

Flatirons Ski Club

Social



October 2023

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Group

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 4TH, 7 PM AT
THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER, CO 80303**

Message from the President

The General Meeting is scheduled for October 4th at 7 PM. The ski trip organizers will be presenting an overview of each of the ski trips for 2024. September is the time to pay your dues and sign the annual waiver. Membership runs from October 1 through September 30. The waiver form and Flatirons Ski Club General Policies were emailed to you in late August. Activities of the Flatirons Ski Club are guided by the FSC General Policies. If you have questions about the membership registration, please contact Linda Giandinoto, Membership Chair. FSC is fortunate to have many volunteers to lead activities, serve on committees, and support the operations of the club. There is always a need for more volunteers. Let me know if you are interested in a volunteer role. Orientation and coaching are available to support you.

Beth Gaffney, President

Membership Renewal

We had a fun filled Membership Picnic. I encourage you to renew your membership in FSC if you have not already done so. Around December 1st, I will begin culling the roster. Thank you so much.

Linda Giandinoto, Membership Chair

FSC Book Club

DATE: Monday, October 9, 2023, Time: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Louisa Young's Home
DISCUSSION LEADERS: Louisa Young
BOOK: **In Order to Live**
by Yeonmi Park

In *In Order to Live*, Yeonmi Park shines a light not just into the darkest corners of life in North Korea, describing the deprivation and deception she endured and which millions of North Korean people continue to endure to this day, but also onto her own most painful and difficult memories. She tells with bravery and dignity for the first time the story of how she and her mother were betrayed and sold into sexual slavery in China and forced to suffer terrible psychological and physical hardship before they finally made their way to Seoul, South Korea—and to freedom.

Park confronts her past with a startling resilience. In spite of everything, she has never stopped being proud of where she is from, and never stopped striving for a better life. Indeed, today she is a human rights activist working determinedly to bring attention to the oppression taking place in her home country. Park's testimony is heartbreaking and unimaginable, but never without hope. This is the human spirit at its most indomitable.

Thursday Hikes September 2023

We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 8:45 AM and leave at 9:00 AM. People can carpool from the Meadows Shopping Center, or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. The Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the Bank and Remax realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather.

Call Sue Evans or Louisa Young to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

3rd Thursday Hike – October 19, 2023 TBA

Autumn weather is perfect for hiking. Maybe there will be colors for us to enjoy. Destination TBA, information for the hike sent the Sunday before the hike.
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October 10 to 13, 2023 (3 nights) Avalanche Ranch

The trip is full.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Tom Cannon - Avalanche Ranch Trip Coordinator

Friday October 20, 2023, 4:00 PM Fall Tree Color and Tree Talk Walk on CU campus.

We will do a walkabout at the CU campus to discuss this area's variety of trees and leaf colors. A "Tree Talk" among trees will also be part of our discussion.

We will meet at the main entrance of Macky Auditorium. Parking is available in the multilevel garage on the CU campus. There is also parking just to the northwest of Macky on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Organizer: Herman Sievering

2024 FSC Ski Trip Calendar

****IMPORTANT**** Note that total costs shown below are for double occupancy.

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost Per Person	Deposit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Jan 16-19	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	\$330 (\$445 single)	\$50	12/6/23	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 22-25	Steamboat	Homewood Suites	40	3	Ikon	\$475	\$150	12/15/23	Tom Cannon
Jan 30-Feb 2	Monarch Mtn (& Wolf Creek)	Baymont (Salida)	20	3	M: 69+ ski free WC: Misc	\$200 (\$375 single)	\$40	12/6/23	Donna Cooper & Louise Geil
Feb 5-8	Snow Mtn Ranch	YMCA of the Rockies	28	3	Ikon	\$165	\$40	12/1/23	Beth Gaffney
Feb 27-March 1	Fraser/Winter Park	Fraser House Alpine Center	18	3	Ikon	\$120	\$25	1/16/24	Louisa Young
March 4-8	Aspen/Snowmass	Comfort Inn/Suites (Carbondale)	40	3 or 4	Ikon+	\$310/\$410	\$100	1/4/24	Richard Varey
March 12-14	Leadville/Ski Cooper	Silver King Inn	30	2	Misc	\$130	\$30	1/15/24	Ed Gostling

Details on mid-week skiing (Epic Mondays & Ikon Thursdays) will be announced in a future newsletter.

Protocol for Ski Trip Sign-Ups

This October newsletter has detailed write-ups on all the ski trips, and the ski calendar summarizes important details. In addition, those trip coordinators who attend the October general meeting will be asked to present their trips.

The sign-up process is basically the same as last season. Signing up for a ski trip involves completing a sign-up form and writing a check **made out to Flatirons Ski Club** for each trip you would like to go on. For example, if you want to sign up for 4 trips, you will need to complete 4 sign-up forms and write 4 checks.

If you attend the October meeting, you can bring completed sign-up forms and checks to the meeting. If you do not come to the October meeting or so prefer, you can send your completed sign-up forms and checks to the trip coordinators within the next couple of days. You can find their mailing addresses on the latest roster. **Remember:** make checks payable to the Flatirons Ski Club and include the name of the trip in the memo line.

Often these trips are oversubscribed. So that everyone has an equal chance of getting a spot, we are requesting trip coordinators to wait until October 11th before processing the forms and checks, rather than giving priority to those who handed their forms/checks in at the meeting or whose mail arrived earlier.

If there are more applications than spots, then at their discretion, trip coordinators can add rooms, if possible, to accommodate everyone who has applied. If everyone cannot be accommodated, trip coordinators will use a lottery system to determine who is accepted and who is put on the waitlist. If you **want** to be on the waitlist, please indicate that clearly on your sign-up form.

Important notes:

- You need to be an active FSC member to sign up for ski trips.
- Please sign a waiver and return it to Linda Giandinoto at least 2 weeks before your trip.
- **Monies paid for a ski trip (including both deposits and balances) are generally non-refundable.** If you must cancel notify the trip coordinator promptly so a replacement can be found. The replacing person directly reimburses the person who is canceling. If a replacement cannot be found, your payment is non-refundable.
- The current Covid protocol regarding attending overnight ski trips states that all attendees must be vaccinated. Note that this policy may change over time, and members will be notified accordingly.

Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

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

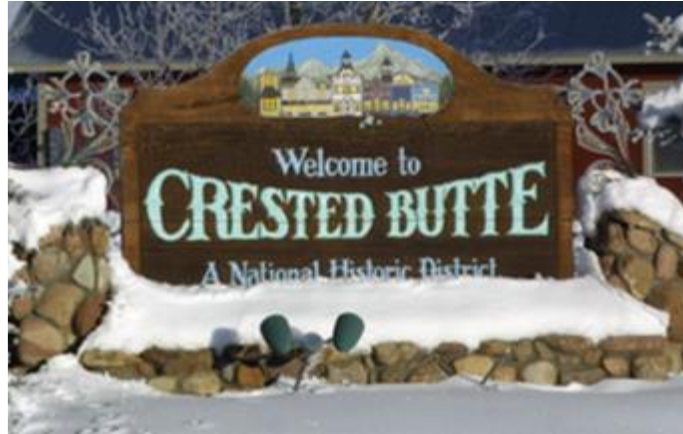
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WINTER Skiing in CRESTED BUTTE

3 Nights Lodging at the CRISTIANA GUESTHAUS

Jan. 16th, 17th & 18th (leaving Jan. 19thAM)



If you are looking to cross country ski this winter, Crested Butte is the place for you. Crested Butte is a cross country skier's dream, with miles of groomed trails in town and many others in the vicinity. For the downhill skiers, Crested Butte Mountain Resort (Mount Crested Butte) specializes in intermediate terrain but includes plentiful expert and easy terrain, as well. Please join us for a great weekend in a great lodging and ski town. We will be staying in Crested Butte town at the Cristiana Guesthaus for 3 midweek nights **January 16, 17, & 18** with check out on Friday the 19th, 2024.

The trip cost includes an ample daily continental breakfast with homemade breakfast breads, mixed fresh fruit, juices (including fresh squeezed orange juice), granola and yogurt parfait, HB eggs and oatmeal each morning. Lunches and dinners are on your own. There are no cross country trail passes or downhill lift tickets included in the trip cost. The Nordic Center day pass is free for those over 70 and reduced for those 65-69. Lift tickets at Mt. Crested Butte are on the Epic Pass for downhill skiers. If you do not have that pass, you can still come – there are online discounts through Mt. Crested Butte so you will not have to pay the full ticket window price if you don't have the Epic and FSC members have shared buddy passes. Your non-refundable \$50 deposit per person is due in October after the membership ski trip meeting. Final payment is due on December 6th either at the meeting or by mail. Both deposit and final payment checks must be made out to the Flatirons Ski Club.

Please call or e-mail Linda or Chris Paris with questions.

Steamboat Trip January 22 to 25, 2024

The club will be staying once again at the **Homewood Suites by Hilton**. I think last time everyone was happy with the comfortable accommodation. They provide a hot breakfast that includes eggs, hot and cold cereals, different breads and pastries. We will be able to use the breakfast room for our happy hour gatherings as well. The town shuttle bus, which goes to the mountain and downtown, has a stop outside the front door of the hotel. Rooms all have two queen size beds, microwaves, TV's, coffee makers, and hairdryers.

There is an indoor hot tub, exercise room, and ping pong. We will be staying three nights - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, checking out on Thursday - January 22 - 25, 2024!

The cost per person for the three nights with double occupancy is \$475. For those needing a single, the price is double that. Sign up for the trip will be at the general club meeting October 4, when the \$150 deposit needs to be paid.

Tom Canon, Trip Leader

Monarch Mountain & Wolf Creek

Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2024

Please join us for our third *combined* Flatirons Ski Club trip to Monarch and Wolf Creek from January 30 to February 2, 2024! We will have a *three-night* stay at The Baymont by Wyndham in Salida.

You can travel to the ski area of your choice, Monarch Mountain, or Wolf Creek. Salida has many lovely restaurants to choose from for our dining pleasure.

The drive to Monarch is less than 30 minutes up Highway 50 on Monarch Pass. For those more adventurous, Wolf Creek Ski area is two hours, mostly on a flat stretch of Highway 285. We can opt for either area depending upon snow conditions, and your driving preferences.

Our stay at The Baymont hotel will include:

- * Spacious rooms with two comfortable queen beds;
- * Continental breakfast + (with scrambled eggs);
- * Room amenities include big-screen TV, desk/chair, *mini-fridge, micro-wave, coffee/tea maker, hair dryers, ironing board;*
- * Indoor swimming pool and hot-tub; and
- * Business center and laundry facilities.

Total cost per person for all three nights (double room occupancy) is \$200. Deposit is \$40. Please give deposit checks to Donna Cooper at the October 2023 FSC meeting, Wednesday, October 4th. Balance is due at the December 6th FSC meeting. If you cannot attend the FSC meetings, you can mail checks to Donna. Single occupancy is \$375 for 3 nights.

A social gathering with appetizers will be held each night (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Please bring your favorite appetizer to share. Paper products and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. BYOB if desired.

Day price for skiing at Monarch (discounted from last year!) :

Adults (18-61 yrs old): \$64 Tues, Wed, Thurs; higher pricing Fri - Sun.

Seniors (62-68 yrs old): \$54 Tues, Wed, Thurs; higher pricing Fri-Sun

Super seniors (69 and older): Free with ID

Day price for skiing at Wolf Creek:

Adults (18-64 yrs old): \$89

Seniors (65-79 yrs old): \$58

80 yrs old and older: Free with ID

Note: Jan. 31, 2024 is local discount day for all: \$47 for seniors; general, \$66.

There is a \$5 charge at Monarch unless you have your ID card from last year. So bring your ID card, if you have it, and your license verifying age!

Donna Cooper and Louise Geil, Trip Leaders

SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH YMCA OF THE ROCKIES February 5 - 8, 2024

Snow Mountain Ranch (SMR) in Fraser is a wonderful location for cross country skiing with miles of groomed trails. Snow Mountain Ranch offers snowshoeing, swimming, roller skating, arts & crafts, cross country skiing, and many other activities. Downhill skiing is located nearby at Winter Park, Mary Jane, and Granby Ranch. Cross country skiing also is available at Devil's Thumb and other sites nearby to Snow Mountain Ranch.

The accommodation includes two reunion cabins with seven bedrooms. The trip fee includes use of most of the YMCA facilities, meals, and lodging. Trip attendees prepare the group meals at the cabins, and food is available to take for lunch. The trip fee includes SMR trail pass, meals, and lodging.

If the two cabins are full and additional members want to join this trip, it may be possible to reserve lodge rooms for the overflow.

Cost: \$165 per person

Payments: (\$40 on 10/4/23 and \$125 on 12/01/23)

Beth Gaffney: Trip Leader

Fraser/Winter Park Trip Feb 27-March 1, 2024



For many years, the Ski Club has sponsored a trip to the Fraser House, which is located north of Tabernash. It's a large home, able to accommodate 18 people. Some are bunk beds. In the last few years, COVID has caused us to limit participation to 10 people, but with relaxation of restrictions, we can accommodate 18. It's a beautiful setting in a subdivision.

Downhillers can easily reach Winter Park, Mary Jane or Granby Ranch. Those who prefer Nordic skiing or snowshoeing have many choices: Snow Mountain Ranch, Devil's Thumb, Colorado Experimental Forest, or the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park, among other options. **No lift tickets or passes are included in the price.**

Protein main dishes will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and breakfasts will be available on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Makings for a sandwich and fruit lunch will also be provided. Participants are expected to bring 3 side dishes, salads or dessert (one for each dinner).

\$25 hold your spot. The total cost is \$120 per person! Such a deal. I am the new leader, trying to fill the Paris' very large shoes.

Make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club and send them to me.

Louisa Young, Trip Leader

SKI ASPEN/SNOWMASS 2024

March 4-7 or 8, 2024

This trip is back in 2024, offering great skiing at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, and Buttermilk. We will be lodging at the same hotel in Carbondale as last year.

Lodging: **Comfort Inn & Suites**
920 Cowen Dr
Carbondale CO 81623
Phone: (970) 963-8880

Location: The hotel is in Carbondale approximately 36 minutes (28 mi) from Aspen/Snowmass and 3 1/2 hours from Boulder.

Web: <https://www.choicehotels.com/colorado/carbondale/comfort-inn-hotels/co116>

Cost: \$310 per person for 3 nights OR \$410 per person for 4 nights

Payments: \$100 (3 or 4 nights) on 10/4/23 (or 10/11/23 by mail) and balance of \$210 (3 nights) or \$310 (4 nights) by 1/4/24.

Ski lift tickets are available online. The IKON Pass is good at all areas as follows: **IKON Base Plus Pass** for 5 days, IKON Pass (full) for 7 days. You must reserve your days in advance with IKON online - it's free. The IKON Base Pass is not valid here, so you must buy the **add-on**.

Includes:

- 3 nights OR optional 4th night lodging (2 queen beds per room)
- Each room has a microwave and refrigerator.
- Breakfast bar each morning
- Use of meeting room for club potluck on Monday night
- Drive/carpool to ski areas
- Outdoor fire pit, indoor hot tub & pool
- City Market, shops, and restaurants nearby

Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club, put Aspen/Snowmass and 3 or 4 nights in the memo line.

Richard Varey, Trip Leader, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

Leadville Ski Trip

March 12 to 14, 2024

Please join us on the year's final "mid-week" ski trip during the snowiest month of the year. This year we will be staying at the **Silver King Inn & Suites** located at 2020 North Poplar in Leadville, CO 80461. It is across the street from the Columbine Inn, where we stayed last year, and before the Safeway. The town is on Hwy 91 a half hour past Copper Mountain ski area.

Clean double queen rooms with a microwave, fridge, private bath. The owners have hospitality as a priority. We have access to a large room for our potlucks for both evenings starting at 6 pm. Additionally, a large breakfast room also has a microwave. Breakfast consists of waffles, cereal, oatmeal, yogurt, hard boiled eggs, bagels, fruit and juices.

Least expensive trip this season. Cost reduced from \$200 to \$130, by 35 %. I did not renew Columbine because FSC members expressed unhappiness; so did the Columbine Inn with FSC.

Ski Cooper is different, in all the right ways! Soft all-natural snow, terrain variety for everyone, laid-back atmosphere, family-friendly vibe, great food & drinks, and reasonable prices. The FSC club uses a few lifts: you can see, be seen or change FSC groups all day. Very social! We meet for lunch at the only lodge on picnic benches at 12:30. Powder days happen every year, we do fresh tracks till late afternoon. It is very different from "Mega areas" to which you have been to. Go "RETRO areas"! Drive 9 miles 12 minutes from lodge to slopes.

Lift Tickets: Cooper is not on EPIC pass or IKON pass. Free for 75+ age. Loveland pass includes 3 days free. Cooper office is not open till November for prices. Last year Thursdays were \$30 for lift or equipment or a group lesson.

Location Connections: some members ski on arrival or departure days at the following areas: Copper, A-Basin, Keystone, Vail or Beaver Creek

Deposit: \$ 30, Due 15 October **Balance:** \$100, Due 15 January
Checks made out to **Flatirons Ski Club** and mailed to:

Ed Gostling, Trip Leader

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.

October 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 FSC General Meeting	5 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	6 FAC 4:00 PM	7
8	9 Book Club 7:00 PM	10 Avalanche	11 Ranch	12 Trip Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	13 Carbondale FAC 4:00 PM	14
15	16	17	18	19 3 rd Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	20 FAC 4:00 PM	21 FSC September Newsletter submittals due
22	23	24	25	26 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	27 FAC 4:00 PM	28
29	30	31				

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