



## Calendar

July 16	Grand Opening Dedication Climax Leadership Center
July 30	Judy Collins at Opera House
Aug 13	Summer Semester Ends
Aug 14	Trail 100 Mtn Bike Race
Aug 20	Faculty Back on Contract
Aug 21	Trail 100 Ultra Marathon
Aug 27	Laser Tag in Gymnasium
Aug 28	CMC Fall Kick Off Party
Aug 30	Fall Semester Begins
Sept 4 - 5	24 Hours of Leadville Mountain Bike Race
Sept 6	Labor Day, Campus Closed
Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving, Campus Closed

**33 Lake County High School graduates (class of 2010), the highest number ever, have applied to attend CMC Leadville in the fall.**

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## Fly Fishing Program for Disabled Vets and Active-Duty Soldiers Hosted by CMC Leadville

BY LORI MEURS

What happens when disabled soldiers and a high-altitude community college come together? They find a common, healing goal: fly fishing.

Colorado Mountain College in Leadville, which offers a fly fishing program, recently hosted a visit from Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. - Fort Carson. PHWFF is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active-duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing. The national nonprofit, founded at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2005, emphasizes the skills of fly fishing and fly tying to help disabled active-duty military personnel and veterans regain the use of their damaged bodies, increase their fine motor skills and build their self-confidence.

Eight active-duty soldiers and one medic from Fort Carson, and three PHWFF staff stayed in the residence hall June 27-30.

They received fly tying instruction, fished at Hayden Meadows and were invited to fish at the National Fish Hatchery ponds. They were also warmly welcomed at Homestake Trout Club, which hosted a barbecue for the soldiers and opened their private lakes for fishing. An anonymous organization helped the soldiers fish, provided a great dinner and donated funds to underwrite the program. Local volunteers experienced



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SOLDIERS AND STAFF FROM THE PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING PROGRAM AT FORT CARSON NEAR COLORADO SPRINGS JOINED LOCAL VOLUNTEERS FOR FLY FISHING AT HAYDEN MEADOWS NEAR LEADVILLE.

in fly fishing assisted the soldiers in learning the necessary skills.

Leadville Municipal Court Judge, and longtime resident, Neil Reynolds gave the soldiers an entertaining and informative presentation about Leadville's history.

The soldiers were overwhelmed by the community's generosity. Jeremy Tomlinson said, "Lots of good people, lots of good fishing! Thanks!"

The camaraderie between the soldiers and volunteers was evident. The soldiers caught and released many fish, and there were lots of smiles on their faces. Thomas Noble summed it up when he said, "Fly fishing was awesome!"

Many local organizations, businesses and individuals generously donated funds, venues, meals and supplies to facilitate this worthwhile endeavor. Skip Lee, dean of campus student affairs, said, "We hope to make Project Healing Waters an annual event at the campus, to help honor our soldiers and other service members."

## CMC's NRM Team Launches STEM Education Initiatives with Urban Youth Program

Since fall, 2009, the Natural Resource Management team has been developing an outreach program to promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to both students and educators.

In collaboration with Colorado UpLift, the outreach efforts kicked off with a hands-on education program on campus for 15 teens from the Denver area on July 1 and 2.

Colorado UpLift is a non-profit organization that focuses on building long-term, life-changing relationships with urban youth.

The theme of the program was *Leadville: from mining boom to environmental degradation*. This incorporated history, geology and aquatic ecology through a first-hand exploration of mining history, followed by informational and fun investigations of the effects of historic mining on water quality.

The 15 students stayed in the residence hall and participated in short classroom periods followed by hands-on learning that included a treasure hunt utilizing technology with global positioning system (GPS) receivers, and orienteering skills to navigate the historic mining district of Leadville.



ROCK HOUNDING IN LEADVILLE MINING DISTRICT. THE ROCK AND GOLD CANDY TREASURE WAS A BIG HIT.

The evening of the first day concluded with dinner around a campfire, allowing students to cook their own food. Students were able to utilize the new Climax-Molybdenum Leadership Center to play basketball, football, and volleyball before heading to bed.

The second day the students learned about sampling aquatic bugs to test water quality. They were then taken to a site where they collected aquatic bugs and completed water quality tests. A visit to the National Fish Hatchery was also squeezed into the educational and fun day that ended with a picnic lunch before the Colorado UpLift students headed back to Denver.

The two-day program was highly successful thanks to the efforts of the NRM Team, especially Melissa Wolfe and Caitlin Borbely, along with Cathy Patti, Kato Dee, Dirk Monroe and student interns - Rich Silkey, Tor Parker, Shana O'Rear, Chris Norwood, Jake Franklin, Deb Diemer and Benner Hartnett.



COLORADO UPLIFT LEADER WITH STUDENTS WITH ON A TREASURE HUNT

Melissa Wolfe said, "it was an extremely rewarding experience to work with an organization such as Colorado UpLift, which is having a profound effect on students, as well as being a part of the students' excitement, due to the new experience of learning science in the outdoors."

Caitlin Borbely added, "some of these students had never been on a treasure hunt, in a stream with waders, looked at aquatic bugs, fed fish, or cooked their own hotdogs around a campfire. Two students remarked that they would be back and are considering CMC as a location to go to college."

The next STEM program is scheduled for July 20 in conjunction with the Keystone Science School's Keystone Mountain Adventures. The goal of this program is to teach and equip the students with the tools and knowledge necessary to assess the health of any pond, river, or lake that they come into contact with during their proceeding 14 day backpacking trip.

The NRM Department will also be working with the Keystone Science School to develop a program to complete a Mining and Water Quality project with the Lake County Middle School 8th grade science class.

## Hayden Ranch Loses a Friend



This great horned owl was one of a mated pair named Horace and Baby Doe who lived in the big, main barn at Hayden Ranch for many years. This photo was taken in 2007.

When Mike Conlin was at the Ranch this week, he went to check on the owls as he always does. Sadly, he found evidence that led him to conclude that one of the owls succumbed to some sort of predator, or died of old age. Sad day.

Cathy Patti said, "It was always such a highlight to go down to Hayden and search out the owls."

Great horned owls are known to live 13 years in the wild. The mate, if still living, is unlikely to be seen at the ranch again. Horace and Baby Doe will be missed.

## Coronado Cafe to Re-Open Soon



While not on schedule, the extensive remodel on the cafeteria will be completed soon.

## Cool Mural in Climax Center



Brigitte Egli, local wallpaper installer and painter, poses with the mural she just put up in the hallway of the Climax Molybdenum Leadership Center. A huge thanks goes out to Ed and Diana Slifka who donated use of the historical image used for the mural and to Bill Scherer for countless hours of preparing the image for the large scale printing process.

## I.T.'s Game of the Month

Play Information Technologie's game of the month.



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<https://mycmc.coloradomtn.edu/group/mycampus/>

## Upcoming Summer Conferencing Groups

Water Wastewater group, July 18-24

Castle View Sports Camp, July 26-30

Monarch Sports Camp, July 26-30

## Welcome Pat Regini



While most of us know Pat from the Movie Company, her business has sold and she is now the newest part time employee of CMC Leadville.

Having worked in the library at CMC Timberline over 30 years ago, Pat is pleased to be back on staff.

Pat will be covering the front desk providing support for evening and weekend classes.

## CMC Students Travel to Ireland and Spain to Study

Faculty members Jeff Runyon and Mary Ebuna have recently returned to the States following the summer international studies trips to Ireland and Spain. Watch for more details on the trips in next month's Marmot.



Mary and Jeff with students on Gorse Hill just outside of Dublin City, Ireland.



Mary Ebuna with international studies students in Madrid, Spain last month.

## Upcoming Non-Credit Classes

### French Bistro Cooking

Saturday, July 24, 1-4 PM OR  
Saturday, August 28, 1-4 PM OR  
Saturday, September 4, 1-4 PM  
Buena Vista Cost: \$50

### Wildflower Workshop

Thursday, July 29, 9 AM - 4 PM  
CMC Leadville  
Cost: \$20

### Intro to Fly Fishing

Saturday, July 31, 8 AM - 4 PM  
CMC Leadville  
Cost: \$45

### Hiking Through History

Sat., August 7, 8 AM to 12 PM  
CMC Leadville  
Cost: \$30

### Creative Writing

Mondays, 6:00pm - 8:50pm  
August 30 - December 13  
CMC Leadville  
Cost: \$55

### Boots to Books - Veterans' Transition to College

Tuesdays, 6 - 8 PM  
September 7 - October 5  
Cost: \$25

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