



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, December 12th, at 8:00pm at Aurelio's Pizza located at 1455 West Lake St # C, Addison, IL 60101, (630) 889-9560 .

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

Come join us at Aurelio's Pizza again this month. It is in Addison right off of 355 and 290 on Lake Street. It is just east of the movie theater in the far back corner by LaserX.

December 12th General Meeting: Jamie Norris will give a presentation on this year's climb of Devil's Tower over Memorial Weekend.

If you are interested in giving a presentation or have ideas for a program, please contact Keith Bielat, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: Gregg Kane, Bart Hulsbrink, Bradley Stoakes, Carmine Grimaldi and Dan Linzeier! Gregg climbed with the club this summer on Western outing in Rocky Mountain National Park. He has also climbed on Mt Rainier. Bart has climbed at Devil's Lake, Wildcat Den ST IA, and Carderock VA. Bradley climbing experience has taken him to Mt Adams, WA and up to Devil's Lake. Carmine has climbed at Devil's Lake. Dan has climbed with the club at Devil's Lake and at the Red River Gorge.

New Membership Applicants

First reading was done at the November General meeting for Pete Cleveland. Pete has been climbing with the club and at Devils Lake for over 30 years. His climbing career has taken him all over.

New Ice Climbing Area

A small group of climbers is seeking to establish seasonal ice climbing this year in a quarry in near Rockford, Illinois. We need your enthusiasm and input to make it happen. Send contact information to info@rockfordice.com. A survey and additional information will be sent to you.

2012 Indoor Climbing Season

For those of you who need to climb over the cold winter months but don't want to stand outside in the snow, there will be indoor climbing at Vertical Endeavors.

December 4th and 18th
January 1st, 15th, and 29th
February 12th and 26th
March 11th and 25th
April 8th

All dates are on Sundays. We will meet at VE when it opens at 10am and climb as long as people last. After the outings there is the possibility to go for food at one of the local restaurants.

Vertical Endeavors
Diehl Road, Warrenville, IL
<http://www.verticalendeavors.com/warrenville.html>

Cost is \$15 for entry. Gear rental is extra.
You can purchase a 10-visit punch card for \$120.

For more information on the outings please contact Chris Gregory at cmcsafety@cmcwebsite.org

Winter Camping Outing

Last winter we tried to have a winter camping outing but the weather turned too warm. We are going to try again for this winter. The date is set for January 28th-29th.

If you have any questions or are interested please contact Chris Gregory, cmcsafety@cmcwebsite.org or George Naxera, cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

February Follies

Plans are in the works for this winter's annual ice climbing outing. We are again planning a trip up to Batchawana Bay, Ontario, Canada over the President's Day Weekend, February 17th-20th. Climbers will leave Thursday evening to head up to Canada. There will be three days of ice climbing and local activities before heading back to the states on Monday.

If you are interested in going please contact Matt Haraburda at cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org

2011-2012 Ice Climbing Season

With winter just around the corner it is time to start planning how to enjoy that wonderful winter wonderland. For those who don't want to be stuck indoors for the winter months here are some ice climbing events to help you get out and enjoy.

December 7th-11th, 2011 Bozeman Ice Festival, 15th Anniversary, Bozeman, MT.

<http://bozemanicefestival.com/>

December 9th-11th, 2011 Sandstone Ice Festival, Sandstone, MN. Featured events include a guest speaker, ice climbing, winter camping, "Swap & Swing" gear swap, and the Frozen Kettle Chili Cook-off.

<http://sandstoneicefest.com/>

January 5th-8th, 2012 17th Annual Ouray Ice Festival, Ouray, CO.

<http://ourayicefestival.com/>

February 2nd-5th, 2012 Munising Ice Fest, Munising, MI. Roger Strong, Barry Blanchard, Vince Anderson, and Mark Wilford are a few of the instructors/speakers coming in for the weekend.

<http://www.michiganicefest.com/>

February 3rd-5th, 2012 Mount Washington Valley Ice Festival, North Conway, NH.

http://www.ime-usa.com/imcs/ice_fest.html

February 17th-20th, 2012 14th Annual Southfork Ice Festival, Cody, WY.

<http://www.southforkice.com/>

Vertical Endeavors Winter Climbing Programs include Ice Experience, a VEGA 1-day trip to Robinson Quarry in Sandstone, MN, and North Shore Ice, a 2-day guided trip to North Shore River Valleys. Visit website for dates through out the winter.

<http://www.verticalendeavors.com/warrenville/winterprograms.html>

2012 Board Nominations

Nominating Meeting for the 2012 CMC Board was held during the November 14th General Meeting. The Nominating Committee (Chris Gregory, Ting Sutana, and Matt Haraburda) presented the slate for the 2012 Board to the President. Since there were no additional names presented at the time of the meeting all individuals were elected by acclamation. The elected 2012 Board is:

President – Jamie Norris
Vice President – George Naxera
Secretary – Karen Gisburne
Treasurer – Matt Haraburda
Sergeant-at-Arms – Ting Sutana
Program Chair – Open
Publications Chair - Open
Outings Chair – Randy Shaw
Director thru 2014 – Bill Deitrich

The Grounds Chair, Safety Chair, Expedition Chair, Conservation Chair, and Technology Chair are appointed positions that will be selected by the 2012 president, Jamie Norris. If you have any suggestions of the appointed positions please let the nominating committee know. They will give the recommendations to the president.

If you have any questions about the nomination process please contact Ting Sutana, Sergeant-at-Arms, at cmcsergeant@cmcwebsite.org; Chris Gregory, Safety Chair, cmcsafety@cmcwebsite.org; or Matt Haraburda, Expedition Chair, at cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org.

CMC Listserv

At the November meeting, the board approved the use of a listserv to improve communication among the members. This simple email based system will make it possible for all members to stay in touch without having to join a social network site. All you need is an email address.

What is a Listserv?

It is basically an electronic mailing list. By sending one email to ChicagoMountaineering@yahoogroups.com your message will be received by everyone on the list.

Why a Listserv?

It will improve communications among the members and only requires an email address. No logins, no social networks (Facebook, Myspace, etc.)

I don't want to receive a bunch of emails all day...

... that's okay. Email me at ChicagoMountaineering-owner@yahoogroups.com and I can change the settings so you only receive one email with that includes all the messages for the day.

Who can send emails and who is seeing these messages?

This listserv will be limited to members of the CMC. All requests to join the listserv will be verified prior to approval. Must be approved to send and receive messages.

Rules:

As this is a Listserv for the CMC it is important that only CMC related topics are discussed. Additionally, it is important that members treat each other with respect and keep in mind that all members will see messages sent to this forum. As such, appropriateness of language is important at all times.

What are examples of topics that will be discussed?

Topics should be related to CMC club activities or business; Discussing details of upcoming trips; Looking for climbing partners; Discussing gear, selling or purchasing gear; Sharing deals on gear, coupons, sales, etc; Ridesharing to the lake or other club activities; Dissemination of knowledge; Discussion of climbing and climbing gear; Access discussions; Sharing climbing related events or activities; Experiences of members climbing related activities.

What are examples of what will not be allowed?

Topics not directly related to the club; No politics (unless directly related to climbing activities); No religion; No SPAM; No forwarded jokes; No selling Girl Scout cookies

To Subscribe just email:

ChicagoMountaineering-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To contact me with any questions, concern, or help related to this listserv just email:

ChicagoMountaineering-owner@yahoogroups.com

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.

You can also choose how you receive club communications and mailings (like the newsletter), electronically or by mail. All you have to do is go to your membership profile and select the corresponding option at the bottom of the page.

New members who need a username and password please contact George Naxera, Vice President, at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org. If you are having difficulties logging in please contact Matt Sickler, Technology Chair, at cmctechnology@cmcwebsite.org.

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

2012 Wisconsin Admission Sticker

The 2012 Wisconsin Admission Sticker is now available for purchase. The admission sticker is required for all vehicles that enter a Wisconsin state park, recreational area, state forest, and some trail parking areas.

Admission stickers are:

- Annual Wisconsin License Plates \$25
- Daily Wisconsin License Plates \$7
- Annual Wisconsin License Plates (65yrs+) \$10
- Daily Wisconsin License Plates (65yrs+) \$3
- Annual Out-of-State Plates \$35
- Daily Out-of-State Plates \$10

Stickers can be purchased at state park and forest entrances, self-service stations, DNR service centers, and on-line through Friends of Wisconsin State Parks.

For more information about the admission stickers visit <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/fees/>

Midwest Hunting Season

As hikers are out enjoying the fall colors and skiers anticipate their season, hunters are also getting ready for the outdoors. This time of year marks not only great fall activities but the height of the deer hunting season. As you venture out the next few months please remember that hunters are out enjoying their sport as well.

At Devil's Lake, deer gun hunting is permitted Dec. 8-11th and archery hunting will be permitted Nov. 19th thru Jan. 8th. While hunters are not allowed on the east or west bluff, they do have access to Steinke Basin, Sauk Point Trail, Roznos Meadows, and the south bluff.

With ice climbing season approaching, keep in mind Gov. Dodge also hosts hunters this time of year. Archery will run thru Jan. 8th. The firearm dates will be Dec. 8-11th.

Hunters will also be out in the Illinois state parks. Matthiessen State Park and parts of Starved Rock State Park will be closed during firearm hunting, dates Dec 1-4th, and Dec 9-11th. Starved Rock will have all trails east of Wildcat Canyon closed during these dates. The hiking trails from St. Louis Canyon to Wildcat Canyon will be open to park visitors. Archery deer and turkey hunting will be allowed in the parks until Jan. 15th.

Many of the area state parks and forests host hunters over the winter month with the hunting areas not off limits to park users so use care and caution while in these areas. It is highly recommended to wear blaze orange clothing when in hunting areas. Check the state park website or call the park for specific restrictions before visiting this winter.

