



Bobcats Newsletter Oct 2026

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Bobcat Chair Musings

Welcome to autumn—my favorite time of year here in Colorado, and it has nothing to do with Halloween candy, decorations, or pumpkin spice everything!

The aspens may be past their peak, but the cottonwoods are picking up the slack, temperatures are cooling off, and hopefully the first real snow in the high country isn't far away. After last winter's historically poor snowpack, I think many of us are hoping for a much snowier winter ahead. In the meantime, this is a great time to be outside: fewer afternoon thunderstorms in the high country and increasingly pleasant temperatures for our foothills and Front Range hikes.

And what might this winter bring? El Niño is strengthening rapidly in the tropical Pacific, with NOAA forecasting a greater than 90% chance of a very strong El Niño this fall and winter—and even a possibility that it could reach historic strength. El Niño tends to favor wetter, snowier winters across parts of southern Colorado, but its influence along the Front Range and northern Colorado is much less predictable. So despite all the talk about a potentially historic El Niño, we'll just have to wait and see what Mother Nature actually delivers.

In the meantime, enjoy the fall colors, pumpkin spice lattes, Halloween candy, and perhaps a little too much food on Thanksgiving. Most importantly, keep getting outside, stay Safety Aware, and look out for one another!

Jim Guerra
Bobcats Section Chair

Upcoming Bobcat Trips- Sign up for the waitlist if full

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Thank you Leaders!



Scramble



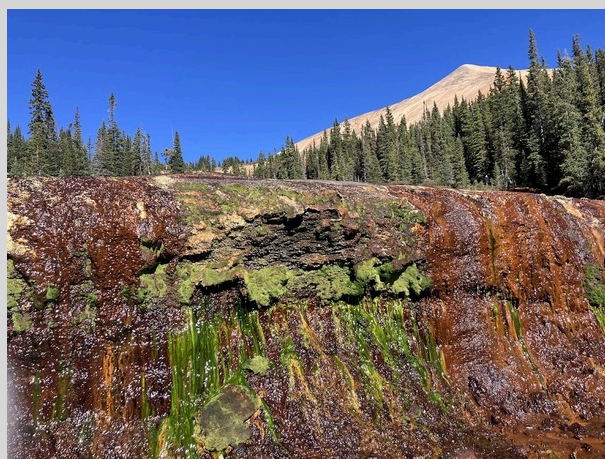
Hike



Snowshoe



Abandoned Site Interlaken Resort led and pic by Wayne Howell



**Interlaken resort pic by Kate
Linscott**

**Geneva City Iron Fens pic by
Judith Eissenberg**



James Peak led by Michael Rees



**Mt Silverheels Hoosier Ridge and Red Mt Led
by Annamari Dietrichson pic by Bob Dawson**



Mt Silverheels Hoosier ridge Red Mt led and pic by Annamarie Dietrichson



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Mt Silverheels Hoosier ridge Red Mt pic by Ivette Gallegos



Abandoned site Butler Gulch led and pic by Wayne Howell



**Abandoned site Lost Lake Mine led by Wayne Howell pic
by Jan Brady**



Mt Flora led by Michael Rees



**Abandoned site Geneva City Iron Fens led by Wayne
Howell**



High Lonesome Loop led and pic by Louise Campbell-Blair



Abandoned site Mayflower gulch led and pic by Wayne Howell



**Booth Falls led by Jean
Hart and pic by Phil
Straffin**



Booth Falls pic by Phil Straffin



**Abandoned site
Skaguay Power Plant
Led by Wayne Howell
pic by Jan Brady**



**Abandoned site Skaguay Power Plant pic by
Jan Brady**



Chasm Lake led by Suzanne McClain pic by Phil Straffin



Chasm Lake privy duty llamas pic by Suzanne McClain



Bobcats picnic



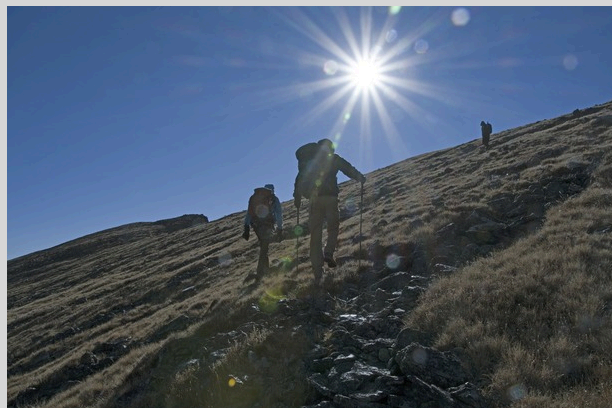
Meadow Creek led and pic by Wayne Howell



Woods Mtn led by Marianne Curtis pic by Suzanne McClain



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The Bobcats' mission is to ensure a variety of adventurous CMC trips, mostly on weekdays, all year long. Our trips tend to be faster-paced, on more challenging routes, and with fewer stops. We foster a strong community of hikers seeking challenge, discovery and camaraderie.

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