

CMC DG Member Initiatives Committee (DMIC)

Activities Report to Denver Group Council

Period Covered 4/1/2023 through 4/30/2023.

5/8/2023

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Robbie Monsma

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1. **New and Prospective Member Hikes (2-3 hikes per month) – Michael McMahon.** This series keeps going on, thanks to Michael's faithfulness in scheduling and leading. We have trips and leaders scheduled for the rest of 2023. We do get members from other area groups.

April 2023 New Member Hike Stats:

Day	Date	# of Trips completed	Roster Totals	Left on Waiting List
Saturday	4/1	1	9	0
Saturday	4/15	1	8	0
Saturday	4/29	1	5	0
Totals		3	22	0

2. **Ascending Hike Section (Robbie Monsma, Wayne Howell, and Michael McMahon)**
 - a. Section Trip Leader Abbie Gentry has started a Facebook page "CMC Ascending Hikes." She also generated our first monthly Section newsletter, although there were glitches with the mailing list, and it has not yet been posted online. View the May newsletter here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zuxtoyRpxvnkbFyiqWvbnyPKxWBFZZz4/view?usp=sharing>
 - b. Member publicity and trip leader recruitment remains hampered without more prominent publicity. We are stymied by the infrequency of CMC publications, that we apparently rank low among staff priorities, and a lack of area group newsletters.
 - c. Nonetheless, six leaders experienced in the program from prior years began to put trips on the calendar, starting this past January, emphasizing weekends. Additional leaders have added May trips. Member sign-ups are immediate, in part because of the lack of weekend trips in general. Feedback is wildly enthusiastic.

- d. We must pointedly ask veteran members to not sign up until the last day before trip day. They also don't have enough trips to join and may not even understand what an Ascending Hike is. As always, we need to recruit more leaders and hope the next issue of The Lead will help. As always, not enough regular trips and regular trip leaders.
- e. All trips are visible on the calendar by searching for them by the Ascending Hikes Section.
- f. Only seventeen members have returned self-assessment forms, although unsure if we can make these better for them and us (comparison charts, compiled charts, and statistical report, etc.). We want more members to complete the form, but as noted above we have difficulty getting the message out.

April 2023 Ascending Hikes Stats:

Day	Date	# of Trips completed	Roster Totals	Left on Waiting List
Friday	4/14	1	6	0
Sunday	4/16	1	9	0
Tuesday	4/18	1	7	0
Friday	4/21	1	9	0
Sunday	4/23	1	6	0
Friday	4/28	1	8	0
Totals		6	40	0

3. Beginner Snowshoe School - Robbie Monsma

- a. Now that the season is over, our task is to prepare a BSS Manual as a supplement to the CMC School Director Manual.
- b. As planned, we made snowshoe kits available to Day Hiker School students on their Snow Travel Days, plus accompanied that group as an instructor for the snowshoe portion of their field day. That continues into early May 2023, so long as there is snow up at Jones Pass Rd and there are DHS students needing Snow Day to graduate. ATA was grateful for both the snowshoes and the instruction.
- c. As yet, no one to take over the School or to whom we can entrust a school session, although we have several terrific assistants.
- d. This is the last report on this program until later in the year.