in the ranch's 24/7 natural hot spring pools, or simply relaxing, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty of autumn in the mountains.

Avalanche Ranch is also close enough to Aspen for a day trip to visit the free art museum, stroll through the John Denver Peace Park, or explore the town.

The trip begins on Sunday afternoon, October 4, and we will check out by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7. **The cost for this three-night getaway is just \$275 per person.**

To reserve your spot, please mail a check payable to FSC to the trip leader, Tom Cannon. His mailing address is listed in the FSC roster. There was an enthusiastic response to the advance notice, so please send your check soon to secure your reservation.

Each evening, we will gather for a happy hour. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite snack and beverage to share. Dinner on the first night will feature both meat and vegetarian chili, and chicken will be served on the second night. Members are also asked to contribute a side dish, salad, or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available. As always, there's usually plenty of delicious leftovers for a festive feast on the third evening!

If you have any questions, please contact the trip leader.

Tom Cannon, Trip Leader

FSC Treasurer Instructions

We are all excited about a new season of adventures with the club! When you write a payment check, please help us out by checking the following:

- ✓ the numeral amount and the written amount match,
- ✓ the check is made out to FSC or Flatirons Ski Club,
- ✓ the check is signed, and
- ✓ the event is noted on the memo line

If using Venmo or PayPal, please make sure the event is noted.

FSC Publicity Resources

Need to look up current FSC activities or get your friends connected with our club? Our public website, flatironsskiclub.com, has our monthly newsletters, trip and activity calendars, membership forms, and more! Please send photos from recent FSC activities to our Web master, Mark Stangl, to keep the site looking fresh and current.

And you can post photos in our public Flatirons Ski Club group on **Facebook** about FSC events/activities. Want help with Facebook to join or post to the group, or to set up your Facebook account?

Linda LaGanga, Publicity Chair, will be glad to help.

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.

2027 FSC Save-the-Date Ski Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Trip Leaders
Jan 12-15	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 18-21	Steamboat	Homewood Suites	40	3	Ikon	Tom Cannon
Jan 26-29	Fraser Winter Park	Fraser House Alpine Center	17	3	Ikon	Louisa Young
Feb 2-4	Snowy Range	Old Corral Hotel	18	2	Misc	Janne Cookman
Feb 9-12	Monarch Mountain	Hampton Inn (Salida)	20	3	Misc	Donna Cooper
Feb 16-19	Vail/Beaver Creek	Comfort Inn Avon	20	3	Epic	Susan McGannon & Sue Bolton
Feb 22-25	Snow Mt Ranch	YMCA of the Rockies	28	3	Ikon	Beth Gaffney
March 1-5	Aspen/Snow mass	Comfort Inn & Suites Carbondale	40	3 or 4	Ikon Full (Base-Snowmass)	Richard Varey
March 9-11	Leadville/Ski Cooper	Columbine Inn	40	2	Misc	Ed Gostling
March 22-26	Telluride	Mountainside Inn	15-20	4	Epic Full/day	Joe Golden

**** Note: Sign-ups for Flatirons' scheduled 2027 ski trips will begin at the October 7, 2026, monthly meeting. Details will be shared after the September board meeting. Deposit amounts and trip costs will be listed in the October newsletter's Ski Calendar. Trip leaders will not accept sign-ups or deposits before the October meeting.**

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 & 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 Cancelled	Louisa Young
9-12-2026	Annual FSC Membership Picnic at the Lavern M. Johnson Park, Lyons	Tina & Bruce Ramp
9-29 to 10-1-2026	Fall FSC Bicycle Ride	Richard Patnoe
10-4 to 10-7-2026	Annual Avalanche Ranch Trip	Tom Canon
12-12-2026	FSC Holiday Party	Tina & Bruce Ramp

September 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	4 FAC 4:00 PM	5
6	7	8	9	10 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	11 FAC 4:00 PM	12 Annual FSC Membership Picnic
13	14 Book Club Meeting	15	16	17 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	18 FAC 4:00 PM	19
20 September Newsletter submittals due	21	22	23	24 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	25 FAC 4:00 PM	26
27	28	29 Fall Bicycle	30 Ride Colorado Springs	Note: trip ends Oct 1 or 2		

FSC Board Members effective May 2026

President	Juan Contreras	
V. President	Michael Chapman	
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Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair	Richard Varey	
Activities Co-Chair	Tom Cannon	
Activities Co-Chair	Dorothy Cohen	
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