



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, May 10th, 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

Last meeting before the summer break!

May 10th General Meeting: TBD

General meetings resume on September 13th. Stay tuned to the newsletter for later details!

If you have a trip planned this summer consider sharing it with your fellow members. If you are interested in giving a presentation or have program ideas, please contact Keith Bielat, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

New Member Applicant

First reading was made at the April General Meeting for Colleen Jay. She started climbing with the club last year at the Old Timers/New Climbers outing. She participated in outings at the lake and Southern IL. She has also climbed at the Red River Gorge, Red Rocks, and Mississippi Palisades.

Campground Work Day

In preparation for the new climbing season we are going to have a Spring Work Day May 8th to get the campground ready for the first Devil's Lake outing. This will be a chance to clean up debris around the campground, re-gravel the road and paths, collect firewood, and complete any other work that is needed. The plan is to work all day Saturday then climb on Sunday. Any member interested in lending a hand, come on up!

Mississippi Palisades Outing

For the hearty souls who showed up Fri afternoon, we were met with torrential rainstorms and all decided to head into town for dinner. Upon our return, the eight students from the University of Chicago, who were joining us, had a fire going and we all enjoyed the campfire.

By 9:00AM Sat. morning we had 30 climbers signed in, 14 members and 16 non-members. We all went to Sentinel area as Twin Sisters was closed for Turkey hunting until 1:00PM. We had four rope leaders present and we set up the following ten climbs: Sentinel East Face (2 ropes) 5.3-5.4, Second Crack 5.5, First Crack 5.6, Nosey 5.6, Riverview Edge 5.6, Third Crack 5.7, Fourth Crack 5.8-, Sentinel North Face 5.8+, Up'n Off 5.9+, and Over'n Up 5.10+. We also set up a static rappel line off the west side of Sentinel and a number of climbers took this ride. Around 1:00PM most of us went to Twin Sisters area and set up: Alpha 5.5, North Chimney 5.5, Pedestal Face 5.10, Crack-a-toe-a 5.4, and Difficult Crack 5.8. We climbed until late afternoon, before heading back to camp, cooking up some locally picked Morel mushrooms and locally picked asparagus, (thanks to Randy, Mitch, and others) and dinner. Sat. night was nice and clear and we again had a nice campfire.

Sat. evening many people had to head home, but a new batch came in Sun. morning and we had 29 climbers. Again we had four rope leaders and went back to Sentinel and set up the same climbs as on Sat. with the exception of Over'n Up. The weather was great both days and it was beautiful sitting up on top of Sentinel Rock, watching the Mississippi flow by. Around 1:00PM Hideo and Dan headed over to Twin sisters, and people slowly began to pack up and leave, many facing a long ride home. As usual, the wild flowers were spectacular and with the earlier than normal spring, we got to see geranium and blue and white phlox blooming, along with the other expected spring beauties.

Jamie Norris

2010 Outdoor Climbing Schedule

The outdoor climbing season is starting! Join us for the first outing at the Palisades then it is up to the lake for the summer.

May 1-2 nd	Mississippi Palisades
May 15-16 th	Devil's Lake, WI
May 28-30 th	Devils Tower, WY
For Experienced Climbers/Partners Only	
June 5-6 th	Devil's Lake, WI
June 26-27 th	Devil's Lake, WI
July 10-11 th	Devil's Lake, WI
July 31-Aug 1 st	Devil's Lake, WI
Aug 14-15 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Old Timers/New Climbers Outing	
Aug 28-29 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Sept 11-12 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Sept 25-26 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Oct 9-10 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Oct 23-24 th	Southern IL
For Experienced Climbers Only	
Nov 5-7 th	Red River Gorge, KY
3 Day Trip, For Experienced Climbers Only	

Don't forget you will need to have a signed waiver before climbing at an outing. If you haven't filled out the waiver yet you can print one off the website bring with you to your first outing. For additional information on the outings please contact Mike Burian, Outings Chair, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

Devils Tower Outing

Over Memorial Weekend, May 28-30th, an outing is planned for Devils Tower, WY. The tower stands 1267ft above the Belle Fourche River and offers some of the best crack climbing in North America. The routes are multi-pitch traditional lead climbs so this outing is only for experience trad climbers. The routes range in difficulty from 5.7 to 5.13. If interested in participating in this outing please contact the Outings Chair, Mike Burian, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

2010 Wisconsin State Park Admission Stickers

Don't forget to get you new vehicle sticker! If you park in any Wisconsin state park this summer you will need a park admission sticker.

Stickers can be purchased for \$25 (Wisconsin residents), \$35 (Non-residents), or \$10 (Wisconsin residents 65yrs+). Stickers for additional household cars can be purchased at half price.

They are available at park and forest offices, DNR service centers, or online thru The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks.

Additional information on WI state park admission stickers can be on the WI DNR website, <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>

Rope Leader First Aid Kits

All of our rope leaders were given first aid kits to carry with them on outings. As we get ready for the new climbing season it is time to inventory the kits to make sure they are still stocked. Rope leaders please return your kit to the Safety Chair, Chris Gregory, as soon as possible so they can be restocked. You can bring them to the next general meeting or to one of the outings. After they have been replenished they will be returned to the rope leader.

Safety pointers for at the Lake

As we head back to the rocks, there are some safety pointers to keep in mind. Any climbers attending the outings are welcome to setup top ropes but they are checked by a rope leader before they are climbable. Rope leaders look for solid, redundant anchors with the rope clipped into 2 locking or 3 non-locking carabiners. If you haven't been out in a while or if this is your first time out and you have questions about what you are doing, just ask. There are a lot of knowledgeable climbers around who love sharing what they know.

Even though helmets are not mandatory when top rope climbing it is a good idea to have them. Rocks, branches, acorns, and gear have all fallen on climbers and there is accidentally using your head on the rock.

Most climbing/recreational areas adhere to Leave-No-Trace. Climbing areas should be left in better shape than we find them. If it is packed in, please pack it out. Let's make our presence enjoyable for the parks.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe climbing season!

Openlands

Openlands is a conservation organization that was founded in 1963 to help protect the natural and open spaces of Northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region. Their mission is to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife, and help balance and enrich human lives.

Openlands is part of a coalition of government agencies, recreation groups, and environmental organizations working with state legislators to pass a new law, House Bill 494. The new law would restore legal protection to private landowners who open their property to the public for recreational, conservation, and education purposes. The Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act originally provided landowners with liability protection until it was amended in 2005 to only protect landowners who open their property for hunting and shooting. The change in the law led to the immediate closing of Draper's Bluff, a privately owned climbing area in Southern Illinois.

To find out more information please visit http://www.accessfund.org/c.tml5KhNWLrH/b.5208267/k.8C84/Action_Center/siteapps/advocacy/ActionItem.aspx?c=tml5KhNWLrH&b=5208267&aid=14216

CMC Climber's Cabin in RMNP

Long time CMC member Jack Gorby has made his old miner's cabin ("The Honemeisterhuette") bordering on Rocky Mountain National Park available to the Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago. The MFC in turn is making the cabin available on a one-year trial basis to the CMC and its members for use as a base camp for alpine and other climbing ventures. Jack's motivation for making his cabin available to the MFC and indirectly to the CMC is to encourage within the Club traditional mountaineering that, of course, often involves challenging rock routes. The founders of the CMC envisaged the club as a mountaineering club and local climbing areas as a place to "practice for the mountains." If the cabin is well maintained and cared for and the neighbors well respected, this one-year "experiment" may be extended for the indefinite future.

Sitting at the SE corner of RMNP a 100 yards from the park's Wild Basin entrance, the cabin is located on the giant Meeker Ridge of Mt. Meeker, which is part of the Longs Peak massif. It is possible to start climbs of Meeker and Longs from the South by just walking out the door. In fact, the original route up Longs was launched from Sand Beach Lake, a five-mile hike up the Sand Beach Lake Trail that starts 100 yards from the cabin. In terms of solid rock routes, high mountains and great spring alpine climbing, RMNP is probably the best climbing area in the country. And it's only 1100 miles from Chicago.

The cabin itself is two rooms and a loft that can sleep one or two persons. There is a "hide-a-bed" in the living room and carpeting on the floor for "comfy bivouacking." It could handle up to six persons. Others could squeeze in or camp in the back, as many climbers have done. There is a kitchen with a gas stove and a sink without running water. Four five-gallon cans can be filled up in nearby Allenspark & function well as a source of water for the sink. And there is a "stinkless privy" outside the cabin. Being contemplated is the building of a shed with four or six bunks, similar to the bunk houses at the AAC Climbers Ranch in the Tetons.

The CMC and MFC are working on a protocol for using the cabin. A draft version is now available and can be obtained from Dave Kenealy or Jamie Norris. They as well as Jack are available for questions. To avoid conflicts, one must first reserve the cabin and agree to the conditions of the protocol. The MFC also hopes that those taking advantage of this opportunity will make a fair and reasonable gift to the MFC. Any member interested in reserving the cabin, please contact Dave Kenealy at cmcpresident@cmcwebsite.org.

The Chicago Mountaineer

Ever wondered what it's like to be a writer? Do you have a great climbing adventure that you would love to share? Well, here's your chance. George Naxera is taking submissions for the Chicago Mountaineer. The Mountaineer is a journal of mountaineering or climbing articles written by CMC members. Articles can be trip reports, book reviews, or news about the CMC and its members.

Any articles and photos you would like considered for the Mountaineer please send to the Publications Chair, George Naxera, at cmcpublications@cmcwebsite.org

John C Speck Memorial Library

Planning a big summer trip? Looking for something interesting to read on a lazy summer day? Don't forget to check out the resources available to us through the library. If you would like to visit the library please contact Pieter Fockens at 847-205-9916.

Looking to expand your own personal climbing library? The library has many duplicate books for sale. To see a current list of the books available please contact Pieter.

Membership Renewals

The 2010 Yearbook and Membership cards went out to all current-paid members thru March. However, if you haven't sent in your membership renewal form and still want to, it is not too late! For assistance please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

Contact Information

To stay informed with what is going on in the club; please keep your contact information current. You can update your contact info at anytime on the website under My Membership.

New members please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org for username and password. If you have difficulties logging in please contact the Technology Chair, Matt Sickler, at cmctechnology@cmcwebsite.org.

Club Mailings

Finding there's too much mail to sort through in the mailbox? Try our paperless option. You can opt to receive club communications and mailings (like the newsletter) 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.

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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.

What's Happening

This Month:

May 1 st	Mississippi Palisades Outing
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May 8 th	Spring Work Day
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May 10 th	General Meeting
May 15 th	Devil's Lake Outing
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May 28 th	Devils Tower Outing
May 29 th	Devils Tower Outing
May 30 th	Devils Tower Outing

Next Month:

June 5 th	Devil's Lake Outing
June 6 th	Devil's Lake Outing
June 26 th	Devil's Lake Outing
June 27 th	Devil's Lake Outing

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