Colorado Trail to Celebrate 20 Years

The summer of 1994 will mark the 20th year since the conception of the Colorado Mountain Trail. Let's have a party! You and your friends will be invited to participate in many events to be planned for the year-long celebration.

A fully supported 6-week trek on the whole Colorado Trail from June 18 to July 23 is the main event! Lynn Mattingly and Steve Gladbach are the seasoned leaders for this undertaking. Full information will be published in the February issue of Tread Lines. Registrations will start at that time. Requirements are very good physical condition and Friend of CTF.

Colorado Foundation (CTF) Board Member Reed Donnelly is events coordinator and he will be disseminating information. Reed is soliciting ideas and volunteers to help. He would like to have special events planned near the towns that are located near The Colorado Trail. Special hikes, nature walks, trail rides, bike to nature, fishing trips, picnics, campfire programs, kite flying from mountain tops and slide shows have been suggested. More specific details will be published in the February and May Tread Lines. Reed can be reached at (303) 290-9084.

Western State College Approves Course

Dr. John Sowell, CT board member and Chair of the Education Committee, has announced that Western State College in Gunnison, will be offering an accredited course on the Colorado Trail. Gudy Gaskill will head the traveling base camp for the program. The setup will be similar to supported trail treks except that daily hikes will be short. Instruction will be included on hikes and in camp. Join the emersed hiker approach to outdoor education! The February issue of Tread Lines will provide more details.

Colorado Mt. Club Offers Treks July 3-16

Gudy Gaskill is coordinating The Colorado Mountain Club's fifth year of fully supported treks on the Colorado Trail from July 3-16. The trek will cover between Mount Princeton and Molas Pass. Both weeks will include days of 19-2 hiking miles. Requirements are excellent physical shape and must be a member of the CMC. Registration is targeted to start February 1. Call Gudy at (303) 526-0809 for details.

Gaskills Host Holiday Open House

The annual holiday open house was held at Dave and Gudy Gaskill's home on Lookout Mountain on Saturday, December 4 from 1-4 p.m. CTF Friends, board members and crew leaders had the opportunity to meet, visit and relax with the back-bone of the CTF. An exchange of "gifts of nature" highlighted special stones, wood, pressed flowers and pine cone arrangements.

Christmas 1806: Near the Colorado Trail

Frustrated in their attempt to climb Pike's Peak on November 27th, Zebulon Pike and his party of 15 trudged on through South Park looking for the Red River, the southern boundary of the Louisiana Purchase. After crossing Trout Creek Pass, the explorers came again to the Arkansas River, with food perilously low. On Christmas Eve, two hunting parties shot eight buffaloes near the mouth of Squaw Creek, three miles east of the Colorado Trail. Christmas Day was spent feasting on buffalo and repairing equipment. The sun came out, the wind and ground blizzards stopped blowing and a memorable Christmas was spent in the shadow of Mount Shavano.

Early in 1807 Pike crossed into the San Luis Valley at the Great Sand Dunes and built a log stockade (reconstructed as a state historical monument on the Conejos River near present La Jara) where he was taken prisoner by the Spanish.
Colorado Trail to Participate In Colorado Trails Day 1994

Once again Colorado Trail will be involved with several slide show seminars for Colorado Trails Day on June 4: People's Fair booth in Denver and trail involvement with Leadville's Colorado Mountain College and Durango's Fort Lewis College. A horseback ride, several mountain bike rides and a hike or two are in planning stages. Call Reed Donnelly, 290-9084, if you can help with logistics for the events.

CTF Friends had a great time participating in many events across the state for National Trails Day last June. For 1994's event we would like to involve local officials who have not been on the Colorado Trail. By June the leaves are budding out and flowers are bursting in color. A winter chill chaser for mountain folks; cool refreshing relief for city folks.

Sweatshirts available for Christmas

CT Sweatshirts, that can't be bought in stores, are available. Red, purple, navy, forest green, and pearl are plentiful in large and extra large sizes (some mediums). Postpaid cost is $22. Gudy wore a purple sweatshirt most of the summer and it still looks new.

Completion Awards Include Tiny Tots

More and more Colorado Trail hikers and riders are completing the whole trail as the years go by. Two horse groups were among 1993 fall requests for completion awards: Tom Butterfield's group from Parker and Kathleen and Gene Potter from Missouri. Hikers included Ken Marshall, Durango, Charlotte Brister, Denver, Ken and Cecilia Bradford, Littleton, Cheryl and Gene Vanzant, Collbran, Maurice LaMere, Carbondale, and of course the much publicized family from Pennsylvania, Cindy Rose and Todd Gladfeather and their two children, Sierra, 3, and Bryce, 1, who were supported by llamas contributed by the Rocky Mountain Llama Association. Sierra and Bryce will probably hold the record of being the youngest to finish the CT forever.

We thank Roger Gerard for his contribution of handling the Completion Awards. His work load has increased so CTF needs another volunteer who can assume this questionnaire correspondence responsibility in the fall. Please contact CTF if you have completed the trail between Denver and Durango.

Volunteer Crew Inquiries

Not a day passes by that we don't receive mail from all over the world asking about our summer volunteer program. These inquiries all receive a letter from our trail crew coordinator, Al Mauthe, who describes what the volunteer program is about and what to expect. A follow-up packet is sent at the end of January with the Forest Service trail crew information. Presently 17-18 crews are planned, the least number in 10 years. 1994 will be a landmark year for the CTF. If you aren't on a crew or a trek, you'll miss summer in the CT mountains!

1993 Christmas Tread Lines:
Written by Gudy Gaskill  Edited by Jane Wackerbarth

Ken Marshall Celebrates Completion

Ken Marshall, an enthusiastic trail crew volunteer from Durango, celebrated the completion of hiking the Colorado Trail with many of his friends hiking the last three miles of the trail with him from Molas Lake to Little Molas Lake. A picnic, complete with champagne and a special song written in his honor made is a special occasion. Ken agreed to share the song. The words are provided here. For the music, please send a SASE with .52 postage to CTF.

Walkin' the Colorado Trail
by Katherine Freiberger
Dedicated to Ken Marshall
upon the occasion of his completion of all 500 miles from Durango to Denver, September 1, 1993

Way out in Colorady, /Begin a mountain trail. It starts out in Durango, /Then goes northeast up towards Vail. It ends up in the city, /Least five hundred miles away. And this is what the hikers who have Walked it have to say: Chorus

Oh, we're walkin' the Colorado Trail, yessiree! Where no place can beat the scenery. Where the lightning and bears Make us really say our prayers,
A top a glorious mountain where the wind blows free. Oh, we're walkin' the Colorado Trail, yessiree!
Where the clean air and flowers are free. Where the bright stars at night Are an awe-inspiring sight.
Oh, that's where I want to be!

From the Weminuche to Denver, /We'll sing along the way, And when we rest at the mountain crest, /This is what we'll say,

Oh, we're walkin' the Colorado Trail, yessiree! Where mountains and mountain lions are free. Where the lightning and bears Surely make us say our prayers, They don't charge us for the giardia In the water, /that's free!

Oh, we're walkin' the Colorado Trail, yessiree! Where the powder room is yon fir tree, Where the blisters on my feet Think my sleeping bag is neat, And my back pack is killing me.

High in Colorady is where I want to be. Near the eagle's nest is where I rest, /Oh, this is the place to be.

Oh, we're walkin; the Colorado Trail, yessiree! Where no place can beat the scenery, Where we sleep out in the weather, In the tundra and the heather, But we seldom sleep together, We must conserve our energy. Oh, this mountain's a treat, But these boots have got me beat! Be it ever so humble, There's no place like . . . .
Walkin' the Colorado Trail, yessiree!
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During this special holiday season where we give thanks for all of the good things in life, to our health, friends, relatives, and our privileged lifestyle of working on the Colorado Trail, your 1993 crew leader would like to thank you again for giving your time and effort, spending your money, using your camping equipment, for believing in the Colorado Trail and its needs, AND for joining us on the ‘93 crew. You give your time unselfishly to make this a better trail for the many users who take the CT for granted.

Collectively, we have grown to respect the environment and its fragility, we have learned to live in the wilds and leave it a better place than we found it, to re-seed, reroute, and replant without leaving a scar, and we have learned to live together, share experiences, become strong and knowledgeable and truly a FRIEND of the COLORADO TRAIL.

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To preserve the sense of community associated with the unique high altitude experience achieved by participating in trail activities.

To support environmental education, to be a place for healing and self renewal, and facilitate an appreciation for the value of natural systems.

To support multiple use, non-motorized, family recreation in a wide variety of unpopulated ecosystems.

To maintain a cooperative effort that involves volunteers and promotes a sense of public ownership.
Notice of Colorado Trail Foundation Annual Board Meeting

The annual board meeting of the Colorado Trail Foundation will be held on Saturday, January 15, 1994, 10 a.m. at the State Bureau of Land Management Office at 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood. It is the only mandatory board meeting required by the bylaws and it is open to Friends of the Colorado Trail.

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