

Flatirons Ski Club

Social



September 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 annual Membership Picnic is scheduled for September 23 at the Louisville Community Park. See the article below for more information. September is the time to pay your annual FSC dues and to sign the waiver. Membership runs from October 1 through September 30. In early September, the Membership Chair (Linda Giandinoto) will email you the FSC General Policies and membership waiver form. Activities of the Flatiron Ski Club are guided by the FSC General Policies. By signing the waiver form, members agree to the policies and practices of the Flatirons Ski Club.

At the October 4th General Meeting, the upcoming ski trips for 2024 will be presented by the trip facilitators. The trip schedule is included in this newsletter, and trip locations include Crested Butte, Steamboat, Fraser House, Snow Mountain Ranch, Aspen, and Monarch / Wolf Creek. I would like to recognize and thank the FSC Downhill Chair (Richard Varey) and the trip leaders (Tom Cannon, Linda and Chris Paris, Donna Cooper, Louise Geil, Beth Gaffney, Louisa Young, Ed Gostling and Richard Varey) for their work in planning the winter trips.

Beth Gaffney, President

FSC Membership Picnic
Saturday, September 23rd, 2023
Time 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Location: Louisville Community Park

955 Bella Vista Drive, Louisville, CO

Main Meat Course provided by the FSC.

Bring a side or dessert to share!

Contact Elease Miller to volunteer for setup and cleanup!

Message from our trusted FSC Membership Chair.....

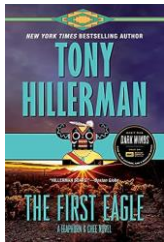
Hello members - our membership goes from October 1 through September 30. You can renew at the upcoming Membership Picnic. I will send an email to all members soon with an attached waiver. Please print the waiver, fill out and sign, make check payable to FSC, and bring to picnic. The waiver may also be sent to:

P O Box 6120, Boulder, CO 80306

I will have all the supplies on hand also. The Club does not accept Venmo or credit cards at this time. Thanks for your help in expediting this process.

Linda Giandinoto

FSC Book Club



DATE:

Monday, September 11, 2023, Time: 5:30 PM

PLACE:

Pat Irwin's Home

DISCUSSION LEADERS:

Pat Irwin

BOOK:

The First Eagle

by Tony Hillerman

When Acting Lt. Jim Chee catches a Hopi poacher huddled over a butchered Navajo Tribal police officer, he has an open-and-shut case—until his former boss, Joe Leaphorn, blows it wide open. Now retired from the Navajo Tribal Police, Leaphorn has been hired to find a hotheaded female biologist hunting for the key to a virulent plague lurking in the Southwest. The scientist disappeared from the same area the same day the Navajo cop was murdered. Is she a suspect or another victim? And what about a report that a skinwalker—a Navajo witch—was seen at the same time and place too? For Leaphorn and Chee, the answers lie buried in a complicated knot of superstition and science, in a place where the worlds of native peoples and outside forces converge and collide.

2024 FSC Save-the-Date Ski Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Trip Leaders
Jan 16-19	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 22-25	Steamboat	Homewood Suites	40	3	Ikon	Tom Cannon
Jan 30-Feb 2	Monarch Mtn & Wolf Creek*	Baymont Salida	20	3	M: 69+ ski free WC: Misc	Donna Cooper & Louise Geil
Feb 5-8	Snow Mtn Ranch	YMCA of the Rockies	28	3	Ikon	Beth Gaffney
Feb 13-15	Snowy Range**					
Feb 27-March 1	Fraser/Winter Park	Fraser House	10	3	Ikon	Louisa Young
March 4-8	Aspen/Snow mass	Comfort Inn & Suites (Carbondale)	40	3 or 4	Ikon+	Richard Varey
March 12-14	Leadville/Ski Cooper	Silver King Inn	30	2	Misc	Ed Gostling

* We will be staying at the Baymont by Wyndham in Salida for all three nights. Monarch Mountain is 30 minutes away from the hotel, and Wolf Creek ski resort is 2 hours away.

** This trip is provisional, pending confirmation. More information to follow next month.

*** Note: The sign-up for Flatirons' scheduled ski trips in 2024 will begin after our October 4, 2023, monthly meeting. We will let you know the particulars following the September board meeting. Deposit amounts and trip costs will be noted in the Ski Calendar in the October newsletter. No sign-ups or deposits will be taken by the trip leaders until the October meeting.

Thursday Hikes September 2023

We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 7:45 AM and leave at 8:00 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 – September 21, 2023 TBA

Afternoon thunderstorm season is upon us. We will be doing something safe AND interesting. Expect information by email the Sunday before this fabulous hike! Save the day.

Dolores afainer@yahoo.com

2023 Wildflower Rambles – Kudos to the fabulous Leadership of Linda and Chris Paris' Team!



It has been a memorable summer of flowers due to the deep bounty of snow this winter/spring and spring rains, With recent dry conditions, the blooming has slowed, but there remains the late summer and fall ones to savor. With our August 18 ramble, we are closing up the program until next summer. Thank you to everyone who came out for this summer's rambles. There have been many expressions of thanks and we appreciate receiving them very much. Our leader group enjoys sharing its enthusiasm for Colorado's amazing wildflower treasure. Until next summer.



September 5 to 7, 2023, Bike Trip

Coordinated by Richard Patnoe and Mark Stangl

Ready, pedal, go!!!

Last minute questions, contact Richard or Mark

Day 1: Tuesday, September 5, 2023: Tuesday, we will meet in Frisco on the West Main Street area bike park and plan to ride to Copper Mountain then there's an option to continue riding up the Vail Pass or go to Fremont Pass. We suggest you get an early start in the morning in order to make that meeting time at 10:00 am in Frisco. Another option would be to ride from Frisco to Breckenridge and back.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 6, 2023: we will drive to Leadville and meet at the start of the Mineral Belt trail for an out-and-back ride of 18-23 miles total. As an add-on option, there is a Turquoise Lake ride loop of 15 miles.

<https://www.mineralbeltrail.com/mineral-belt-trail> and

<https://www.alltrails.com/us/colorado/leadville/road-biking>.

Day 3: Thursday, September 7, 2023: We meet at the Frisco Marina and ride to Keystone to meet at the Kickapoo Brewery for lunch and then return to the start for our return home journey.



**October 10 to 13, 2023 (3 nights)
Avalanche Ranch**

Our much-anticipated trip to Avalanche Ranch is coming up this October and those, who have been eagerly waiting to join this fun trip, can now sign up **by mailing me their checks made out to FSC for \$220**. We have nineteen spots. You can find my mailing address on the Club roster.

Payment is due by September 1.

Please remember the club policy regarding refunds. Refunds are only made if you are able to find someone to replace yourself. Otherwise, please do not expect a refund if you cancel for any reason.

Avalanche Ranch is located along the Crystal River Valley, about twelve miles south of Carbondale, and about three miles from the historic town of Redstone. The Ranch has a series of cabins. The club has reserved three - Catch and Release, Sunflower, Westward Ho, plus the Ranch House. You can check the Ranch website for descriptions of each cabin. Please let me know who your roommate preferences might be, and if you would be open to the possibility of sharing a bed or futon with someone else. Three of the cabins have lofts that have either a queen size or full-size bed. Let me know if you are willing to sleep in a loft. This involves climbing a ladder up to your perch.

The Club provides vegetarian chili on the first night and asks members to contribute cornbread, salad, and desserts. We plan to have happy hour gatherings each evening. Please bring snacks to share. On the second night the club will provide salmon and we ask members to add contributions like salad, side dishes, and desserts.

This is a great venue to enjoy the fall colors and there are opportunities for hiking and biking. The Ranch has wonderful on-site hot spring pools that are open 24/7, so bring

your bathing suits and flashlights as the walk to the pools are dark and can be slippery.

The Ranch requires everyone to sign a waiver: <https://avalancheranch.com/waiver-and-release-agreement/>. Please sign and submit it.

Looking forward to another fun and safe FSC trip. If you have any questions, you can refer to the Avalanche Ranch website, or ask me.

Tom Cannon - Avalanche Ranch Trip Coordinator

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.

September 2023 Calendar

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

Board Members

President	Beth Gaffney		
V. President	Louisa Young		
Secretary	OPEN		
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