



Summer Picnic

SUMMER PICNIC DATE IS DRAWING CLOSE ----- MARK JUNE 10 ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING !!!

Our Summer Picnic is set for 4 PM on Sunday, June 10. We will be at Oak Flats Picnic Ground in the Manzano Mountains, the same location as last year. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and water. We ask everyone to please bring a side dish. It's BYOB for those who prefer adult beverages.

RSVP Guy Miller (xcskiboy@aol.com) or Max Shepherd (max.shepherd@comcast.net) to let us know if you're coming, and what you want as far as burgers / dogs are concerned.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BRING PROPANE GRILLS !!! As of press time, we've had no offers of assistance in this regard. If we do not secure grills to use, we'll probably do our picnic as a pot-luck. But what's a picnic without that smell of burgers and dogs on the grill ????

SO PLEASE ! If you have a grill that you can bring, let either Guy or Max know.

The time is getting really close, so please give us a head count and help out if you can with a grill.

Directions to Picnic site:

From Albuquerque: drive east on I-40 to Exit 175 toward Tijeras, NM. Drive south for 9 miles on State Road 337 (aka James McGrane Memorial Highway). Look for the brown Oak Flat - Cibola National Forest sign, on the east side of the road. Turn east onto Oak Flat Road and follow it for .39 miles until you reach the entrance on the left side of the road. Follow the directional signs at the entrance to your site.

Membership 2018/2019

We have restructured our membership. The dues for all members are \$15 each, there is no longer a family membership option. However, 1st year under 40 is \$1 and children under 18 are \$1 (the cost of PayPal). The membership website <https://www.nmccscmembership.org> will reopen on June 5th 2018 for the 2018/2019 season.

Bus Trips 2018

Adrienne and Bob offer this sneak peek into the 2019 NMCCSC Bus Trips!

Mark your calendars for the NMCCSC bus trips in 2019! The club will be going to Leadville, CO January 18-21, and Ouray, CO February 22-25.

There will be Class I, Class II and Class III skiing, so beginners to experts are welcome!

Registration will begin in September.

Registration forms will be sent out with our September newsletter and will also be available at general membership meetings. Cost per person will be available at that time.

In Leadville we will be staying at the Silver King Inn and Suites. Sitting at 10,162 feet, Silver King is the highest Inn in the highest incorporated city in North America.



Leadville area



Ouray area



In Ouray, accommodations will be at the Twin Peaks Lodge & Hot Springs. All guests will have access to their outdoor mineral springs soaking tub or large heated pool. Robes will be available to rent.

Hut Trip 2019



PETER ESTIN HUT

The trip is scheduled for January 7, 2019 – January 12, 2019 (including all travel dates).

Visualize yourself being HERE with us for 3 nights, 4 days of skiing!

Although Peter Estin Hut seems to be near the Middle of Nowhere Colorado, it's really only about 6 miles from Eagle, but it seems more like 30 after driving to the remote trailhead. Situated at 11,200 feet above sea level, Estin is one of the oldest huts in the 10th Mountain system. Built in 1985 it was damaged in an unusually heavy snow season in 2013, which was the year of our second visit to this hut. It was repaired /renovated in 2014 and is waiting for our third visit in 2019.

Just a short distance from the hut is an open slope that, on our last foray, several of us spent hours skinning up, and floating back down. There are numerous relatively steep pitches that make for lovely Telemark turns, as well as gentler stretches for those who prefer a mellow glissade. There are other turning options, as well as several opportunities for an interesting diversity of Nordic touring. This hut probably has more of “something for everyone” than any other.

This advanced intermediate trip is fairly long at 7.4 miles via the Hat Creek Trail, but the elevation gain of 2180 feet makes for a manageable 5.6% average grade. The cost of this trip, exclusive of transportation and lodging enroute, is \$146.00. As of press our roster is nearly half full. This is our ONLY scheduled hut trip this year, so if you're wanting to do a hut trip in the current decade, this is it.

Contact Guy Miller for sign up details.

New Ski Hut

Leaning to the idea of trying out a different ski hut? The Hidden Gem Hut will surely impress your ski friends and have them talking about the lovely views, open floor plan, easy access, and authentic rustic ambience. Peaceful sleep is assured, as the smoke alarm has never gone off. Contact the owner for more information.



Owner: Hidden Gem Hut



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Ratings		
Class	Vertical Climb (ft)	Distance (miles)
One	Less than 1000	Less than 5
Two	Less than 2000	Less than 5
Three	Greater than 2000	Greater than 10
Four	Unpatrolled, mountainous terrain, with the purpose of downhill skiing. Slopes can be greater than 25 degrees. Knowledge of use of climbing skins, avalanche gear needed.	
Steepness of slopes, skill level, and stamina can also dictate the ski tour rating. Please see the webpage for more information. http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/		

Avalanche Outlook	
US	https://avalanche.org/
Canada	https://www.avalanche.ca/map
Taos	http://taosavalanchececenter.org
Crested Butte	http://cbavalanchececenter.org/
Some of the sites from https://avalanche.org	
Colorado	http://avalanche.state.co.us/
Utah	https://utahavalanchececenter.org
Tetons	http://jhavalanche.org
Yellowstone	https://www.mtavalanche.com
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