



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, January 12th, at 8:00 PM at SkrineChops, 7230 W. Madison St., Forest Park, IL (708) 771-7230.

General Meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome. The CMC Board meets before the General Meeting from 6:30 to 7:45pm.

CMC Board Meeting Minutes are available to members on the club website. Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and get involved.

General Meeting Schedule

Monday January 12th: Ice Climbing Skills and Gear presented by Jamie Norris and Matt Haraburda. In preparation for February Follies, Matt and Jamie will give a talk on ice climbing. They will touch on the required/recommended climbing gear and attire, skills for getting on and up the ice, techniques for leading and setting anchors. This will be a great presentation if you have not yet experienced the world of ice climbing or need a quick refresher before heading out this winter.

The next meeting will be Monday February 9th.

If you would like to give a presentation this winter or have ideas for a program, please contact the Programs Chair Keith Bielat at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

New Applicant for Membership

At the December general meeting, the first reading for membership was done for Jeff Cortez. Jeff first climbed with the club at VE last winter and joined the group up at the lake in the spring and late summer. He has been climbing for several years at places that include Devil's Lake, Southern IL, Red River Gorge, Colorado, and Shawangunk Ridge.

Meeting Location

We have a new home!

After three months of trying out SkrineChops it has been decided this will be our new meeting place. Located in downtown Forest Park is it just north of 290 and 1 block east of Harlem Ave. Bringing the CMC out of the city, it is a little more centrally located for the suburban members. The restaurant has a downstairs bar and tables to enjoy food and drinks. A few TVs hang overhead to watch the Monday night sport games. The rustic décor completes the atmosphere with mounted animals and scenic pictures. The upstairs is a cozy meeting area with another bar (sorry, not serviced), several small tables, lounge chairs, and a fire place. Computers can be hooked up to a large screen TV to display the presentations. If you haven't made it out yet, come on by, try one of the pork chops, grab a beer, and settle in for a good presentation.

Club of the Month

REI Oakbrook has named the CMC their Local Club of the Month for February.

Along with this honor, the CMC gets to give a presentation at one of REI's Thursday night events.

The presentation will be on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00pm. So mark the date and come out to support the club and our speaker, Keith Bielat.

Help needed! Keith Bielat will be putting together the presentation and needs your help. The presentation will highlight what the CMC is, our climbing outings, and trips the members have done over the past five years. Any photos you have to include please send to Keith, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org. If you have any questions about the event feel free to contact him as well.

February Follies

As tradition, February Follies ice climbing trip will be held over President's Day Weekend running from Friday, February 13th to Monday, February 16th.

This year's lodging will be at the Batchawana Bay Resort in Ontario, Canada and the ice climbing will be in the area.

Trip space is very limited so if you are interested in going please contact Matt Haraburda at mharaburda@gmail.com for more information.

Annual Dinner

Hold these dates!
Saturday March 7th and Saturday March 14th

Planning is underway for this year's Annual Dinner. The Board has narrowed dates for the Dinner down to these two Saturdays. The date will be determined based on availability of location and guest speaker.

Keith Bielat is working on securing contributions for the Silent Auction and Raffle. If you have something you want to donate or have any suggestions, please contact Keith at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Western Outing

Mark your calendars! George Naxera and Matt Haraburda, Expedition co-chairmen this year, are currently working on plans for the 2009 Western Outing which will take place in early August.

As most of you know, the CMC organizes a Western Outing every other year. The objective of the 2009 expedition will be to climb Granite Peak, the highest mountain in Montana. Granite Peak is located in the Beartooth Range of the Rocky Mountains. The peak stands at an elevation of 12,799ft and is situated 12 miles from the nearest trailhead. This will entail a 2 day hike each way to get there and back. The team will likely take the standard route to the summit, which is very exposed and rated as a 5.4 rock climb. The group is expected to spend 6 days in the wilderness.

Additional details will be announced shortly, including a list of prerequisite experience. If you are interested in participating in the Western Outing, please contact either George or Matt at cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org.

Non-members are welcome to participate.

Wilderness First Aid Training

Back in March of 2006, some of you may remember the CMC offered Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Training. For those of you who took the class, your certifications are expiring this March. To keep the certifications from lapsing, we are going to bring the training back for our members. Those interested in renewing their certification or interested in taking the training please contact Jamie Norris at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org. Class space will be limited so contact Jamie ASAP. Stay tuned for details on date, time, location, and cost.

The Chicago Mountaineer

It's done! The latest edition of the Chicago Mountaineer is complete and will be mailed in the next week. Keep an eye out for your copy.

The Mountaineer is a collection of writings contributed by CMC members. If you have a mountaineering, rock climbing, or ice climbing trip, you can share the experience with fellow members by submitting a trip report. Please send any articles for inclusion to the Publications Chair Sharon Miller at cmcpublications@cmcwebsite.org

Members can submit summaries of their climbing trips to the Secretary, Karen Gisburne, at cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Membership Renewal Forms

All of the membership renewal forms went out in December. If you have not received a renewal form please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

The renewal form is double-sided with the climbing waiver on the back. Each climber must complete a waiver before climbing with the group so please remember to fill out the back of the renewal. If your contact information has changed please update it on the form or on the website.

Once complete, the renewal forms should be returned to:
Jamie Norris
7S259 Midfield Drive
Aurora, IL 60506

Please complete and return your renewal to Jamie by January 31st. The faster we get them back the faster membership cards and yearbooks can be available.

Adventures in Travel Expo

Lisa Greyhill will be participating in the Adventures in Travel Expo this year. She has extended the invitation to CMC members to attend the expo that is showcasing over a hundred exhibitors and offering two days of seminars, live entertainment, and hands-on activities.

Adventures in Travel Expo invites you to attend the largest active and adventure travel marketplace showcasing hundreds of travel destinations and tour operators from around the world. Plus, try hands-on adventure activities, ride a camel and meet travel experts such as Travel Channel's Andrew Zimmern, Legendary Wildlife Conservationist Jim Fowler, and National Geographic Adventure editors and contributors.

What: Adventures in Travel Expo-Chicago
When: January 10, 2009 10:30am-5:30pm
January 11, 2009 11am-4:30pm
Where: Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
(formerly Rosemont Convention Center)
5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL
Parking: Behind the Embassy Suites Hotel
Parking fee is \$11.00

For more information check out the website at <http://www.adventureexpo.com/>

Request a free admission ticket until Jan. 8 or 9 at www.adventureexpo.com/consumer, Promo Code: ATS

Member Contact Information

To make sure you stay up-to-date with what is going on in the club, please make sure that your contact information is current. Contact info can be up-dated on the website under My Membership after login. You can also update how you receive communications (i.e. the newsletter) from the club.

If you do not remember your password please contact the Technology Chair, Matt Mead at cmctechnology@cmcwebsite.org. If you're a new member and don't have a user name or password please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

Newsletters and Club Mailings

If you would like to help in the effort of saving trees and cutting back on paper waste, you can help by how you receive club communications and mailings. Members can opt to receive the newsletters, CMC yearbook, or the Mountaineer electronically instead of by mail. To take

advantage of this option all you have to do is go to your membership profile and select the corresponding option at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions or need farther assistance please contact the Secretary Karen Gisburne at cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org.

Winter Indoor Climbing

At this time there are no official indoor outings set for the winter however members are encouraged to get together to climb during the winter months to hone climbing skills and catch up with each other. Members can still meet up at Vertical Endeavors on Sunday mornings for climbing.

Other plans are in the works so stay tuned for farther updates on the outing schedule.

If you have any questions on these gatherings or on the indoor outings schedule, please contact the Outings Chair Mike Burian at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org.

Indoor Climbing Events

If getting outdoors into the cold and snow is not your thing here are some indoor events for you to look forward to this winter season.

Upper Limits
14th Annual Hangdog Jamboree
Saturday, January 17th starting at 9am

Climbers can compete at the level of recreational, intermediate, advanced, or elite/open. Registration fee is \$35.

For more information check out their website at <http://www.upperlimits.com/bloomington/specevents.html>

Vertical Endeavors
No Holds Barred 8th Annual Climbing Competition
Saturday, March 7th from 8:00am-2:00pm

Climbers can compete in the categories of Men's Novice, Women's Novice, Men's Intermediate, Women's Intermediate, Women's Advanced, Men's Advanced, Men's Open, Women's Open, Masters (Men 35yrs+) or Divas (Women 35yrs+), or Youth (12 and under).

Registration Fee varies by signup date but ranges from \$25-35.

For more information check out their website at <http://www.verticalendeavors.com/vewarrenville/competitions.html>

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NEWSLETTER: Please submit your comments, announcements, outings or personal climbing reports, items of interest, ephemera, or questions to the Editor: Karen Gisburne. e-mail: cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org. Also, please contact me if your newsletter was damaged in the mail and you would like a fresh copy sent.

Ice Festivals

With winter finally upon us now is the time to get outdoors, enjoy the fresh cold air, and play in the snow. For those who cannot wait until spring to get climbing outdoors here are some options get out, climb on ice, try new gear, see competitions, and hang out with cool climbers.

January 9-11th: Ouray Ice Festival, Ouray, CO
<http://www.ourayicefestival.com/>

January 30-February 1st: Michigan Ice Fest, Munising, MI
http://www.downwindsports.com/ice_fest.html

February 5-8th: Mount Washington Valley Ice Climbing Festival, North Conway, NH
http://www.ime-usa.com/ice_festival/

February 13-15th: 9th Annual Batchawana Ice Festival, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.northofsuperiorclimbing.com/>

February 13-16th: 11th Annual Water Fall Ice Festival, Cody, WY <http://www.southforkice.com/>

March 13-16th: 10th Annual Agawa Canyon Ice Fest in Ontario, Canada.
<http://www.northofsuperiorclimbing.com/>

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