



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, May 12th, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071.

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

May 12th: "Climbing Skills Refresher: Knots and Equipment" presented by Ron Rolnicki and Jamie Norris along with "Local Climbing Areas" presented by Devin Strickland. Come brush up on your climbing skills before we head up to the lake and learn about what local climbing areas there are to explore this season.

This is the last meeting until the fall, so don't miss out!

If you would like to give a presentation this fall, please contact the Programs Chair Devin Strickland at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Upcoming Trips

George Naxera is attempting to climb Mt McKinley (Denali) this month. He is part of a 6-man team that is going to climb the West Buttress route beginning May 17th.

Standing at an elevation 20,320ft, Denali is North America's highest peak. The team hopes to reach the summit on or around June 1st, but that will depend heavily on the weather and current conditions. They will have a satellite phone with them and George plans to upload daily updates to a website. You can monitor the progress of their expedition through the link below.

<http://www.summitpost.org/trip-report/399039/denali-expedition-2008-daily-updates.html>

We wish him the best of luck and look forward to hearing about his trip at one of the monthly CMC meetings this fall!

Applicants for Membership

At the April 14th general meeting, the first reading for membership was made for Kevin Field. Kevin first climbed with the group in the 1990s then after several years absent rejoined us for some of the outings last year. He was at most of the fall outings at the lake and went down to Shawnee with the group in November.

Annual Memberships

Just a quick reminder that membership cards and yearbooks were sent out at the end of March to 2008 paid members. Late renewals will get their cards after payment is received. If you have not renewed your membership yet but still want to please contact the Vice President Dave Kenealy at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

CMC Campground Report

With the spring thaw, the campground is now accessible for campers. A few reports have been provided that the park and the campground are still very wet. This is affecting the campground's grassy parking area. When you are at the campground, please do not drive too far off the road. The consequences to grass and vehicle are not pleasant. So come on up, make yourself at home, but keep the cars close to the road.



Devil's Lake spreads past its shoreline covering part of the road leading to the cabins and Tumbled Rocks Trail. April 26, 2008. Photo courtesy of Todd Cornilsen.

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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.

2008 Outdoor Climbing Schedule

The 2008 outdoor climbing season is finally here! Things get kicked off the first weekend of May with the annual trip to the Mississippi Palisades. Two weeks later is the first official outing at Devil's Lake.

Dates this Month:

May 3-4 at Mississippi Palisades State Park
May 17-18 at Devil's Lake State Park
May 31-June 1 at Devil's Lake State Park

Upcoming Dates:

June 14-15 at Devil's Lake State Park
June 28-29 at Devil's Lake State Park
August 2-3 at Devil's Lake State Park
August 16-17 at Devil's Lake State Park
 Old timers/New climbers Outing
September 6-7 at Devil's Lake State Park
September 20-21 at Devil's Lake State Park
October 4-5 at Devil's Lake State Park
October 18-19 at Devil's Lake State Park
November 1-2 at Shawnee National Forest
 Experienced climbers only

All outings are open to members and guest. For more information about the outings contact Outings Chair Jamie Norris at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org.

So grab your gear, warm-up those fingers, and prepare for good times. See you on the rock!

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