Friends of the Colorado Trail has just purchased a 12'x16' tent with funds donated by the Fort Collins group of the Colorado Mountain Club that will be used in the Copper Mountain area this summer. Considering the condition of our aging equipment, this is quite an exciting acquisition.

The Forest Service is working on a special set of topo strip maps showing the entire route of the Colorado Trail. These maps will be of high quality showing contours and surrounding landmarks along the trail, be looking for them sometime next year.

The Guide to the Colorado Trail compiled by Randy Jacobs is underway and will be published next year in time for the official opening of the trail.

Gudy Gaskill was presented with Volunteer of the Year Award from VOC (Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado) at their ceremony at the Tivoli in February. Randy Jacobs was elected by the CMC to receive the CMC volunteer award.

-----The Friends have put together a slide show of the Colorado Trail detailing camp life and a pictorial tour along the trail from Denver to Durango. Gudy has shown the show at least 16 times to CMC groups, civic clubs and other interested parties. The slide show is available to groups. Call 526-8089.

-----Friends of the Colorado Trail have put together a Leaders Handbook for the weekend retreat and workshop in May for leaders. Each leader will have a copy of the manual to keep in camp in case any questions come up.

-----C T received money from the lottery fund. The Parks and Recreation Board is handling the $14,000 that has been earmarked for the Colorado Trail. Monies for the fund will be used to build the trail in the San Juans.

-----Hats and T-shirts will be available for purchase this summer. Jerry Albright designed an exciting T-shirt. Everyone will want one! Special 'I built the CT' T-shirts will be available for volunteers crew members only.
This summer we will have several remote base camps that are described as either hike-ins or backpacks. In some cases these camps aren't even accessible with jeeps. Several packers have generously offered their services to supply these camps. A special thanks goes out to: Bob Russell of Rocky Mt Llama Assoc, Diane and Dick Wertz of Wicenberg AZ, Wally White of Columbine Llamas and Tom and Barbara Butterfield of Foxton Stables. The Cavalier Riding Club of Black Forest Colorado is planning to maintain a portion of the Colorado Trail west of Salida this summer. Thanks to all of you!

Recent Sustaining Donors

The trail will continue to grow as long as we have Friends like you. Your friendship means so much! Fort Collins Group, Eric Veal Memorial fund, Fleischman Memorial fund, Tyson Dines, Jr., Rebecca Arnold, Sandra Gardner, Roger and Harriet Morrison, Ted and Theo Berri, Peter Rowland, and Coors Foundation.

Good News!

-----Coors foundation has approved a grant of $10,000.00 with the stipulation that all rights of way be cleared up before completion of the trail this fall. All efforts are being made to acquire them.

Behind the Scenes

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Literally thousands of people have helped put the Colorado Trail on the map. However a few stand out as the trail nears completion: Paul Newendorp for compiling the hundreds of registrations, putting his phone number public and having to answer many calls, and sending out information to all trail crew members, Randy Jacoba for donating many days and nights at the FCT "office" with the computer, for mailing hundreds of PR packets out, for spending two summers gathering information for the Trail Guide and for accompanying Gudy on some of the slide show circuit. Jean Franke for compiling all of the lists of donors, keeping our financial records current and correct and for beautifully typing documents for us. AND TO: Al "Gramps" Mauhe for stuffing envelopes, marking corrections and computer work, Darleen Boettler and Bea Collins Slingaby for writing thank-ys; Jerry Albright for doing design work for the T-shirt and signs; Dave Nelson handling T-shirt production, John Stanley, typing; Chuck Fraser and Curt Maat for repairing equipment; Sam Guyton, legal advice; Celia Nobles, technical data; Dorothy Baker, canvas repair and A.C. Lee, USFS for all of his patience.
In September of this year it will be possible to hike from Denver to Durango on the Colorado Trail. However, there is LOTS of work to do before this prophecy will be fulfilled. Some 800 volunteers will construct 40 miles of trail, most of which will be on the Animas, Holy Cross and Dillon districts.

A group of students from Western State College in Gunnison will maintain at least 60 miles of trail in the San Juan’s between Creede and Silverton as well as conduct an environmental inventory of the trail.

The Colorado Trail would not be a reality if it were not for our volunteers, and this year we will show our appreciation by awarding all volunteer trail builders with an "I Built the Colorado Trail" pin, a Colorado Trail patch and a certificate of appreciation. Our trail builders are important to us and we remember you!
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Schedule of Leaders and Sites

JUNCTION CREEK AREA
#1 5/23 to 5/30
   Junction Creek CG
   Lucille Klinge
   Randy Jacobs
#2 5/30 to 6/6
   Junction Creek CG
   Lucille Klinery
   Randy Jacobs
#3 6/6 to 6/13
   Erast Creek
   Marcel Guerra
#4 6/13 to 6/20
   Erast Creek
   Pete Rowland
#5 6/20 to 6/27
   Road End Country
   Jim Ray
#6 6/27 to 7/4
   Road End Country
   Bill Newton
#7 7/4 to 7/11
   Road End Country
   Jim Rother
#8 7/11 to 7/18
   Fasabinder Gulch
   Bob Boblett
#9 7/18 to 7/25
   Fasabinder Gulch
   Irene Cazer
   Sam Young
#10 7/25 to 8/1
    Fasabinder Gulch
    Marshall Buttery
#11 8/1 to 8/8
    Fasabinder Gulch
    Bill Newton
#12 8/8 to 8/15
    Fasabinder Gulch
    Terry Hardee
#13 8/15 to 8/22
    Fasabinder Gulch
    Jim Storjohann
#14 8/22 to 8/29
    Grindstone Creek
    Jeff June
    Joyce Johnson

MOLAS PASS AREA
#15 6/20 to 6/27
    Little Molas Lake
    Jim Miller
#16 6/27 to 7/4
    Little Molas Lake
    Bob Boblett
#17 7/4 to 7/11
    Little Molas Lake
    Marcel Guerra
#18 7/11 to 7/18
    Little Molas Lake
    Weldon Schwartz
#19 7/18 to 7/25
    North Lime Creek
    Brad Edwards
#20 7/25 to 8/1
    North Lime Creek
    Denise Wright
    Steve Quinn
#21 8/1 to 8/8
    West Lime Creek
    Brad Edwards
#22 8/8 to 8/15
    West Lime Creek
    Gudy Gaskill
    Marilyn Robinson
#23 8/15 to 8/22
    Twin Sisters
    Norma Kolecki
    Larry Grow
#24 8/22 to 8/29
    Twin Sisters
    Larry Grow
#25 8/29 to 9/5
    Twin Sisters
    Larry Grow

COPPER MOUNTAIN AREA
#26 6/13 to 6/20
    Camp Hale
    John Stanley
#27 6/20 to 6/27
    Camp Hale
    John Determan
    Celia Nobles
#28 6/27 to 7/4
    Camp Hale
    Hugh Dutty
#29 7/4 to 7/11
    Camp Hale
    Doug Hoetis
#30 7/11 to 7/25
    Guller Creek
    Abe Ohr
#31 7/25 to 8/1
    Guller Creek
    Gudy Gaskill
    Abe Ohr
VOLUNTEER TRAIL CREWS AND LEADERS FOR SUMMER 1987

This summer there will be 43 different trail crews involving 35 dedicated leaders and co-leaders who will attend a seminar conducted by Friends of the Colorado Trail which will cover all aspects of trail building and base camp life. Topics to be included at the seminar will be: safety and first aid, cooking, base camp operation and trail building with field sessions. Given the fact that all our crew leaders are already experienced trail builders, this summer’s crews should go smoothly. A special thanks goes out to these leaders for their dedication.

1987’s trail crew schedule promises to be the most ambitious yet as we move towards the completion of the Colorado Trail in September. Most of these crews are filling up fast. As of April 17, those trail crews that are already full are starred. Crew #39 through #43 are weekend sessions for those unable to get off for an entire week. Come join us for an unforgettable summer completing the last 40 miles of the Colorado Trail.

MEMBERSHIP FORM - FRIENDS OF THE COLORADO TRAIL

All membership fees and contributions to the Friends are tax-deductible, and are used exclusively for the Colorado Trail. Membership fees are: Regular $25.00, Senior and Student $10.00. Make checks payable to Friends of the Colorado Trail.

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Membership fee enclosed $ ______ plus additional contribution $ ______
equals total enclosed $ ________
WESTERN STATE ANNOUNCES SUMMER SESSION ON THE COLORADO TRAIL

Western State College in Gunnison is continuing its tradition of offering outdoor classrooms on the Colorado Trail. The summer session will include a 4 week indoor orientation from June 15 to July 10. The outdoor session will be conducted from approximately July 11 to August 7. Students can earn up to 12 hours of graduate or undergraduate credit.

This summer’s program will allow students to incorporate environmental inventorying along the trail and to participate in trail restoration and designation from San Luis Pass to Mosca Pass. Each student will select their own research project with the approval of the instructor. Subjects include an appraisal of vegetation, wildlife, hiker reaction to trail segments, sciences, geology, water quality, etc. Approximately half of the students time in the field will be spent on their research project and half of their time will be spent on restoration of the trail. Backpacking skills in remote environments at elevations of 11,000 to 12,000 feet would be desirable as well as selfsufficiency in back country cooking, camping, etc. For more information contact Dr. Hugo Ferchau, Dept of Biological Sciences, Western State College, Gunnison, CO 81230

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Help

Items needed to supply our four camps!

- 2 egg beaters
- 2 measuring cups
- 2 sets measuring spoons
- 2 paring knives
- 2 colanders
- 2 12 quart heavy duty pots with lids
- 6 plastic or metal dishpans
- 2 large enameled coffee pots
- 2 large castiron skillets
- 2 heavy 4 quart pots/lids
- 2 can openers
- 1 large slotted spoon
- 4 heavy pails (to put on fire)
- 2 spatulas
- Potatoe peeler
- Large kitchen knives
- 2 funnels
- 1 lantern
- 2 large 12 qt. mixing bowls (Stainless steel)
- Muffin tins
- Cookie sheets (small)
- 9x9 cake pans
- Swedish Saw
- Ladies
- 2 metal platters
- Odds and ends of small kitchen knives, forks etc.
Did you know that we raised approximately $7000 at the fund raiser last October?

In December Gudy had a dinner at her house for all of the Colorado Mountain Club personnel that helped with answering telephone calls and letter stuffing.

In January all leaders were invited to a weekend retreat at the Boulder CMC's Brainard Lake cabin. It was a beautiful moonlit weekend and will become an annual affair.

Randy Jacobs has been asked to lead the Western State College's four week summer school backpack on the Colorado Trail. Dates are: July 11th to Aug. 7th. See story elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jean Franke and Gudy Gaskill will attend a three day trail workshop in Rocky Mountain National Park during the end of May.

Channel 7 is planning on doing a half hour documentary on the Colorado Trail early this summer.

The Today Show will be featuring the Colorado Trail on their show about May 22nd. Catch the show if you can. They are planning on doing shots of the leaders in action at the leaders workshop on May 2nd and 3rd plus interviews.

The Colorado Trail is attracting plenty of attention. Articles will soon be out in Modern Maturity and Colorado Life Styles. An article recently appeared in the Denver Post and a news release has just gone out nation wide on the United Press International network. Soon the story of the Colorado Trail will begin appearing in newspapers around the country. Radio spots have been carried in Denver, Durango and Vail. We have received an incredible response from Bill Barrick's spot on KYGO in Denver. Nearly 150 articles were sent out to daily and weekly newspapers in Colorado and channel 7 is planning to film a documentary this summer at the Molas Pass trail crew. Most exciting of all is that NBC's Today program has scheduled a TV news spot for the Colorado Trail towards the end of May (we don't know the exact date of airing yet) So stay tuned to your favorite rag or wave for more information on the Colorado Trail.
NEW MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE COLORADO TRAIL

Marty Marten
Molly O’Malley
Wendell Phillips
James and Diane Shaw
Jeffery Westberg
Joanne Wilson
Rebecca Arnold
Kaye Bache-Snyder
Wesley Bawell
Marion Bottinelli
CMC Fort Collins Group
James Cobb
Tyson Dinea
Dolly Iaham
Ilda Kennon
Charles Morris
Frances Veal
Deborah Witt
Clarence Teacle
T Tailors, Inc.
Bert Patterson
Margaret Fleming
Margaret Burgess
Wendell Phillips

Berdene Alferi
Hal and Ann Johnson
Helmut & Marilyn Mueller
William Eichelmayr
Jon & Marylin Greeneisen
William Boblett
Tony and E. Bockstahler
Esther Holt
Charles Muschewske
Catherine Kleinsmith
Charlotte Briber
Ronald Kirkland
Gordon Webster
Joseph D’Agostino
George Munro
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Deer Mtn Enterprises
Shirely Cheney
Elliott Rigs
Theodore LeMay
Kendall Means
Georgia Andrews
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Eugene Cash
Ronald Dawe
Bradley Edwards
Sandra Gardner
Thomas Hoakins
Sally Kennet
William Lucas
Barbara & Bob Mieske
Barbara Mihlbachler
Marilyn Mueller
Robert Plamondon
James Storjohann
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