

<p>Day, Date, Departure Time &amp; Departure Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outing Description</b> Spring 2014</p> <p><a href="#">Printer-friendly version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Logistics, outing rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</a></p> <p>Email schedule changes and updates to: <a href="#">Lyle Hancock</a>.</p> <p><b>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</b></p> <p>If you have received this schedule by mail, please keep in mind that additions and changes are continually being made. Please ask someone with internet access to inform you when these updates occur or go to a friends computer or the library to view the updates at <a href="http://www.seniorsoutdoors.org">www.seniorsoutdoors.org</a>.</p> <p>Participation in Seniors Outdoors! activities by non-members is limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join Seniors Outdoors!</p> <p>Participants (new &amp; old) as we start the winter season please review the <a href="#">Guidelines for Outing Participants</a> found on the SO! Web Site. It contains important information about our requirements and general alpine safety.</p> <p>Meeting Place Abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park; TC: Trimble Crossing; Tam: Tamarron; DMR: Durango Mountain Resort; SRP: Santa Rita Park; RC: Rec Center</p>	<p><a href="#">Difficulty Rating,</a> Total Length &amp; Elevation Gain</p>
<p>Attn. mountain bikers</p>	<p><b>Intermediate/advanced mountain bikers</b> There is an informal list of intermediate/advanced mountain bikers for informal rides. To have your name put on the list, please email <b>KT Howard</b> at <a href="mailto:kayteenm1@gmail.com">kayteenm1@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Moderate to hard rides</p>
<p>Wed Mar 5 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail.</b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita to Home Depot and back. May turn back sooner or go on to Escalante subdivision if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs OK, on leash only.</p> <p><b>For Info, call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Fri. Mar 7 to Sun. Mar. 11. RC 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Car Camping/hiking trip to Utah:</b> In and around Moab. We will drive over on Friday and find a campsite, then spend the time hiking and exploring the many canyons or scrambling over some of the spectacular slickrock buttes. Some exposure on slickrock scrambles. Trip limit 12. Primitive camping. Bring firewood and plenty of water. Carpool \$TBD.</p> <p><b>Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Hard 6 8 miles/day 500 Many times</p>

		Scrambling
<b>Mon Mar 10</b> ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am Tam 9:20 am	<b>Snowshoe &amp; XC SkiGladstone to Velocity Basin (north of Silverton)</b> <b>Rescheduled from 12/18/13.</b> Ski with Howard or snowshoe with Betsy from Gladstone up the county road into beautiful Velocity (Storm Peak) Basin. Glorious views. Current forecast is mostly sunny, high near 41°. OK for slower hikers/skiers to go at their own pace and as far as they wish. Tea & treats at Howards after hike. Carpool \$8. No dogs. Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 or <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a>	Moderate to Hard ~ 5 miles 1,000 (mostly above 11,000)
Tue Mar 11 New Member Orient. 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm  Rec Center	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SO! General Meeting</b>  <b>2014 Spring Potluck</b>  New Member Orientation 5:30 pm  Social: 6:30 pm  Potluck: 7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.  A-F Main Dish G-M Dessert N-R Main Dish S-Z Salad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations for the Manna Food Kitchen.</p>	
Wed Mar 12 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Mar 5. No RSVP required <b>Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Mar 19 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Mar 5. No RSVP required <b>Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Tue Mar 25 SRP 7:00 am	<b>NM Badlands Hike.</b> Hike one way through Lybrook, NM badlands. The car trip is long (about 2 hours), but the hike through some rarely visited badlands is rewarding. Expect no trails, some scrambling, plenty of unique landforms, a few hoodoos, no water, moderate pace stopping wherever. No dogs. Limit 15.Carpool \$15  <b>RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310 or <a href="mailto:tlward@frontier.net">tlward@frontier.net</a></b>	Hard 1500 7 miles
Wed Mar 26 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Mar 5. No RSVP required <b>Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Apr 2 SRP 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Three Springs to Grandview Trail.</b> The hike begins at the end of Confluence Ave behind the Three Springs development. We will hike to the intersection with Grandview Trail and a little beyond. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only <b>Leader: Tom Hannula 884-9052</b>	Easy 3 miles 240
Fri April 4	<b>Hike Sand Canyon/East Rock Creek Loop</b> with breakfast option at the Absolute Bakery & Caf (ABC) in Mancos. Meet at SRP to carpool to breakfast at 7:30 am or	Moderate

<p>Breakfast: SRP 7:30 am  or Mancos by the ABC 9:10 am</p>	<p>meet after breakfast in Mancos by the ABC to drive to Sand Canyon. We will start from the lower end of Sand Canyon trailhead and follow the maintained trail (enjoying spur trails to view spots), then cut over to East Rock Creek Trail, where we take a detour (1 mile RT) to view a big arch, then return via East Rock. This is a pleasant hike with a variety of Ancestral Puebloan sites in view along the route. Bring snack, lunch and plenty of water. Trail is sometimes busy and is used actively by mountain bikers. Carpool \$9. Limit 15. Dogs on leash please.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a></b></p>	<p>7 miles ~ 600'</p>
<p>Sun Apr 6 To Wed Apr 9  Rec Center  Parking Lot  8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Grand Gulch Exploration: Bullet Canyon &amp; Government Trail:</b> We will meet at Rec Center and drive to Grand Gulch going to Utah 261. On the way we can detour to Arch Canyon Overlook and then will search for a car camping spot off of 261, likely on the track into Sheiks or Bullet canyon. We will explore Bullet Canyon and try to reach both Perfect Kiva and Jailhouse Ruin on Day 2 (April 7 - 10 mile round trip exploratory canyon hike). Day 2 (April 8) we drive to Government Trailhead and explore Pollys canyon to see Government Panel and some ruins. We leave on Day 3, and there may be a chance to check out other Grand Gulch sites on the way home. Dogs not permitted in Grand Gulch. 4WD required. Limit 10. Carpool TBD.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Rich Butler 403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Hard Day 1 + 10 miles  Day 2 + 10 miles</p>
<p>Mon Apr 7  Every Monday starting April 7 until October weather forces us back to skiing  Home Depot south parking lot near nursery  9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot:</b> Join us for a bike ride around Durango and see the beauty of the city that no car ride can produce. This is a social ride, and open to all SO'ers, so dust off that Huffy, Road Master or DeRosa and come join the group. This is considered to be an easy ride. If you can hike 5 miles you can ride 15 (1:3 ratio). The ride is just short of 16 miles round trip with a total elevation gain of about 250 ft. This is a no drop ride, meaning we ride as a group and no one is left behind (Semper Fi!). We ride at an easy gate of 10-12 mph. We stop at Bread for coffee/pastries. Leave <b>Home Depot</b> south parking lot at 9:30 a.m. sharp. To see route copy/paste: <a href="http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/337011505">http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/337011505</a> (this link should work but if not dont worry its an easy ride - when open click on <u>View Route: Durango Loop</u> to get close up/elevation stats of route). Bad weather/heavy winds cancels. <b><u>Helmets and Gloves Required.</u></b></p> <p><b>Contact Jim Newman 884-7717 or <a href="mailto:Newmanji10@aol.com">Newmanji10@aol.com</a></b> if there are questions.</p>	<p>Easy 16 miles 250</p>
<p>Tue April 8  Rec Center  Social 6:30 pm  Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SO! General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Program: Rafting Through Ancient Dinosaur Land:</b> Join other SO! Members as we hear Fort Lewis Prof Andrew Gulliford discuss wilderness experiences while rafting the Yampa and Green Rivers through Dinosaur National Monument. No Dogs, No Limits, See you at the Rec Center!</p>	
<p>Wed Apr 9 3<sup>rd</sup> St &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Horse Gulch trailhead  9:00 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Horse Gulch.</b> From the trailhead, the hike begins a gradual and consistent uphill. The hike follows the old road for 2 miles until the group turns around to return on the same route. Dogs on lease only please. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy 4 miles 400</p>

<p>Thurs Apr 10</p> <p>Every Thursday starting April 10 until weather forces us off the roads.</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> Join us for a bike ride to Hermosa and return. This is a social ride and considered to be a moderate ride. The ride is about 26 miles round trip, with an elevation gain of about 700ft. Depending on group wishes, we can extend ride by 5-10 miles by doing an extra loop of Hermosa/Trimble, or to Bakers Bridge. Group decides. We ride at an easy pace of 10-12 mph. This is a no drop ride, meaning we ride as a group and no one is left behind. We stop mid-way at PJ's at Trimble Crossing for coffee/pastries. <b>Meet at Santa Rita Park parking lot next to Visitor Center.</b> We leave at 9:30 a.m. sharp. To see actual route copy &amp; paste: <a href="http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/363893797">http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/363893797</a> (the link should work, but it is not crucial to the ride - when open click on <u>View Route: Hermosa Loop</u> to get close up/elevation stats of route). Bad weather/heavy winds cancels. <b><u>Helmets and Gloves Required.</u></b></p> <p><b>Contact Jim Newman 884-7717 or <a href="mailto:Newmanji10@aol.com">Newmanji10@aol.com</a></b> if there are questions.</p>	<p>Moderate 26 miles 700</p>
<p>Sun Apr 13</p> <p>Horse Gulch</p> <p>9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Raider Ridge Through Hike:</b> Well start in Horse Gulch and hike up the end of Raider Ridge, along the ridge past the junction with Skyline Trail to a point above Ute Pass. Well return to the Skyline Trail and hike down to the trailhead in Sky Ridge. Ill ask a few people to meet early at Sky Ridge for a car shuttle. Limit 15. No Dogs. <b>RSVP Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com">dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 7.5 miles 1,300</p>
<p>Mon Apr 14</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon Apr 14</p> <p>SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Aztec Arches Scramble:</b> We will drive east of Aztec, NM and hike/scramble to some arches and highpoints in the canyons of Northern New Mexico. High clearance vehicles required, No dogs (steep access points are not passable for dogs). Carpool \$6. <b>RSVP Bob Thompson 970-382-9271</b></p>	<p>Hard ~ 6 miles 1,600</p>
<p>Wed Apr 16</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Ave &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p>9:00 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Fort Lewis Loop Trail.</b> The hike begins at the trailhead at 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup>. The trail ascends immediately and winds through the woods up to the mesa. Once on the mesa, the hike loops around the mesa and to The Lions Den and back. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only. <b>Leader: Tricia Bayless 799-4535</b></p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 400</p>
<p>Thurs Apr 17</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon Apr 21</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike Edgemont Ranch and Highlands Trails.</b> Join Nancy Mead and Jan Collins on a mellow hike among the tall pines on the private trails of Edgemont Ranch and Highlands. Well begin at the Edgemont Highlands lodge, up the canyon to the west water tower, down the Pioneer Trail, cross the road to the Ranch trail system, stopping along the scenic Florida River for lunch, and then returning via the trails to the lodge. Limit 12. No dogs. Carpool \$2. <b>RSVP: Nancy Mead 259-5978 <a href="mailto:nancy.a.mead@gmail.com">nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate About 7 miles 800</p>
<p>Mon Apr 21</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed April 23</p> <p><b>Twin Buttes TH</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Twin Buttes.</b> On this hike, from the parking lot we will follow the Twin Buttes trail to the upper junction with the BC&amp;F trail. Then down the BC&amp;F trail to its lower junction with the Twin Buttes Trail and back to the parking lot. Dogs are OK, but must be on leash as this entire area is in the Durango city limits. Early turn backs are not permitted unless you have a map and a working knowledge of the new trail system. <b>Parking for Twin Buttes is behind the Giant gas station on</b></p>	<p>Easy 3.5 miles</p>

	<b>Hwy. 160 going west from Durango. Drive through the station, past the gas pumps, and then bear left.</b> RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Ray Walker 382-7662</b>	200 +/-
Thurs April 24 SRP 9:00 am	<b>New Mexico Arches Hike.</b> Hike to Anasazi and Octopus arches in Northern New Mexico. It is not far to either arch, but there will be some moderate scrambling and it is all off-trail bushwhacking. We can extend the outing by exploring the areas surrounding both arches. Carpool \$5. 4WD/HC convenient. Limit 10. Agile dogs OK. <b>RSVP Leader: Lynn Coburn: 247-0914 <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a></b>	Moderate (some scrambling) 4-5 miles 700
Thurs Apr 24	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.	
Fri Apr 25 9:00 am Horse Gulch TH east of 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. & 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. (Near Sonic)	<b>Big Canyon to Horse Gulch.</b> This is a through-hike in the lovely Telegraph Trail system with a stop for lunch at Pautsky Point for a 360 view. May descend from Pautsky Point on a semi off-trail route depending on groups preference. Early turn-back OK <u>with car</u> . Dogs OK. We Leave most cars at Horse Gulch and begin with short shuttle to Big Canyon. <b>RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate 8 miles 1,500
Mon Apr 28	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.	
Tue Apr 29 8:30 am Hermosa Conoco Gas Station	<b>SO! Highway 550 Cleanup:</b> Join other SO! Volunteers to help clean up our two sections of Highway 550. Coffee and donuts will be served in the parking lot to get us warmed up for the cleanup. Join in the fun who knows what you might find! <b>RSVP: Jim Shadell 247-5597 <a href="mailto:shadelljim@gmail.com">shadelljim@gmail.com</a></b>	Easy 1 Mile 100
Wed Apr 30 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Ned Overend Mountain Park.</b> The trail ascends and descends two separate ridges in the park on this loop hike: one with an elevation gain of 443 feet, the other slightly less. The trail begins with a climb through ponderosa and juniper offering peek-a-boo views of the city then drops steeply on a mountain bike trail into Slime Gulch. The trail follows along the bottom of the gulch for a brief time, crosses a small bridge and begins a series of switchbacks up another ridge from which there are great views of Perins Peak and the Hogsback. We then descend on the same switchbacks into the gulch and take another trail that gently rolls up and down with the contours around the end of the first ridge back to the parking area. This is a popular mountain bike use area. Poles are very helpful for the steep descents. SO! members only. No Dogs. No RSVP needed. <b>Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531</b>	Moderate 4 miles 800
Thurs May 1 ACP 8:30 am CR 234/Florida Rd Fire station 8:40 am	<b>Red Creek- First Fork Loop:</b> We will hike up Red Creek trail, follow Missionary Ridge Trail west to its intersection with First Fork, which returns to the trailhead. Nice views from Missionary Ridge, and a good early-season, low elevation, conditioning hike. Limit 12. No dogs. Carpool \$4 <b>RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a></b>	Hard 10 miles 2,000 Moderate pace
Thurs May 1	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.	

<p>Fri May 2 thru Sun May 4</p> <p>Times TBD</p>	<p><b>Cedar Mesa- Backpack Owl Creek-Fish Creek Loop.</b> This is a two-day backpack that will require about 10 - 12 total hiking hours. Water is available. We will drive up on Friday afternoon to a primitive car camp near trailhead, hike Saturday and Sunday, and return Sunday evening. Lightweight backpack required. Limit 6 (permit for 6 in hand). Carpool TBD.</p> <p><b>RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 <a href="mailto:john@martintelephone.com">john@martintelephone.com</a></b></p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>16 miles, 1,800 in 2 days</p>
<p>Mon May 5</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed May 7</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas City Mountain.</b> Located within the city limits on the north end of town, this trail has a consistent uphill from the trailhead along the outside edge of the mountain to the promontory at the top. Trail is rocky. Poles may be helpful. Great views of Durango &amp; the Animas Valley along the way and at the top. The trip will return on the same trail or by an interior trail with approximately the same return distance. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p><b>Leader: Wayne Bedor 764-4089 <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>5 miles 1,000</p>
<p>Thurs May 8</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon May 12</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.</p>	
<p>Tue May 13</p> <p>Rec Center</p> <p>Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SO! General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Program: Hiking Tips and Hiking Gear for the Discerning Hiker:</b> Pack too heavy or legs too tired? Be at the Rec Center for our May General Meeting to hear from Backcountry Experience gear pros and some of our local hiking experts talk about new gear and tips for hiking. As usual, no limit, no dogs.</p>	<p>Very Easy</p>
<p>Wed May 14</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Location to be determined.</b> Ted will choose an appropriate hike with the participants based on weather conditions. Dogs OK. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p><b>Leader: Ted Keller 759-7207</b></p>	<p>To be determined</p>
<p><del>Wed May 14</del></p> <p><b>Mon May 19</b></p> <p>SRP 7:00 am</p>	<p><b>Climb Eagle Mtn. (10,462): Postponed to Monday, May 19.</b> 2 -hour drive over Wolf Creek Pass to relatively snow-free terrain on the edge of the San Luis Valley north of Del Norte. Hike up across open grassland to a steeper climb to a saddle and final west summit ridge. Descend part way down the east ridge, then drop down and over to La Ventana (Spanish for The Window), a huge arch cut through a volcanic dike. For those up to some scrambling and exposure, we can climb to the top of the dike, over the top of the arch, and down the other side, rejoining the rest of the group for the hike back to the vehicles. On May 15 last year, we encountered many beautiful specimens of Mountain Ball Cactus in full bloom on this hike. Break up the long drive home with either ice cream at the Malt Shoppe and/or food (early dinner?) in Pagosa Springs. Carpool \$10, High clearance nice, Limit 20, No Dogs</p> <p><b>RSVP John Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:jdbregar@optimum.net">jdbregar@optimum.net</a></b></p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>6 miles 2,200</p>
<p>Thurs May 15</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.</p>	
<p><del>Sat May 17</del></p> <p><b>Sun June 1</b></p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Bike Burnt Ridge Loop. Moved to Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.</b> Drive up Echo Basin Road, then 5.5 miles on FR 566. Bike around Burnt Ridge on FR 566, which is a rough and rocky dirt road. Enjoy pretty views of Hesperus and other La Plata peaks. Eat lunch along the way. Mountain bike recommended. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC preferred.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>8.7 miles 900</p>
<p><b>Mon May 19</b></p> <p><del>Wed May 14</del></p> <p>SRP 7:00 am</p>	<p><b>Climb Eagle Mtn. (10,462): Postponed from Wed May 14.</b> 2 -hour drive over Wolf Creek Pass to relatively snow-free terrain on the edge of the San Luis Valley north of Del Norte. Hike up across open grassland to a steeper climb to a saddle and final west summit ridge. Descend part way down the east ridge, then drop down and over to La Ventana (Spanish for The Window), a huge arch cut through a volcanic dike. For those up to some scrambling</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>6 miles 2,200</p>

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Mon May 19	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.	
May 20 thru May 23 or 24	<b>Lake Powell Trip (New trip)</b> Car camp in a remote area of Lake Powell about 15 miles from the highway, to hike, swim, fish, paddle, etc. Dogs ok. 4WD required.  Contact Jim Shadid 884-4612 or <a href="mailto:shadid@wildblue.net">shadid@wildblue.net</a>	Easy
Wed May 21 RC 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Location to be determined.</b> Ted will choose an appropriate hike with the participants based on weather conditions. Dogs OK. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Ted Keller 759-7207</b>	To be determined
Wed May 21  5:30 pm  Rec Center  <b>Durango Library</b>	<b>2014 Leaders Meeting:</b> We will meet at the <b>DURANGO LIBRARY 1900 East Third Avenue</b> to discuss Outings issues and ideas. Additionally, <b>if you are interested in becoming an SO! Outings Leader we invite you to join us;</b> once you meet us you will be amazed. We hope the slide show will work this time. Home Slice pizza & soda will be served. No dogs, no limits, no carpool \$. <b>PLEASE, RSVP Rich Butler 403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></b> or there might not be enough pizza!	Incredibly Easy 0 Miles 1
Thurs May 22	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.	
Fri May 23  ACP 8:00 am  TC 8:10 am	<b>Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek (a through hike):</b> Well hike the switchbacks up Goulding Creek (most of the elevation gain), follow the ridge south on the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail, and descend on the Jones Creek Trail to Hermosa Creek. Carpool \$4. Limit 18  <b>RSVP Sherry Suenram 259-5259 <a href="mailto:mikes@gobrainstorm.net">mikes@gobrainstorm.net</a></b>	Hard 10 miles 2,200
Sun May 25 SRP 8:30 am	<b>View natural bridges in Caballo, Crow and Pump canyons east of Cortez.</b> We will drive to NM 173 just north of Aztec and then drive east for 12.6 miles to Caballo Canyon. We will drive up that canyon and walk short distances to view arches and then continue to nearby Crow and Pump Canyons. These arches were not visited during the last trips. Many short and easy walks. High clearance vehicles preferred on some short roads. Carpool \$8. Limit 1215 people. No dogs. <b>RSVP: Bob Powell 385-8949 or <a href="mailto:RobertLPowell@durango.net">RobertLPowell@durango.net</a></b>	Easy 1 mile total in many short walks
Mon May 26  ACP 8:30 am	<b>Hike Prater Ridge:</b> Starting in the Morefield Campground in Mesa Verde National Park, well hike up to the top of the ridge and follow the North and South Loop trails along sandstone cliffs with views of the canyons and distant mountains. Bring your National Parks Pass to avoid paying an entry fee. Carpool \$9, Limit 15, No Dogs <b>RSVP Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com">dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 7.8 miles 700
Mon May 26	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.	
<b>June 14</b>  <del>Tue May 27</del>  SRP 8:00 am	<b>Gibbs Peak 12,286: Moved to June 14.</b> We will follow La Plata Canyon Road to the parking near Bedrock Creek. Then, hike up the old abandoned mining road avoiding private property and finally leave the old road track and head toward the ridge that climbs northwest to Gibbs Peak. Dogs OK. Limit 12. Carpool \$5. <b>RSVP Rich Butler 970-403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></b>	Hard 8 miles 3,250
Wed May 28 RC 8:30 am	<b>WW Hike: Chris Park/Miners Trace Loop:</b> Starting at the trailhead by the entrance to Chris Park, we'll hike a 4 mile counter clockwise loop. We'll start up the Wagon Trace trail, then take the Water Dog Trot and Cowboy Cut-off to the	Moderate,

	Haviland View trail, and then hike down Miners Trace, passing by the old Elbert Mine before returning to Chris Park. Bring plenty of water. Poles will be handy for two stream crossings. No dogs, please. RSVP: non-members only.  <b>Leader: Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com">dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com</a></b>	4 miles, 700' gain
Wed May 28 5:30 pm	<b>Outings Committee Meeting:</b> The committee will finalize the Summer Schedule at this meeting. Any Leaders with outings for the schedule should have them to a committee member by this date. Thanks.	Most Challenging
Thurs May 29 SRP 7:30 am	<b>Indian Trail Ridge, Kennebec Pass to Bear Creek Trail:</b> We will hike the Colorado Trail along the ridge that connects the Southern San Juan Mountains to the La Plata Mountains. Marvel at bookend granitics and horizontal slabs. On the return we stay on the fun, boulder-strewn ridge until it crosses the Highline Trail and we swing around Taylor Lake. No Dogs. Limit 12. 4WD/HC. Carpool \$6. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269 <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a></b> <b>Co-Leader Tom Ward 970-459-4312 <a href="mailto:tom@thward.net">tom@thward.net</a></b>	Most Challenging 14 miles 2,100
Thurs May 29	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.	
Fri May 30 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:25 am	<b>Purgatory Flats to the Animas River.</b> We will hike down to the Animas River Footbridge and have lunch. Carpool \$4  <b>RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 8 miles 1,200
<b>Sat May 31</b> SRP 8:00 am  Wines of the San Juan Parking Lot on Highway 511 9:00 am	<b>Discover New Mexico Arches: CANCELLED.</b> This will be a follow up to Larry's wonderful tour of arches in Northern New Mexico. The plan is to caravan down local oil and gas roads, park, take hikes to nearby arches and repeat. Durango carpool to meet at SRP at 8:00 a.m. Rendezvous with Larry at Wines of the San Juan parking. Bring plenty of water for a hot day in New Mexico. Dogs OK. Limit 25. Carpool \$6.  <b>RSVP Larry Beck <a href="mailto:larry-d-beck@yahoo.com">larry-d-beck@yahoo.com</a> 505-235-0965.</b>	Easy/Moderate 3 miles ~ 500
<b>Sun June 1</b> SRP 9:00 am	<b>Bike Burnt Ridge Loop. Moved from May 17<sup>th</sup>.</b> Drive up Echo Basin Road, then 5.5 miles on FR 566. Bike around Burnt Ridge on FR 566, which is a rough and rocky dirt road. Enjoy pretty views of Hesperus and other La Plata peaks. Eat lunch along the way. Mountain bike recommended. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC preferred. <b>RSVP: Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b>	Moderate 8.7 miles 900
Mon Jun 2 SRP 8:00 AM	<b>Cumberland to Olga Little:</b> Weather and road conditions permitting, our objective will be to drive up La Plata Canyon Road and climb Cumberland Peak, Pt 12,101 and Olga Little, then loop back to the cars. 4WD required. Dogs OK. Limit 12. Carpool \$6. <b>RSVP Rich Butler 970-403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a> or Bob Thompson 970-382-9271</b>	Hard 7+ Miles > 2,000
Mon Jun 2	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.	
Wed Jun 4 RC 8:15 am	<b>WW hike: Missionary Ridge to Radio Towers (Mt Baldy).</b> This is an in and out hike that begins in the Durango Hills area, accessed from CR240. Hike is up an old woods road to start but will turn off onto a wooded trail with some early wildflowers (hopefully). We'll hike to the summit of Mt. Baldy (the towers) for some nice views. We will split into two groups for the trip down. Those choosing the longer loop will start down the woods road and hike a section of the Missionary Ridge trail. Then we turn off trail for some easy bushwhacking along a ridge and drop down to reconnect with the woods road. This will be about 3.5-3.75 hours with a total gain of 1,500'. Those choosing the shorter return will go directly down the	Moderate 5.25 miles 1,500



	woods road to the trail head with a total gain of 1,200'. . No dogs please. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Cheryl Berglund 247-9747</b>	
<b>Wed June 4</b>  <b>West end of PJs Grocery Parking Lot at Trimble Crossing</b>  <b>9:30 am</b>	<b><i>Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: NEW</i></b> This a new ride to the SO summer schedule, designed for fitness and fun. Goals are twofold: (1) get good exercise and (2) build group road cycling skills. Length of ride will be determined by the group. At the least well head north on Hwy. 550 to the CR 250 intersection at the base of Shalona hill, climb Shalona on 250, then back to PJs traveling south on 250. We can always extend the ride up Hwy. 550 if the group desires. Well spend a little time discussing riding skills before heading out (group etiquette and safety, pace line techniques and communication, the importance of soft pedaling, climbing tips, recovery nutrition,etc.). If everyone already knows all this stuff, well just jump on the bikes and ride. This will be a casual ride not a hammerfest, not a race. Pace will be 15 19 mph, regrouping at the top of Shalona, elsewhere as necessary. Bad weather or wet roads, no ride. If you are interested please email me: <a href="mailto:mbradley@aristotle.net">mbradley@aristotle.net</a> Ill comprise a list so we can call future rides via email. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions: Matt Bradley 501-580-5656.	19 miles
<b>Fri Jun 6</b>  <del>Thurs Jun 5</del> ACP 8:00 am  TC 8:15 am  DMR 8:30 am	<b><i>Upper Hermosa (to the second bridge):</i></b> This is a well-defined trail that meanders along the Upper Hermosa Creek. Poles are helpful for water crossings. This trail is rated hard due to length, but is not steep. Early turn backs okay with a partner. Carpool \$6, 4WD, Dogs OK  <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b>	Hard 10 miles 450
Thurs Jun 5	<b><i>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</i></b> See Apr 10 for details.	
Fri. Jun 6  ACP 8:00 am  TC 8:10 am  DMR 8:25 am	<b><i>Explore/Bushwhack in the Upper Hermosa Drainage.</i></b> Elbert Creek, Elk Creek and other side drainages. Most of this hike will be on regular and hunter trails, but there may be some off-trail bushwhacking. Carpool \$6. 4WD nice. <b>RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b>	Hard 12+ miles 2,500 to 3,000
Fri. Jun 6- Sun. Jun 8 Place & time TBD	<b><i>Rafting &amp; Inflatable Kayaking Class.</i></b> Learn basic rafting and kayaking on the Animas, and possibly elsewhere depending on water levels, with instructors from San Juan College. Cost approx. \$130-160 including equipment. Limit/min. 10, No Dogs, pre-register ASAP. This is a fun way to start learning about getting on the water with other SO! members. <b>For additional information and details RSVP Mary Gillam 946-4746 <a href="mailto:gillam@rmi.net">gillam@rmi.net</a></b>	Easy to Moderate (long days with rests)
Mon Jun 9  ACP 9:00 am	<b><i>Vallecito Creek Hike.</i></b> We will drive to the trailhead with the goal of climbing the trail as far as we can Depending on snow/mud/water levels - hopefully to the second bridge. Limit 15. Dogs OK. Carpool \$5. <b>RSVP Leader Wayne Bedor: <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate to Hard 10 miles 1,200
Mon Jun 9  SRP 8:00 am	<b><i>Climb Parrot &amp; Madden Peaks:</i></b> A warm up hike in the La Plata Mountains. Dogs OK, Carpool \$4. <b>RSVP Bob Thompson 382-9271.</b>	Hard 5 Miles > 3,000
Mon Jun 9	<b><i>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</i></b> See Apr 7 for details.	

<p>Tue Jun 10</p> <p>5:30 pm Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Dinner Edgemont Ranch Picnic Area (6 miles out Florida Rd from 15<sup>th</sup> and Main, turn right across from the big pine cone)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SO! General Meeting and Picnic</b></p> <p>This will be a combination potluck and BBQ. The club will provide burgers, brats, buns and condiments. If you would like something to drink other than coffee, iced tea or lemonade, you may bring it for yourself.</p> <p align="center">Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.</p> <p align="center"><b>A-F Appetizers and Chips G-M Salads and side dishes N-R Desserts S-Z Salads and side dishes</b></p> <p>In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed Jun 11 RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Jones Creek.</b> From the trailhead, the hike climbs consistently uphill through ponderosa pine, spruce, and fir. Returning along the same route. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only <b>Leader: Shelley Leader 259-9896 <a href="mailto:shelley.leader@gmail.com">shelley.leader@gmail.com</a></b> <b>Co leader: Delores Ladd</b></p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 600</p>
<p><b>Wed June 11</b></p> <p><b>West end of PJs Grocery Parking Lot at Trimble Crossing</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: NEW</b> This a new ride to the SO summer schedule, designed for fitness and fun. Goals are twofold: (1) get good exercise and (2) build group road cycling skills. Length of ride will be determined by the group. At the least well head north on Hwy. 550 to the CR 250 intersection at the base of Shalona hill, climb Shalona on 250, then back to PJs traveling south on 250. We can always extend the ride up Hwy. 550 if the group desires. Well spend a little time discussing riding skills before heading out (group etiquette and safety, pace line techniques and communication, the importance of soft pedaling, climbing tips, recovery nutrition, etc.). If everyone already knows all this stuff, well just jump on the bikes and ride. This will be a casual ride not a hammerfest, not a race. Pace will be 15 19 mph, regrouping at the top of Shalona, elsewhere as necessary. Bad weather or wet roads, no ride. If you are interested please email me: <a href="mailto:mbradley@aristotle.net">mbradley@aristotle.net</a> Ill comprise a list so we can call future rides via email. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions: Matt Bradley 501-580-5656.</p>	<p>19 miles</p>
<p><b>Fri Jun 13</b></p> <p>ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Hike Larkspur Lane.</b> An annual favorite named by John Montle in 2001 for the larkspur and other flowers carpeting the meadows. We follow the well-established lower Engineer Mtn. Trail part way up and back through woods and meadows with great views. Lunch at a view spot. Early turn-backs OK. <b>This hike will be at a moderate pace.</b> Well behaved dogs OK. Carpool \$5 <b>RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a> Co-leader: Wayne Bedor</b></p>	<p>Moderate (or Easy if you turn back early) 7.5 miles 1,850</p>
<p>Thurs Jun 12</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.</p>	
<p><b>June 14</b></p> <p>SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Gibbs Peak 12,286: Moved from May 27.</b> We will follow La Plata Canyon Road to the parking near Bedrock Creek. Then, hike up the old abandoned mining road avoiding private property and finally leave the old road track and head toward the ridge that climbs northwest to Gibbs Peak. Dogs OK. Limit 12. Carpool \$5. <b>RSVP Rich Butler 970-403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Hard 8 miles 3,250</p>
<p>Mon Jun 16</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Apr 7 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Jun 18 RC 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Log Chutes trail.</b> This trail system is in the Junction Creek area. We will follow the shorter of the two loops on an old road. The trail ascends as the start and then generally levels out with some up and down along the way, eventually looping back to the trailhead. No dogs. SO! members only. No RSVP</p>	<p>Moderate 4.6 miles 880</p>

	<b>Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531</b>	
Thurs Jun 19	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Apr 10 for details.	
Fri. Jun 20- Sun. Jun 22 Place & time TBD	<b>Inflatable Kayaking Class.</b> Beginning to intermediate kayaking on the Animas, and possibly elsewhere depending on water levels, with instructors from San Juan College. Cost approx. \$130-160 including equipment. Limit/minimum 10. No Dogs. Pre-register ASAP.  <b>Details/RSVP Mary Gillam 946-4746 <a href="mailto:gillam@rmi.net">gillam@rmi.net</a></b>	Easy to Moderate (long days with rests)
<del>Sat Jun 21</del>  Place & time TBD	<b>Annual Birthday Celebration. CANCELLED</b> Back by popular demand! Help John and Connie celebrate their birthdays (10 years apart which is which?) details TBD on the summer schedule. This is just to let you reserve the date.	TBD
Sun Jun 22 ACP 8:30 am	<b>Downhill walk from Little Molas Lake to Andrews Lake.</b> This is an easy downhill walk from Little Molas Lake, along the Colorado Trail a short distance and then through sub-alpine forest and meadows to US 550. From there we will walk up a short distance, visit and discuss the East Andrews Fen and walk west to Andrews Lake, where we will have lunch. Flowers will be identified, but not keyed. A car shuttle between lakes will be used. Dog OK. Carpool \$6. Limit 1215. <b>RSVP: Bob Powell 385-8949 or <a href="mailto:RobertLPowell@durango.net">RobertLPowell@durango.net</a></b>	Easy 1.5 miles 150 down, 40 up.
Sat Jun 28 SRP 8:30 am	<b>Downhill walk from Windy Gap to Twin Lakes.</b> This is an easy off-trail downhill walk from Windy Gap down to Twin Lakes thru subalpine meadows and open forests. We will have lunch on a knoll just above the lakes that provides an excellent view of Mt. Hesperus. Flowers will be identified, but not keyed. The unusual geology of the multi-layered Hesperus laccolith will be described. A car shuttle will be used. High clearance vehicles preferred, but not required on one short road. Dogs welcome. Carpool \$8. Limit 1215. <b>RSVP: Bob Powell 385-8949 or <a href="mailto:RobertLPowell@durango.net">RobertLPowell@durango.net</a></b>	Easy 2 miles 350 down.

The Outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Rich Butler, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, KT Howard and Bob Powell. They appreciate your suggestions, ideas, willingness to help with and lead outings, enthusiasm while on outings, and natural leadership skills that show up when needed.