



Grand County Wilderness Group Newsletter

Fall, 2010
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Mission Statement

To assist the US Forest Service in the preservation, protection, improvement and public understanding of the wilderness areas in Grand County

The Bi-annual Meeting, the Fall one, will be at the YMCA of the Rockies in the Summit Building: Adams Camp, our usual spot, on Sunday, November 21, starting at 5:00 pm.

Our guest speaker will be Michele Simmons, District Interpreter at Rocky Mountain National Park. Topic: State of the Park

Food assignments are as follows:
A through C - Side Dish
D through Meyer - Appetizer
Miller through Z - Dessert
Lasagna and Salad will be provided.
Bring a drink to share

2011 dues will be collected at the meeting. \$15 per mailing address
If you can't make the meeting, please see the last page for a mail form.

"Backcountry Skiing and Snowshoeing in Grand County, Colorado"
by Deborah Carr and Lou Ladrigan
will be on sale for \$5. Proceeds all go to GCWG
Thank you! Deborah and Lou

Joan and Roger Shaw, editors - 726-4626

Letter from the President

Summer is over, and we are waiting for snow. Hopefully everyone had a good summer..

Again the Cabin Hosting slots were filled at the Spring Meeting. It was great to have Mary Ann Grosword and Doug Smith coordinate the cabin hosting and ANRA pass sales. Thanks for taking this on. We now have a new email system in place that will make this easier next year.

Unfortunately, we had poor attendance for Trail Maintenance Day. This should be one of our major events of the year as we must remember that we are a service organization. But Daisy Days had a good turnout. Thanks to all who came out to work.

Next year, we may have more opportunity to do trail work, as the USFS may start work on rerouting the Columbine Lake trail around the upper wet meadow. This will be a major undertaking and, if it happens, we will have lots of days to help with both big and small jobs.

The birding trip to Arapaho National Wildlife Area was well attended. Only a few people attended the second bird hike at North Inlet, but those that did had a good time.

Our membership has grown slowly over the year. We currently have about 165 members and about \$3000 in the bank. We are still looking for worthy projects for these funds.

The picnic was a big success, thanks to Ron Sears and his barbeque. He'll be welcomed back whenever he wants to cook again!

I will be looking for some people to take on some other responsibilities. We are looking for someone to coordinate filling the trailhead bulletin boards with information and pictures and for someone to take over Volunteer Hours reporting. Carol Kitt and Honor Ulveling have been managing these. Thanks to both for all the work.

Al Rothenbach

USFS Report – Mike Ricketts

I want to thank GC Wilderness Group again for an outstanding season. Much was accomplished that we couldn't have done without you. Also want to thank Andrew Sullivan, our new wilderness ranger for keeping the ball rolling on a number of projects.

Two years in a row now I have been lucky enough to have a great partner helping me with the wilderness program. Andrew and I hiked to Vasquez Lake this summer from Berthoud pass. What a great trip, even without water! And that is another story for another time. See you on the slopes. ----Mike.

Treasurer's Report 11/9/2010 - Jim Bernard

Our bank balance is \$2870.33 with perhaps another \$150 in the various cabin and clothing cash boxes.

A Note from Marian Barry

Dear Wilderness Friends,

For all the warm thoughts, cards and prayers, I thank you. Also, thanks to the campers that bought me the wonderful soft white polar bear. I love him. I heard that the money came from the famous Yellow Duck that was on so many outings.

I have finished my chemo, surgery and radiation for the treatment of breast cancer. Now I am getting back to the good life. With love and thanks,
Marian Barry

Audubon Bird Count

The Granby Christmas bird count is organized by the Audubon Society and locally by the USFS. Brock McCormick is the enthusiastic leader. He hopes you will sign up for this year's count scheduled for December 16th. You will be assigned a local area and can either be a spotter if you know your birds or drive for those who do, all the while learning more about your feathered friends.

Last year 40 volunteers reported 36 bird species and 1725 individual birds. There was an abundance of waterfowl which included hooded mergansers, ring-necked ducks and Barrons goldeneyes. Rare finds were the northern shrike, brown creeper and Clark's nutcracker. This is always an amazing adventure so sign up now by calling Brock at 887-4108.

That Great Annual Double A Barn Picnic

Ron Sears gets the accolades for this year's annual picnic at the AA Barn. He took over as master chef from the Cahalanes and matched their marvelous record. Equipped with his own handmade "Hog Cooker" he roasted mouth-watering pork and beef. It was a great evening to see so many of you.

Welcome, New Members!

Our group has 30 new members (13 couples and 4 singles) to this point of 2010 and two couples who strayed but have now seen the light and returned. How about memorizing a name or two and seeking them out at the meeting to say hello? Here they are:

Pam & George Armstrong
 Tim and Wanda Barrett
 Roger and Marsha Bartholomew
 Marilyn and Dave Binkley
 John and Lea Ehlen (rejoined)
 Mark and Janet Harrington
 Doris and David Klein
 Kristen Lodge
 Bill and Ariel Lowerison (rejoined)
 Dan and Renita McGrail
 Barbara and Jerry Pollack
 Linda Porter and Ken Dresel
 Mike and Donna Sargent
 Dawn Schoen
 Linda Stein
 Barbara Walker
 Tom and Holly Whitten
 Susan and David Wilkinson

Hope to see you all November 21 and on the front lines working for good ol' GCWG!

Cheers for the White Deer

Don't get discouraged when you get one of those unwanted holiday gifts. Just wrap it up and bring to the annual White Deer Party to be held on January 30th at the YMCA. Details to follow but put that date on your calendar for an evening of sheer fun.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Summer Weekly Hikes

Fire tower Hike

-Sue Jackson

With great enthusiasm seven intrepid hikers completed the up and down trek to the Lookout Tower in RMNP. The statistics: about 10 miles round trip with about 1400 feet elevation gain during the 3.3 miles of ascent. The historic Lookout Tower, listed in the National List of Historic buildings, was built in the 1930's by the CCC, is

still structurally sound and is safe to climb. From the top there is a breathtaking 360 degree view—Byers, James, and Perry Peaks, WP ski area, Sol Vista, Granby Reservoir, RMNP peaks, and our next destination—Miyuchi's ice cream shop. We took our time identifying the many species of wildflowers we encountered and watched osprey both on the nest and resting in a tree.

If you haven't taken this hike, you need to include it in your hiking plans.

Colorado River Trail

– Susan Ellis

July 1 ten of us hiked the Colorado River trail from the road to the GL golf course. The round trip was 5.2 miles on a well maintained trail thanks to the Grand Lake Recreation Dept. Plenty of signs, downed trees, rushing river, new bridge and hundreds of yellow spatterdock water lilies made the trip interesting. We ate in a nice shady spot close to the river.

These are just a sampling of the great group hikes offered. Watch the website GCWG.org for plans as they develop next summer.

Summer at Junco Cabin

- Mary and Jim England

Hosting here doesn't start until the snow melts so it's a great day in July when hiker's can take advantage of this beautiful area with help from the cabin hosts. Driving to the cabin area was easier due to some road improvements and parking went smoothly. ANRA passes were available at the kiosks so our group had a bit less to do.

Hiker's were greeted with a freshly painted cabin (on one side) with screen door removed (lack of bugs) and a new lock box system. They spotted more moose than usual and, on the southbound Hi Lonesome trail, an active beaver dam forced them to detour by going upstream.

Thanks, everyone, for representing the wild side of Wilderness and being perfect hosts.

Guests interested in perhaps joining our group are welcome at the November 21st meeting.

A Valid Education

- Joan Shaw

Greg Mortenson is the renowned author of his best-selling book, "Three Cups of Tea", based on his belief in education, especially the young girls in Pakistan. His book has been on the bestseller list now for over a year and he is a prominent speaker around the world exemplifying his values.

There is no need for me to go around the world to see a fine education. When I hosted at Monarch Lake cabin I witnessed a valid education right there when 35 6th graders and 16 adults from Fairview Elementary School in Cheyenne, Wyoming came to learn outdoor survival skills and more for three days. This curriculum is basic for all elementary schools in the Cheyenne District. Jefferson County provides a similar program for a week.

The course includes having 12 year olds learn and demonstrate the following skills: Fire starting and maintaining from flint sparks and nearby flammable materials from nature, collecting water, making a rabbit snare, learning first aid, moving an injured person with a two person carry, making a stretcher, orienteering using a compass, learning to fish and learning to use a bow and arrow. None of these kids were involved in scouting programs so this was new material for them. The girls were more enthusiastic according to one teacher while the boys were quite macho about it all until they found they lacked the necessary skills.

Kass, one of the students, told me that at the end of the 3rd day, there would be competition between four teams to demonstrate all of these goals. These teams need a lot of cooperation even if the kids don't like each other. Their adult leader reminded them that they were learning more than these skills. They were learning about social relationships, friendliness, self-confidence, team building and much more all of which would be needed as they take the giant step of leaving elementary school and entering middle school in the fall.

They arrived in one giant yellow school bus, stayed at the Best Western motel in Winter Park and had all of their food prepared in the parking lot of Monarch Lake. A large trailer was filled with their food all carefully chosen and cooked on two gas grills. The aroma was delicious and I was surprised

that every bear in the area didn't come for meals. Perhaps it smelled too good to be true. In addition, these kids were very polite and excited about learning. Their bus driver, Michelle Pike, said it was the first time for most of the kids to experience the wilderness and that it was awesome for her to bring them here.

This outdoor education was financed by the kids raising most of the money with a raffle, bake sales, pizza sales, some PTO funding and other year round fund raisers. Their leader, Geri Wagner, especially likes this area and it is her second time here. She earned my admiration and praise. Other schools set up in Wyoming or in Estes Park, Colorado.

Greg Mortensen would be proud of this practical education. I was so impressed that I decided I would have three cups of tea in their honor. However, it would be green tea inspired by these kids and their new understanding of our outdoor environment as well as the skills they perfected.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

2010 Encampment A Huge Success

- Ron Sears

This year's encampment was truly a vacation. Roger was concerned about the grumbling over the strenuous and difficult trips of the past so this year he put together a perfect trip.

We got to the parking area and we were met by sherpas who carried our gear the ½ mile to base camp. The camp was all set up with lounge chairs and hammocks, and drinks and wonderful hors d'oeuvres were served by the staff from Hooters.

(What you just read was written to counter what you may have read about previous trips and to get more of you to go on next year's trip.)

Truthfully, however, Roger Shaw did hit a home run this year with our annual encampment. The route was not a "killer", the rain came only at night, and the terrain was unique, beautiful, and informative.

Nine Wilderness Group members took off from Winter Park and backpacked along the Vasquez River. The group consisted of Joan and Roger Shaw, Mike Braddy, Jean Tidball, Jeri and Jim

Moat, Toni Wujek and Al Rothenbach, and Ron Sears.

The first part of the route followed an access road for Denver Water and then we were on our own. But the “bushwhacking” was not really difficult. We basically followed the river through the high altitude wetlands. We got our feet a little wet (sometimes a lot wet) but it was fascinating to actually see the wet lands and how they work. What a marvelous filtering system.

Another positive this year was that our first day trek to base camp was not a long six or seven hour ordeal. We made camp about 3 ½ or 4 miles in at a very nice clearing with good tent sites and good water close. We even mastered the food bags in the trees much better than in past years. We had a great “happy hour” with the “freeze dried alcohol” and hors d’oeuvres followed by dinner, a camp fire with engineer Mike Braddy building (and refining) a sock drying device and good conversation. About the time it got dark we went to bed and the rain started. It was an excellent test of the quality of our tents.

By morning, the rain quit and we had breakfast and took off on our day hike up to Vasquez Lake. Again we traversed some wet lands before finally climbing a steep ascent to the lake. The wild flowers were spectacular; we enjoyed lunch at the lake and returned to base camp in time to catch a short nap followed by “happy hour”, dinner and another camp fire. Mike perfected version 2.0 of his sock dryer.



Again it rained hard after we were in bed but the next morning we had breakfast and hiked out in full sunshine.

I think all of us felt good, enjoyed the trip and the company and returned exhilarated rather than exhausted. It was a trip I’d gladly do again.

Backpackers, save the last full week in July. We'll be the first to claim that time this year! - Roger

North Park Birdwatching **- Dede Fey**

It was a fine day on May 18th for 16 members and guests embarking upon a caravan to Jackson County with the mission of seeing as many migrating and resident bird species as possible. First sightings included a large Red-Tailed Hawk and a friendly Swainson’s Hawk, who flew down to the road and looked as if he was ready to climb into the Shaw’s parked car.

Upon arrival at the parking area at the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, the group was greeted by two large and somewhat miffed moose. Master birders, Al & Toni Rothenbach guided the group along the boardwalk and beside the Illinois River. Tim Showalter, Chris and Steven Lee added their expertise by spotting birds that were initially invisible to the rest of us and, most remarkably, identifying birds by their calls.

The group also spent leisurely time at the auto tour area around the ponds and were rewarded with a wide variety of migrating species including Wilson’s Phalarope, Black-crowned Night Heron, Bufflehead Duck, Cinnamon Teal, Lesser Scaup, the ever-popular and colorful American Avocet...and many, many more! The White-tailed Prairie Dog community was busy with their daily chores as the group exited the refuge.

The outing wound up with an excellent lunch at the River Rock Hotel in Walden and a scenic drive home with more moose spotted on the fly. It was a day filled with wonder at the diversity of nature!

Your Welcoming Forest Outhouse **- Roger Shaw**

On my hosting day at Monarch Cabin, I had the opportunity to chat with Brad Orr of the USFS. The conversation naturally turned to the new outhouse complex nearly completed there. He said that every effort is made to orient the new ones so that the black vent stacks are on the south side of the building. This gives them maximum chance to heat up in the sunlight and we all know that hot air rises. This draws air in the door of the people space, down through the tank and up these back stacks, keeping said people space smelling sweet and clean. Simple physics hard at work. I love it!

Team TUTI Tackles 220 Trees! - Beth Collins (& Jim Magill)

What could be more fun than a foray into the forests to remove fallen trees from wilderness trails? The Totally Unauthorized Trail Improvement (TUTI) team members - Roger and Joan Shaw, Joyce and Jim Clair, Char and Dick Lucas, Jim Magill, Beth Collins, Pat Hogan, Gary McGraw and Bud Crawford - enjoyed at least some of our activities - day hikes and an overnigher on sections of Baker Gulch trail (1 time), Roaring Fork trail (2 times), and the Knight Ridge/Continental Divide Trail (3 times).

Armed only with hand powered tools, various TUTI teamers cut and cleared 220 fallen trees (ranging in diameter from 2 inches to 2 feet) that obstructed and/or obliterated the trails.

The trail with the most obstructions was the Knight Ridge section of the Continental Divide Trail. TUTI teamers cleared almost 200 trees on that trail. Work started in the middle of the trail at Twin Creek Cabin. Handsome, young men from the Forest Service ferried the team members across Lake Granby and up Columbine Bay. The boat rides were beautiful and the skippers congenial.

Talk to any TUTI teamer and find out how much fun it was to hike, camp, cut, and clear in the company of good friends who take turns with the saws or act as ballast by sitting at the end of a trunk. Everyone enjoyed the satisfaction of a day well spent and the sense of accomplishment walking back on the wilderness trails they had just cleared.

You are probably wondering how you could join such an elite group of trail dogs. Since there are still more fallen trees obstructing our trails, you too can sign up in the spring or contact Roger Shaw. Next summer we may have an opportunity to clear even more trees from our trails.

"This winter they are cutting down our woods more seriously than ever....Thank God, they cannot cut down the clouds." Henry David Thoreau, Journal 1852

Nature Lovers -- Join Today - Joan Shaw

You will enjoy your membership in the **Rocky Mountain Nature Association**. Their newsletter is filled with the latest park news, the chance to ask questions, current research projects and other fine features. They welcome your input and photographs and even have a kids' club membership. They invite you to field seminars, lectures and special events plus you have a 15% discount in their book stores. Membership, including the quarterly newsletter, costs \$25 a year as an individual or \$40 as a family. You will also be supporting the many projects the association takes on within one of the finest of our national parks. Learn more on the web at RMNA.ORG

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Art Affair Report - Joyce Clair

The Art Affair was a success this summer thanks to all who worked at the booth. The new GCWG caps were a hit! They are available for \$10 with a choice of blue or khaki-green. Also available are a variety of T-shirts, long and short-sleeved, in all sizes. The Polo shirts are green and great for golfers. Think Christmas presents! Call Joyce Clair to make an order - 887-9097 or jclair2@gmail.com

We added some new members from talking about our group and its purpose to attendees of the Art Affair. Can families belong to Grand County Wilderness Group? This was a question asked by a family at the Art Affair this year. What kind of activities could my children get involved in to teach them stewardship of the land and appreciation for our beautiful natural resources? In thinking about these questions, yes, there is a place for children in our activities as they work with their parents or other adults. Here are a few ideas:

---Hosting at Monarch cabin. They could help lay out information, hand out children's materials, build the fire, sweep the cabin, go fishing or kayaking.

---Trail hosting. They could wear a Forest Service badge and hike with an adult.

---Registration boxes. They could help put in and take out sign-up sheets and, if old enough, help tally information with an adult.

---Osprey watching. The family could adopt a nest to observe and record information.

---Daisy Days. They could learn to identify and pull weeds, if old enough.

---Attend the Barn Picnic in the summer.

YES, families can be a part of GCWG!

Report On Daisy Day

- Beth Collins

The sun shown brightly on July 22nd as 10 Grand County Wilderness Group volunteers (all female) were lead on a search and destroy mission by Forest Service Wildlife Biologist Doreen Sumerlin, Neilie Tibbs and three of their staff

First, the group sneaked up on a stand of yellow toad flax. The not-yet-blooming, unsuspecting toad flax were surrounded and uprooted from their rocky home on the banks of Monarch Lake. Next, we divided into two groups and scoured the river banks. Oxeye daisies tried to hide, but they too were destroyed by the relentless efforts of the group. Invasive alien thistles were also dug out and bagged. The experienced Forest Service staff protected the Colorado thistle, by repeatedly answering the queries from the volunteers about which thistles were okay (Colorado thistle) and which were bad (looked sort of like Colorado thistles, but weren't)

After a morning of murder and mayhem, we had gazpacho soup and sack lunches near the cabin. Ranger Sumerlin commented that the GCWG has made a difference in the noxious weed population near Monarch Lake. After lunch, some GCWG members went for a hike around the lake. Our trained eyes were able to spot some yellow toad flax near the path on the north side of the lake; however, we still were not able to identify a good thistle from a bad one.

In summary, it was great day for GCWG and the Forest Service, but a terrible day for the noxious weeds. Thanks to all the GCWG volunteers and Forest Service for a great (or terrible, depending on perspective) day of invasive, noxious weed eradication.

ANRA Fees at Work

Some excerpts from the latest ANRA newsletter: Arapaho National Forest Fees of \$265,000 were 95% reinvested locally. Perhaps you have noticed new toilets at Quinette Pond and Green Ridge Campground. Lodgepole pines were sprayed, hazardous trees removed and camping areas maintained. 3 boat launch areas got new kiosks, the Lake Granby Dam got a buoy system and floating trees were removed from the lakes. Land and lake patrols were active. Water, electricity and trash removal were provided for all sites plus the publication of the newsletter. Stop by the Forest Service office in Granby for your free copy.

Great Birds Update

Three new natural osprey nests were found in 2009. Look for them at the Grand Lake shoreline, Shadow Mountain Lake island and the western shore of that lake. Better yet, adopt a nest by observing and recording observations and inform ANRA of any problems from April through September. Call Brock McCormick, Wildlife Biologist at 887-4108.

The 2009 report also recorded 43 active osprey nests, 26 nests produced young and 53 chicks fledged. The great blue herons had 27 active nests on Lake Granby. Bald Eagles had 1 active nest with 1 chick fledged and the Golden Eagles did exactly the same.

Fire Statistics

Just in case someone asks you, the 2009 fire crews responded to 10 wildland fire calls, 9 human caused and one by lightning. All were less than one half acre. 2010 had the largest fire ever but that's another story.

Need Firewood?

The Sulphur Ranger District has it already cut for you into 2 to 4 foot lengths. It is stacked in a drive up area and the permits are only \$24 for two cords. For more information contact the USFS at 887-4100

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

The latest from the Carr-Ladrigan Team

The Shaws had a delightful conversation with these good folks recently. They are the authors of "Hiking Grand County, Colorado" and, more recently, "Backcountry Skiing and Snowshoeing in Grand County, Colorado" the book mentioned on the front cover of our newsletter. They have donated many copies of the latter to GCWG. Turns out that they are now into the hiking gear invention business. They have a quick access camera carrying device and are in the beta phase with a convenience pocket that both work with your pack straps. Go to One Hour Photo next to Alco for a local source or to their website backcountryrsolutions.com. Best of luck to a hard hiking and very creative team!



The group learns the story of the Fiery Furnace area in Arches Nat'l Park-2006

Spring Campout Needs Leadership

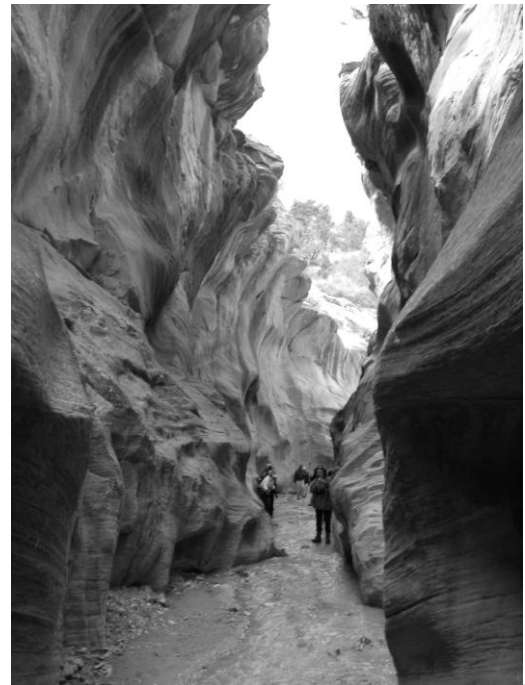
For several years a rather large contingent from GCWG has gone on a car camping expedition to escape the mud and lingering cold of late March and April. Destinations have included Canyonlands, Zion and Arches National Parks and the Escalante area in southern Utah. Some pictures from these past expeditions are shown at the right. This tradition is in danger of dying out if someone doesn't "pick up the reins". What is needed is some internet or on the ground investigation to find a relatively warm target site with facilities for a group of 30 or so followed by some organizing effort. If you will step forward to lead, you will find lots of willing helpers.

Christmas Tree Time is Almost Here

Each year GCWG aids the USFS by donning the outfit or assisting Smoky Bear along the tree cutting route behind Winter Park. This will occur on the first two weekends of December. You can sign up with a friend or two for a half day or just a couple of hours. Chris Lee has agreed to head up our scheduling so please let her know when you're willing to go let your kid out.

Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!

News Flash! Betty White, age 88, is our latest Forest Ranger. Maybe there's hope for the rest of us old timers.



An incredible slot canyon in the Escalante area. 2009

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Do your shopping for all the holidays by shopping locally at our annual Fall meeting of the GCWG. Joyce Clair will have a large assortment and most sizes of tee shirts, vests, sweatshirts and the new **BALL CAPS WITH GREAT VISORS.**

The caps come in denim or beige for only \$10. The first lot sold out immediately so come early and purchase some. If you want more or any other merchandise contact the Merchandise Queen Joyce Clair at 887-9097. These sales are the primary fund raiser for our dedicated group of wilderness lovers.

Report from Monarch Cabin
-Jeanine Elsener

As I sat and read the 2010 Volunteer journal, I reflected on what a blessing it is to work in such an beautiful paradise and what a great group of stewards I get to share this special place with. I don't know how I got so lucky! The love and appreciation of Monarch Lake jumps off these pages and is apparent in every entry.

The first few weeks of my season seem to softly and warmly reveal spring to me. Parking at the outer gate and trekking over the snow pack to the cabin is a welcome time to listen and observe the subtle changes of winter to spring. These early weeks from mid-May to mid-June are when our moose seem to be the most active and visible. Another of my favorite joys is watching the wildflowers reveal themselves each year. It seems like a different flower pops its head out along the trail each week. The calypso orchid is always a hit with hikers, and I'd have to say my favorite is our State flower, the ever lovely columbine.

The early season visit from the Wyoming school group is a highlight for both the kids and volunteers. It's exciting and rewarding to see young folks learning about the outdoors and, hopefully, taking with them the concept of stewardship of the woods. Fishing and hearing "fish stories" from the visitors always makes for an entertaining part of the day at Monarch. The biggest fish I saw this season was close to two feet long-a lake trout. I love to watch visitors enjoying their gorgeous surroundings while

they spend a day doing what they love to do. I guess our animal sightings this year were typical - moose, deer, elk, bear, squirrels, chipmunks, marmots, snakes, our regal osprey and our myriad of birds(even pelicans!) My biggest satisfaction each day is talking with folks after a hike and catching their enthusiasm from their experience. Monarch Lake gets quite a few locals who seem to know the trails like the back of their hands. I think I learn more from them than I impart....one of the gifts of working at Monarch!

A big highlight for me comes around 4th of July week when our colorful, motley group of thru-hikers are stopping by the cabin. These folks that have set aside several months of their lives to hike from Mexico to Canada are quite a remarkable and interesting group. Last year a group of six men (the youngest was probably in his late 40s) came in the cabin to visit and get out of the rain and told some trail stories. One of the men was celebrating his 70th birthday that day.

I know my season at Monarch Lake is coming to an end when the Grand County schools have all the fifth grade classes come to spend a day of outdoor education in Paradise. It's quite a gathering - with informational "stations" scattered along the west side of the lake that teach canoeing, fire behavior, pond life, history of Monarch Lake (my topic!), outdoor survival skills and many other outdoor educational activities. We are all truly blessed to have Monarch Lake in our hearts!

ANNUAL DUES FORM

Please send this form with your dues check to Jim Bernard, Treasurer, PO Box 2258, Fraser, CO 80442

Make checks payable to Grand County Wilderness Group

Dues for 2011: \$15.00 per mailing address

New Member? Yes ___ No___

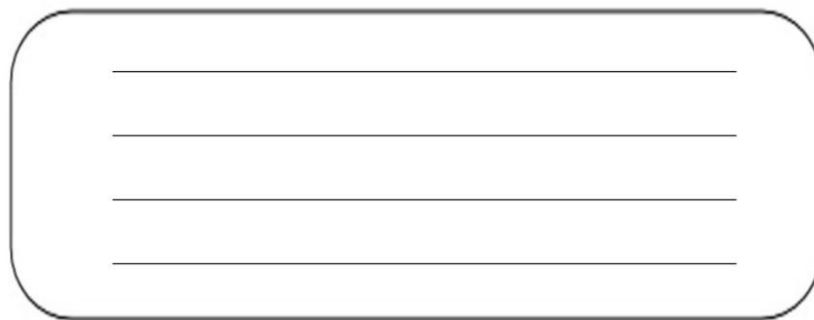
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