Bobcats Newsletter

June 2026



Bobcats Section Chair Musings

May and early June are a transition between seasons in Colorado. Recent wet snowstorms have already given way to afternoon thunderstorms, and a shift from La Niña toward El Niño conditions may further influence our weather patterns in the months ahead. As always, changing conditions bring changing risks for those of us who enjoy Colorado's backcountry.

With this year's historically low mountain snowpack, wildfire risk is an important consideration as we plan our summer adventures. To help members stay informed, the Bobcats section page on the CMC website now includes links to valuable planning resources such as FIRMS and AirNOW, along with navigation app layers and overlays that can be useful both before a trip and while in the field.

As summer approaches, it is also time to increase our awareness of thunderstorm and lightning hazards. The Bobcats Section page includes two excellent Lightning Risk Management graphics, including information on how terrain can affect lightning exposure and risk.

On a lighter note, be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Bobcats Picnic on Saturday, September 26, from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. The event is now posted on the CMC calendar and promises to be another enjoyable day of good food, great company, and a variety of games and activities.

As always, I encourage everyone to stay alert, make informed decisions, and continue practicing good risk management in the Colorado backcountry.

Jim Guerra
Bobcats Section Chair

Upcoming Bobcat Trips- Sign up for the waitlist if full

https://www.cmc.org/education-adventure/trips/find-trips#b_start=0&c2=Bobcats+Section

Bobcat Trip Leader Meeting June 20

Led by Ed Cotgageorge

Click HERE to Register

Save the Date Bobcats Potluck Picnic

September 26 11-3

Register and more info HERE

Shakedown Hikes for High Peaks and Backpacking

byTim Dodge

Shakedown hikes are a rite of spring for me. And whether your shakedown hike is a day or an overnight (or longer!), it will help you build confidence and preparedness to make the most of your time when you take a longer, more consequential trip. And, in case you need a push, it's another great reason to get out there!

*To Read the Rest of the Story Click **HERE***

What we do. Thank you Leaders!!



Hike



Scramble



Snowshoe



Cave Creek led and pic Jim Guerra



Bergen Pk led and pic by MIchael Rees



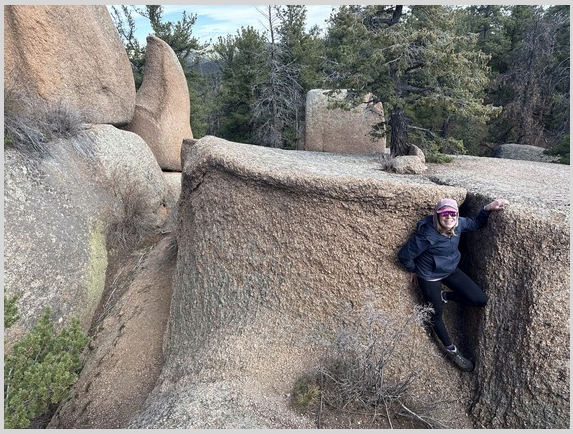
Second Creek to Twin Cones led and pic by Wayne Howell



Machebeuf led and pic by Rachel Dobrotin



Cave Creek by Jim Guerra



Cave Creek by Eve Mills



Twin Cones by Wayne Howell



Machebeuf by Rachel Dobrotin



Bear Pk pic by Wayne Howell



RMNP Blue Bird Lake pic by Neil Purrett



Lily Mt led and pic by Wayne Howell



Republican and Sherman led and pic by Rachel Dobrotin



Bear Pk led by Wayne Howell and pic by Kim Smith



RMNP Blue Bird Lk led and pic by Wayne Howell



Mt Morrison led by Michael Rees



Matthew Winters led by Michael Rees



Mt Sniktau led by Suzie McClain

CMC Summer course Link

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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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