

<p>Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outing Description Summer 2012</p> <p>Logistics, rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</p> <p>E-mail schedule changes and updates to: lylehancock@bresnan.net.</p> <p>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</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 www.seniorsoutdoors.org.</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 & old) as we start the summer season please review the Guidelines for Participants 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>Difficulty Rating,</p> <p>Rating,</p> <p>Total Length</p> <p>&</p> <p>Elevation Gain</p>
	<p>MOUNTAIN EXPLORATION - Hikes under the Mountain Exploration label will generally be hard hikes, but at a moderate pace, and with a limited number of participants. There will be stops for breathing, photography, looking at flowers and scenery, eating, etc., but the group stays with the leader. Expect an exploratory hike with some or</p>	

	all off trail, and sometimes with exposure and scrambling. Hikes will usually be in the range of 1,000 to 3,000 feet vertical, and 6 to 10 miles distance. Due to the exploratory nature of the hikes, when the outing is listed on the schedule only a general location will be given and without the customary details. The route for the day will be up to the trip leader. Return to vehicle times will be unpredictable.	
Fri Jun 1 ACP 9:00 am Firehouse @ CR240 & 234 9:10 am	<i>Vallecito Creek Trail Hike.</i> We will park at the trailhead at the north end of the lake and proceed up the well-marked trail. Expect to find some mud and potential wet spots on the trail. We will hike as far as the group wishes (probably as far as the washed out bridge) and conditions allow. Limit 15. Dogs OK (must be under control in the Wilderness Area). Carpool \$5. RSVP: Wayne Bedor 764-4089 or waynebedor@yahoo.com	Moderate ~6 miles 1500
Sun Jun 3 ACP 9:00 am	<i>Hike Haflin Creek to Missionary Ridge.</i> This trail starts with a series of switchbacks that allow nice views of the Animas Valley. About mile into the hike, you begin to see the burned ponderosa from the fires but also nice sweeping views. After a mile the switchbacks level out until they resume again at about 3 miles, continuing to where the trail meets up with Missionary Ridge; returning along the same route. Be prepared to climb over numerous trees that block the trail every spring. Early turn-backs OK with a partner. Parking at trailhead limited; please carpool. Carpool \$3, Dogs OK on leash or voice control. RSVP: Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@att.net	Hard 7.6 miles 2,880'
Tue Jun 5 SRP 7:30 am	<i>Climb Parrot & Madden Peaks in the La Platas.</i> We will start on an old horse trail which climbs out of La Plata Canyon. Then we bushwack to the ridge above and head north to Parrot Peak (11,857). We continue north off Parrot to Madden Peak (11,972) then turn south back to the Parrot/Madden saddle. From here we snowshoe-ski/slide down (~2,000) to an old logging road to return to the cars. Carpool \$2. Limit 14. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271.	Most Challenging ~7 miles 3,500
Wed Jun 6 RC 8:15 am	<i>WW hike: Missionary Ridge to Radio Towers.</i> 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 trail up to the towers. Dogs OK. RSVP non-members only. Leader: Warren Levingston 769-1437	Moderate 6 miles 1,100
Wed Jun 6	<i>Columbus Basin Bike Trip. Moved from May 25th.</i> Mountain bike from Kennebec Cafe to Columbus Basin in La Plata Canyon, hike dirt road to Kennebec Pass and to Taylor Lake. Distances may vary depending on conditions and wishes of group. This outing is just a good work out day in a beautiful location on a hopefully beautiful spring day. We will transport our bikes from Santa Rita Park to Kennebec Cafe, park vehicles and ride our bikes. Lock up bikes and then hike up to Kennebec Pass and possibly to Taylor Lake if time permits. Wear cross trainer shoes that would accommodate both biking and hiking on a dirt road. Will return the same route. No Dogs. Carpool \$3. Limit 15.	Hard to Moderate 20 miles >2,000

	RSVP Nancy Federico: 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com	
Fri Jun 8 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:25 am	Cascade to Coal Bank. Training hike. Hike to Engineer Plateau via Engineer Mtn. Trail from FS work center near Cascade and then down to Coal Bank on Pass Trail. Good views from plateau. Carpool \$5. RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 8 miles 2,700
Mon Jun 11 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	Hike Larkspur Lane. 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. Dogs OK. Carpool \$5 RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net	Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 6 miles 1850
Tue Jun 12 5:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner Edgemont Ranch Picnic Area (6 miles out Florida Rd from 15 th and Main, turn right across from the big pine cone)	SO! General Meeting and Picnic 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. Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Desserts G-M Salads and side dishes N-R Appetizers and Chips S-Z Salads and side dishes In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.	A notice will be sent out for RSVPs as the date nears
Wed Jun 13 SRP 8:15 am	WW hike: Sale Barn. This hike heads up a series of switchbacks and reaches the top of the canyon in less than a mile. At the junction with South Rim trail, the trail will proceed another 2.5 miles dropping down into Big Canyon, then connecting with and following Big Canyon Trail the last mile out to the frontage road. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only. Leaders: Dale Suran and Dee Rodman 382-9600	Moderate 6 miles 800
Thur Jun 14 SRP 7:00 am	Helmet Peak Climb, 11,969. We will drive in on Echo Basin Road and descend into Hells Hole (it is not as nasty as it sounds), climb out and up the nose of the Hogback, descend into the saddle and finally climb up to Helmet's summit (11,969'). The route is all off trail with bushwhacking and brush to deal with. High clearance vehicles. Dogs OK. Limit 10. Car Pool: \$4. RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Hard 8 Miles 3,500
Fri Jun 15 ACP 8:00 am	Upper Hermosa (to the second bridge). This is a well-defined trail that meanders along the Upper Hermosa Creek. Poles are helpful for water crossings. The trail is rated hard due to length, but it is not steep. Early turn backs okay with a partner. Carpool \$6, 4WD, Dogs OK RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Easy to Hard depending upon distance 10 miles 100

TC 8:15 am DMR 8:30 am		
Sat Jun 16 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	Hike Spud Lake Trail. Carpool from Animas Park to limited parking space near trailhead to Spud Lake. This hike passes through aspen and near several interesting beaver ponds, some of which are still active. Twilight Peaks and Engineer Mountain are visible from the trail. We will hike to the lake and take a short break there. After a break, a walk around the lake is optional. The same trail will be taken back to the trailhead. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Carpool \$4, limit 12, dogs OK RSVP: David Wright 259-5978 or david.j.wright@att.net.	Easy 3 miles 440
Sun Jun 17 SRP 7:30 am	East Babcock via Tomahawk Basin (13,140): We will drive up La Plata Canyon Rd to the Tomahawk Basin jeep road and depart into Tomahawk. After climbing a good ways into the basin we will turn ~ southwest (left) and climb to Babcocks main ridge. It is then a scramble up the ridge, with exposure and through a crux, to reach the summit. Car Pool \$5, 4WD nice, Limit 10, No Dogs, due to very narrow ridge and exposure. RSVP Bob Thompson 382-9271	Most Challenging ~5 miles 3,000
Mon Jun 18 to Sat Jun 23 Meeting time and place TBD	Great Western-Utah Trail 4-day Supported Hike. This will be a four-day hike (plus 1 driving day each way) along the Great Western Trail in the Dixie NF between Torrey and Boulder Utah. We will be in high altitude pine and aspen forests, breaking the hike into 4 segments, hiking one segment each day. The group size is limited to 10 people with two vehicles; each day two participants will drive the vehicles to the next campsite while the rest of the group hikes. Everyone will meet at the new campsite in the afternoon. RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com to reserve a space.	Hard Moderate Pace 50 miles
Tue Jun 19 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	Relay Creek Hike. Well start where the gravel ends on the Relay Creek Road, (FS 580) hiking from there up an abandoned logging road that climbs through the upper Relay Creek drainage. When the road tops out on a ridge coming down from Graysill Mountain, well bushwhack up the ridge a short distance and stop with views of the upper Hermosa drainage, Hermosa Peak and Blackhawk Mtn. Carpool \$6. High Clearance nice. Dogs OK on leash or under control. RSVP Bob Kuhnert 799-0692 rkuhnert@bresnan.net	Moderate 5 miles 1,000
CANCELLED Wed Jun 20 RC 8:00 am	WW dogs off leash hike: Log Chutes trail. 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. RSVP dogs and non-members Leader: Chris Wiehage 259-0882	Moderate 4.6 miles 880
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	Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531	
Thur Jun 21 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	NW Ridge Kendall #1 (13,338). Rescheduled from July 13. The NW ridge is narrow with cliffs on both sides but has reasonable footing & no exposure. Route is almost all off-trail. Note that Kendall #1 is not the Kendall mountain that most people climb, that is Kendall #2. Dogs OK. 4wd Lo/HC. Carpool \$9. RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Hard 6 miles 2,500
CANCELLED Thur Jun 21 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	Annual Spud Mtn. Climb & Birthday Celebration. Enjoy a really fun hike/climb up a local landmark. No trail. Some steepness, rock scrambling and exposure involved. Group must stay together. Option to wait at base of rocky peak to avoid rock scrambling but you'll miss the Dynamite Views! Help John and Connie celebrate their birthdays (10 years apart which is which?) Limit: 10. Dogs OK but not for the final rock scramble. Carpool \$5 RSVP John Montle 769-6108 mntnlvr@frontier.net Co-Leader: Connie Webbe	Hard 3 miles 1840
Fri Jun 22 SRP 7:00 am	Diorite Peak Climb (12,761): The group will drive up La Plata Canyon Rd to the jeep road turn off into Tomahawk Basin. The first few miles are on a rocky, steep jeep road. Then the road ends and we climb without a trail up steep tundra and rocky slopes. While there is little exposure we will traverse through some scree. After the summit we exit to the east and descend directly to La Plata Canyon Road. Carpool \$5, high clearance needed, Limit 10, Dogs OK. RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Hard 6 miles ~3,000
Sat Jun 23 ACP 7:15 am DMR 7:30 am	Climb 13,087 Spencer Peak. Carpool to Little Molas Campground. Follow route guide in Pixler to newly named Spencer Peak (formerly 13,087 mark just south of Grand Turk Peak. There will be some brush, exposed trail and talus. Due to the elevation gain and distance it will be a moderate/hard hike, though the pace will be moderate. Limit 15. No dogs. Carpool \$6. RSVP: Marianne Pearlman, joelmarianne@hotmail.com or 240-581-4013.	Hard 5 miles 2,177
Sun Jun 24 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Ascent of T-7 (13,359): We will start at the Idarado mine parking lot just past (north) of Red Mtn. Pass. We will hike past the Barstow mine into Commodore Gulch. At the upper end of Commodore, we will turn Northeast and climb to the summit. Expect Class 2 terrain and we will exit through some difficult alpine terrain back to the Barstow mine. Moderate fast pace. Car Pool \$10, passenger car OK, Limit 12, No Dogs. RSVP John Bregar 385-1814 jdbregar@optimum.net	Hard 6 miles ~2,700
Mon Jun 25 ACP 7:00 am	Cave Basin Trail to Table Mountain: This will be a high tundra hike over relatively easy terrain. We start on the Cave Basin Trail, off Middle Mountain Road, and then go off-trail to get views of Emerald Lake and the Vallecito Creek gorge. With luck we will find some	Hard 11 miles 1000 Moderate Pace

	wildflowers and wildlife. 4WD convenient Carpool \$6, No dogs. Limit 12, RSVP Charlie Berglund chasberglund@msn.com 247-9747	
Tue Jun 26 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	McCarty-S. Fork Animas Ridge. Ridge is off-trail. Last portion overlooks Slagle Basin. Return will be down McCarty Basin. Option to cross Slagle Basin and do Peak 13,330. Dogs OK. 4wd Lo/HC. Carpool \$12. RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Hard, 6 miles, 1,400. Peak 13,300 adds 2 miles & 1,000
Tue Thur June 26-28 Car Camp	Bag four 14ers in one day. Yes, that is correct, not a misprint. We will climb Mt. Democrat (14,148), Mt. Cameron (14,238), Mt. Lincoln (14,286), and Mt. Bross (14,172) in one day. Mount Cameron is not an official 14er, so its really only three. We will camp at the Kite Lake trailhead near Alma, CO on day one, climb on day 2, and return to Durango on day 3. No Dogs. Carpool TBD. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	Most challenging 7 miles 3600
Wed Jun 27 RC 8:15 am Highlands Community Center 8:30 am	WW hike: Edgemont Highlands Canyon Trail. Hike up the west side of Canyon Trail from the Community Center and then connect to the east side of Canyon Trail to return to the Community Center. Mary Ellen Long art installations are along the way. Dogs on leash only. Turn left at Pine Cone Entrance (3.8 mi. on Florida Rd from 250 stoplight) then 0.2 mi. to Community Center on right. Please carpool if convenient. RSVP non-members only. Leaders: Kristine Johnson and Jay Culver 946-9560	Moderate 4-5 miles 600 to 700'
Wed Jun 27 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Hike to Ice Lakes and Island Lake. This is a perennial favorite for the spectacular mountain scenery, beautiful alpine lakes and abundant wildflowers. Carpool \$9. Limit 15. Dogs ok. RSVP Leader Jeff Bailey 764-8120 jewlbailey@yahoo.com Co-Leader: Wendy Bailey	Hard, 6.5 miles 2,850
Thur Jun 28 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Mountain Exploration Engineer Pass. See explanation at front of this schedule. Dogs OK. Carpool - \$9 RSVP: Leader Travis Ward 247-1310 or tlward@frontier.net	
Fri Jun 29 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	Upper Elbert Creek Trail. Drive behind DMR to the upper trailhead. Hike through an open meadow along Elbert Creek to a ridgeline. Hike along ridgeline to viewpoint. Usually great flowers. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK RSVP Susan Beck Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Moderate 7 miles 900

<p>Sat Mon June 30, July 1 & 2. ACP 7:30 am</p>	<p>3 Day Backpack to Climb South & Middle Twilight (13,158): Departing from Andrews Lake parking lot we will back pack 5 to 6 miles into Crater Lake and set up camp. The plan is to climb via Water Tank creek first to South and then northeast to Middle. There will be steep ascents and exposure. Call Bob for details. Carpool \$7, Limit 10, No Dogs. RSVP and for details Bob Thompson 382-9271</p>	<p>Most Challenging 16/18 miles ~3,000</p>
<p>Wed Jul 4 RC 8:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Red Creek Trail. Approximately 10 miles from Durango on Florida Rd. Out and back hike with several creek crossings. Dogs OK Leader:Chris Wiehage 259-0882 RSVP non members only</p>	<p>Easy(slow) 3-5 miles 300-700</p>
<p>Thur Jul 5 ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am</p>	<p>Mountain Exploration: Lookout Peak (13,661) via Ophir Pass. This is a short, but steep climb north from Ophir Pass to Lookout Peak above Columbine. Expect a steep scree field, then down the ridge across the pass and hike toward South Lookout. We will explore the flank of South Lookout and beautiful Crystal Lake but will not expect to summit, as it is technical. 4WD needed. Carpool \$9, Limit 10. No Dogs. RSVP Rich Butler 403-3185 rbutler54@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 3+ miles ~2,000 Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Fri Jul 6 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>West Lime Creek. The trail follows West Lime Creek for about 3 miles past several small waterfalls. Easy bushwhacking required to reach the last waterfall where well lunch. Dogs OK. Carpool \$6. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1,100</p>
<p>Sat Jul 7 Thur Jul 12 ACP 7:30 am TH 7:50 am</p>	<p>Hike Lower Shearer Creek. Rescheduled to July 12. The route is a lovely, gentle hike up toward Missionary Ridge from CR 240 (Florida Road) with several easy stream crossings. The trailhead has a wide parking space by CR 240 that is a short distance east of CR 245. Because of down timber from the 2002 fire, we will only go a little more than 5 miles and about half of the altitude gain to the ridge. The trip is rated hard for distance, but is easier than most for that length. Dogs with well-trained owners are OK. Limit 15. Carpool \$2. RSVP: Leader David Wright, david.j.wright@att.net or 259-5978</p>	<p>Hard 10 miles 1200</p>
<p>Sun Jul 8 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Summit Beattie & V-8 (13,342): We will start at the Bandora Mine up South Mineral Creek. First climbing to a saddle between Beattie Peak (13,342) and Fuller Peak. Next we head SW over Beattie, traverse the ridge to V-8 and then descend SE to Hope Lake and back to the cars. Carpool \$8. 4WD required. Dogs OK. RSVP Bob Thompson 970-382-9271</p>	<p>Most Challenging 6 miles ~ 3,000</p>

<p>Mon Jul 9</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Grizzly via ridge route. Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak and then we will climb to the peak via the north ridge and exit the peak via the south ridge. While not a technical climbing route, the hike does involve the use of low level climbing skills and participants should be comfortable with exposure to heights. Fantastic and rewarding views along the way. 4WD necessary (8 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$9. Limit 10. No dogs.</p> <p>Leader: RSVP Jeff Bailey 764-8120 or jewelbailey@yahoo.com</p> <p>Co-Leader: Bob Thompson</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>7 miles</p> <p>2,750</p>
<p>Tues Jul 10</p> <p>Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Mtg 7:00 pm</p> <p>Rec Center</p>	<p>SO! General Meeting Program. "Death of Place", a documentary film, will be presented by director, Larry Ruiz, a Durango resident and avid protector of Ancestral Puebloan ruins. The film aims to educate visitors on the importance of being responsible guests at the many cultural sites in the Four Corners area. "Death of Place" includes aerial cinematography, time-lapse photos and interviews with experts to illustrate the importance of preserving these treasures. Interviewees include popular Colorado author, Craig Childs and experts on rock art and archeology.</p> <p>Come and see how even the tiniest artifact helps tell the story of those who were here before us and keeps that place "alive". Perhaps our place too will have a story to tell someday---if only it is kept alive.</p>	
<p>Wed Jul 11</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p> <p>TC 8:10 am</p> <p>DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p>Hike McMillan Peak (12,804). This loop hike begins above Red Mountain Pass, continues into lovely US Basin, climbs to the ridge & culminates with lunch atop McMillan Peak. Great reward for the uphill climb! Wildflowers are usually abundant! Descent will be by a different, more direct route. Snow unlikely this year. <u>Moderate pace.</u> 4WD necessary. Carpool \$10. Dogs Ok. Limit 20.</p> <p>RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>3.8 miles</p> <p>1400</p>
<p>Wed Jul 11</p> <p>RC 8:30</p>	<p>WW hike: Lower Hermosa Creek. From the trailhead, the well defined trail remains at approximately the same elevation with some ups and downs and crosses several side streams that are typically dry or flowing slightly. This is an in-and-out trail. Dogs on leash only please.</p> <p>Leader: Tricia Bayless 375-2618 RSVP non-members only</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>4 miles</p> <p>500</p>
<p>Thur Jul 12</p> <p>ACP 7:30 am</p> <p>TH 7:50 am</p>	<p>Hike Lower Shearer Creek. Rescheduled from July 7. The route is a lovely, gentle hike up toward Missionary Ridge from CR 240 (Florida Road) with several easy stream crossings. The trailhead has a wide parking space by CR 240 that is a short distance east of CR 245. Because of down timber from the 2002 fire, we will only go a little more than 5 miles and about half of the altitude gain to the ridge. The trip is rated hard for distance, but is easier than most for that length. Dogs with well-trained owners are OK. Limit 15. Carpool \$2.</p> <p>RSVP: Leader David Wright, david.j.wright@att.net or 259-5978</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>10 miles</p> <p>1200</p>

<p>Thur Jul 12</p> <p>Fri Jul 13</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Little Molas/Colorado Trail. Beautiful vistas along the way. Usually good flower displays. Carpool \$7, Dogs OK</p> <p>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 1100</p>
<p>Fri Jul 13</p> <p>June 21</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>NW Ridge Kendall #1 (13,338). Rescheduled to June 21. The NW ridge is narrow with cliffs on both sides but has reasonable footing & no exposure. Route is almost all off-trail.</p> <p>Note that Kendall #1 is not the Kendall mountain that most people climb, that is Kendall #2. Dogs OK. 4wd Lo/HC. Carpool \$9.</p> <p>RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net</p>	<p>Hard, 6 miles, 2,500</p>
<p>Sat, Sun, Mon</p> <p>Jul 14-16</p> <p>ACP 5:30 am</p> <p>TC 5:40 am</p> <p>DMR 6:00 am</p>	<p>Wet and Wild Weekend. Climb Wetterhorn, Matterhorn, Wildhorse, and Dragons Back. Day one: Wildhorse, 13,266 and Dragons Back, 12,968. From east side of Engineer Pass, cross expansive American Flats and climb steep NW ridge of Wildhorse to summit. Drop down loose, east chute, walking beneath Pt. 12,913 to Dragons Back. We have unsuccessfully explored two class 4 routes up nervous rock, so summit is not guaranteed or even likely. Spend the night in Lake City or camp.</p> <p>Day two: Wetterhorn Peak, 14,015 and Matterhorn Peak, 13,590. Negotiate 4WD, high clearance road to TH on Matterhorn Creek. Last 150 is a steep, stair step gully with good rock but vastly exposed. Climb Ships Prow on return. Back in basin, at 12,400 leave trail and walk E to Matterhorns rounded S ridge. Last 200 is a fun scramble. Drop down grassy slopes to the Uncompahgre trail and rejoin Wetterhorn trail to TH.</p> <p>Option Day Three: Uncompahgre, 14,309. For those who wish to stay longer, we will depart early am and climb the conventional route (Roach Nellie Creek TH) up Uncompahgre.</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>Day One: 9 miles 1547</p> <p>Day Two: 9 miles 4848</p> <p>Day Three: 8 miles 2,950</p>

	<p>Travel options exist: 1) Leave Durango from ACP at 5:30 am on Sat. to climb Wildhorse and Dragons back. 2) On Friday, drive to the Wild Horse trail head and camp. 3). Stay in Lake City Friday Monday and meet at the various trail heads each day.</p> <p>Carpool \$15. Serious 4WD necessary. No dogs. Limit 10.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Tom Ward 970-459-4312 tom@thward.net. Co-Leader Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com. Day Three Leader: Rich Butler 403-3185 rbbutler54@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Tue Jul 17</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike Spencer Basin and Highland Mary Lakes. Start at 10,800 and hike via Spencer Basin to an unnamed pass at 12,700 southwest of Sugarloaf Mt. Return via a ridgeline to Highland Mary Lakes and return to vehicles. Views are spectacular. Carpool \$10. 4WD necessary. Dogs OK</p> <p>RSVP Ray Baranowski 259-9522 wraybar@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5.8 miles 1,900</p>
<p>July 17</p> <p>Ouray 5:30 AM</p> <p>Middle Fork TH 6:30</p>	<p>Ouray Area & Cimarrons Day 1 - Heisshorn Loop --- Rescheduled from July 24. Primarily good trail although upper East & Middle Fork basins are off-trail. Coxcomb Pass will be added to route. Dogs OK. Carpool TBD.</p> <p>RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net</p>	<p>Most challenging, 14 miles, 4,500</p>
<p>July 18</p> <p>Ouray 7:00 AM</p> <p>Governor- Yankee Boy Basin road junction 7:30</p>	<p>Ouray Area & Cimarrons Day 2 - Blue Lakes Pass to Governor Basin with option to Virginus Pass --- Rescheduled from July 25. Significant off-trail. The Yankee Boy - Governor Basin divide to the Mountaintop Mine section is exploratory. The last part of the Virginias Pass option is very steep & loose but not too long. Dogs OK. 4wd Lo/HC. Carpool TBD.</p> <p>RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net</p>	<p>Hard, 8-10 miles, 3,000. Virginias Pass option changes it to Most Challenging, 10-12 miles, 4,000</p>
<p>Wed Jul 18</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Jacobs Cliffs / Dalla Park. Begin at the trailhead off Burkett Street and ascend a series of reasonable switchbacks for about 0.5 miles through the trees. The trail then splits in several directions and the hike begins to ascend gradually into Dalla Park, eventually crossing the old road and hiking through oak brush and large boulders. The return follows the same route. Dogs ok but have a leash. RSVP non-members only. Leader: Dell Manners dmanners@sisna.com 385-0533</p>	<p>Easy 4 miles 400</p>
<p>Wed Jul 18</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Hike to Columbine Lake. From Porphyry Basin, which is accessed from near the top of Red Mountain Pass. The hike is up and down across alpine meadows and rocky outcrops to stunning turquoise Columbine Lake (12,685) at a <u>moderate pace</u>. Chilly dipping in</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles</p>

TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Columbine and/or Bullion King Lakes for the hearty! 4WD necessary (preferably high clearance, narrow vehicles). Carpool \$10. Dogs OK. Limit 20 RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net	1,500
Thur Sun Jul 19-22 Backpack	Climb Mt. Harvard (14,420) and Mt. Columbia (14,073). These 14ers will be climbed by backpacking into the Horn Fork Basin on day 1 (3.5 miles, 1700). On day two we climb Mt. Harvard (6 miles, 2900). On day three we climb Mt. Columbia (5 miles, 2500). On day 4 we hike out (3.5 miles) and return to Durango. No dogs. Carpool TBD. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	Hard 18 miles 7100 over 3 days
Tue Jul 24 July 17 Ouray 5:30 AM Middle Fork TH 6:30	Ouray Area & Cimarrons Day 1 - Heisshorn Loop --- Rescheduled to July 17. Primarily good trail although upper East & Middle Fork basins are off-trail. Coxcomb Pass will be added to route. Dogs OK. Carpool TBD. RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Most challenging, 14 miles 4,500
Wed Jul 25 July 18 Ouray 7:00 AM Governor- Yankee Boy Basin road junction 7:30	Ouray Area & Cimarrons Day 2 - Blue Lakes Pass to Governor Basin with option to Virginus Pass --- Rescheduled to July 18. Significant off-trail. The Yankee Boy - Governor Basin divide to the Mountaintop Mine section is exploratory. The last part of the Virginias Pass option is very steep & loose but not too long. Dogs OK. 4WD LO/HC. Carpool TBD. RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Hard, 8-10 miles, 3,000. Virginias Pass option changes it to Most Challenging, 10-12 miles, 4,000
Wed Jul 25 RC 8:30 am DMR 9:00 am	WW hike: Engineer Meadows From Coal Bank Pass This hike offers abundant wildflowers and beautiful vistas. The trail ascends a steep, grassy slope into spruce-fir and passes by two small lakes on the side of the trail. At 2.5 miles the trail exits the woods and into tundra where there are beautiful wildflowers. We will stop to rest, lunch, enjoy the views and descend along the same trail. We will not climb the peak. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. Leader: Pat Dworkin 259-9434 Co-leader: David Wright	Moderate 5 miles 1,308
Wed Jul 25	SO! Board Meeting	
Thur Jul 26 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am	Rhoda-Verde Loop. Starting at the Highland Mary trailhead we will pass through Spencer Basin on good trail, then go off trail to summit of Rhoda Peak (13,402), continue to Verde Lake off-trail, then hook up with the Continental Divide trail to form a big loop back to trailhead. Most of the route is rolling tundra, with possible loose rock to summit of Rhoda. This should be	Most Challenging 12 miles 2,500 Fast pace

DMR 7:30 am	a spectacular high-altitude hike. 4wd necessary. Carpool \$10. No dogs. Limit 12 RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	
Fri Jul 27 Fri Aug 24 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 a.m. DMR 7:30 a.m.	Hike 4 Peaks In One Day. Rescheduled to Aug 24. Peak 13,270, Hansen, Hurricane and California. A steep climb to a great ridgeline with views in both directions. Some exposure. All peaks are by following the ridgelines. Carpool \$12. 4WD. RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 4 miles 2,300
Sat Sun Jul 28-29 Backpack	Whitehead-Verde Loop Backpack. Starting at the Highland Mary trailhead we will pass through Spencer Basin on good trail, then go off trail to summit of Whitehead Peak (13,259), continue to Verde Lake off-trail, then hook up with the Continental Divide trail to form a big loop back to trailhead. Most of the route is rolling tundra, with possible loose rock to summit of Whitehead. This should be a spectacular high-altitude hike. 4wd necessary. Carpool \$10 RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com	Moderate Backpack 12 miles in 2 days 2,500
Mon Jul 30 ACP 7:30 am	Hike Burnt Timber Trail and meadows. This trail climbs steadily up through ponderosa, aspen and spruce forests for about 2.2 miles, at which point we will then climb up thru meadows and drainages for about 1 mile to the top of the ridge, where we will meet the Lime Mesa Trail. We will travel northeast on the Lime Mesa Trail until it meets up with the Burnt Timber Trail. We will then circle back to the Burnt Timber Creek crossing and retrace our route back down to the trailhead. Turn-backs with a partner are OK before we reach Burnt Timber Creek, but we will have to stay together once we leave the trail. 2WD OK. Limit 15. Carpool \$6. Dogs on leash OK RSVP leaders Nancy Mead and David Wright, nancy.a.mead@att.net or 259-5978.	Hard 10.5 miles 2,500
Tues July 31 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:15 am DMR 7:30 am	Hike to Lake Hope from S. Mineral Creek. Hike starts from the end of the road in South Mineral Creek Valley. The last two miles are rough and require high clearance vehicles. The trail goes up over Hope Pass and down to the lake. There is an 1,800 ft. climb to the pass and a 500 ft. descent to the lake. Lake Hope is above timberline in a small basin surrounded by dramatic peaks above 13,000 ft. 4WDHC necessary. Limit 15. Carpool \$10. RSVP Leader Nancy Frederico at fortfed@gmail.com or 259-1949.	Hard 8 miles 2,300
Wed Aug 1 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Hike Highland Mary Lakes/Continental Divide Loop. A hard, but very rewarding hike past lovely alpine lakes, through a high tundra basin, along a trail with spectacular valley and mountain views. Return via the Continental Divide Trail. 4WD necessary. Limit 15. Carpool \$10. Dogs OK but RSVP. RSVP: Leader Ken Fusco 259-9442 ken@fusco-finl.com Co-leader Jo Fusco	Hard 9 miles 2,000

Wed Aug 1 RC 8:30 am	WW hike: 1st Parking Lot Colorado Trail to Bridge From the trailhead we hike a mile along Junction Creek to the second parking area and then about 1 miles further to the bridge then return on the same trail. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only. Leaders: Daryl and Marilyn Metz 764-4713	Easy 5 miles 500
Thur Sun Aug 2 5 SRP 7:00 am Beavers Meadows Rd/ Hy 160 7:40 am	Hossick Lake Yak-Supported Backpack: Hossick Lake is a gorgeous lake sitting in a bowl above timberline at 12,000 ft. It is located about 6 miles north of Williams Creek Reservoir, north of Pagosa Springs and near the Continental Divide Trail. It is accessed from the Poison Park trailhead. The lake is renowned for having huge cutthroat trout in it and there is a resident herd of bighorn sheep in the area. Chance, the Tibetan yak, will accompany us and can carry 10-15 lbs. of each person's pack weight depending on how many people come. The trip is recommended for experienced lightweight backpackers. 4WD not required. Limit 8. No Dogs. Carpool \$13. RSVP Jim Shadid 884-4612 shadid@wildblue.net; co-leader John Martin	Hard 15 miles ~3,000
Fri Aug 3 CANCELLED ACP 7:30 am TH 8:15 am across from Durango Mtn. Resort.	Llama Hike Purgatory Creek Trail. Cancelled. Rescheduled from August 8th. A beautiful summer hike, about a 1000 1.5 mile descent down, across Purgatory Flats and then to Animas River and picnic area for lunch 4 miles one way. Remember, what goes down, will go up. This hike is about the experience of llamas and not a fast or quick hike but still a healthy pace. Carpool \$4 from Durango, \$1 donation from each appreciated for hauling from Bayfield. Limit 10, NO DOGS, No Spitting RSVP Gail Davidson 970 799-2940 gdauidson@sagehealthinc.com	Moderate 8 miles 1,800
Mon Aug 6 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Royal Tiger & Spencer Basins Loop. Royal Tiger & upper Spencer are off-trail. The divide between the basins is quite steep as are portions of Royal Tiger. Peak 13,304 is an option. Dogs OK. 4wd Lo/HC. Carpool \$10. RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Hard, 6-8 miles, 2,500. Pk 13,304 will add 600 and mile.
Tue Aug 7 ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am	Climb Handies Peak (14,048) via Grouse Gulch This is a hike for those who are very fit, like to go high, far, and fast, and are not fond of scrambling and exposure. The route starts at about 10,800' on the road north of Silverton, proceeds over a 13,000' pass on a good trail, descends 600 feet into American Basin and then joins the normal route up Handies. Return the same route for a total of 4,500 feet of climbing. Almost the entire route is above tree line, so we need an early start to minimize monsoon problems. The route is long with a lot of vertical, but the gradient is friendly, so it is not as hard as you might think. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$13. No Dogs. Limit 12 RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Most Challenging 10 miles 4,500 Fast pace
Wed Aug 8	Llama Hike Purgatory Creek Trail. Rescheduled to Friday, August 3rd. A beautiful summer hike, about a 1000 1.5 mile descent down, across Purgatory Flats and then to Animas River and picnic area for	Moderate

ACP 7:30 am TH 8:15 am across from Durango Mtn. Resort.	lunch 4 miles one way. Remember, what goes down, will go up. This hike is about the experience of llamas and not a fast or quick hike but still a healthy pace. Carpool \$4 from Durango, \$1 donation from each appreciated for hauling from Bayfield. Limit 10, NO DOGS, No Spitting RSVP Gail Davidson 970 799-2940 gdauidson@sagehealthinc.com	8 miles 1,800
Wed Aug 8 RC 8:30 am DMR 9:00 am	WW hike: Cascade Village. The hike begins behind the condos in Cascade Village. The trail ascends immediately and then winds gently through an aspen forest and goes down to a meadow along the Cascade Creek. Views of Engineer Mountain and Grizzly Peak along the way. RSVP non-members only. Dogs on leash only please. Leader: Tricia Bayless 799-4535 RSVP non-members only	Easy 4-5 miles 400'
Fri Aug 10 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Tower Mountain via Velocity Basin. Follow old mining trails and use trails. Climb to the ridge above Velocity Basin and then follow the ridge to Tower. Some bushwacking and scrambling required at times. Carpool \$9. 4WD RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com Co-Leader: Dan Honig	Hard 6 miles 2,300
Sat Sun Aug 11-12	Jewel Lakes Backpack. Starting at the mountain view crest TH, we will hike into the Jewel lakes (Ruby, Emerald, and Pear) and camp one night at a lake, probably Emerald. Second day we hike out. 4WD/HC. Carpool \$9 RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com	Moderate 12 miles in 2 days 2,900
Sun Aug 12 ACP 6:00 am	Climb Mount Kennedy (13,125) and Aztec Mtn (13,310) from Mountain View Crest. Park at the end of Missionary Ridge Road and walk north on trail 4 miles before going off-trail and east to Point 12,603, overlooking Chicago Basin and astonishing peaks to the north. Kennedy is a walk-up but Aztec is trickier with a thin ridge. Return via West Silver Mesa with lakelets and sheets of bedrock. Limit 10, fast pace. Dogs ok. 4WD, high clearance mandatory. Carpool \$10. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-Leader Tom Ward 970-459-4312.	Most Challenging 17 miles 3,600
Mon Aug 13 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Greyhound Mine T8 (13,315) Richmond Pass Loop. The upper part of the loop from the cirque above the mine to summiting T8 (13,315) and then down to Richmond Pass is exploratory. Except near the pass, we will not be on the Richmond Pass trail. Dogs OK. Carpool \$9. RSVP: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Hard 6-8 miles 3,400
Tues Aug 14	SO! General Meeting Program. TBD	

Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm Rec Center		
Wed Aug 15 RC 8:30 am DMR 9:00am	WW hike: Lower Engineer Mt. This hike offers abundant wildflowers and beautiful vistas. The trail ascends a steep, grassy slope into spruce-fir and passes by two small lakes on the side of the trail. At 2.5 miles the trail exits the woods and into tundra where there are beautiful wildflowers. We will stop to rest, lunch, enjoy the views and descend along the same trail. We will not be climbing to the peak. Dogs on leash only please. Leader: David Wright 259-5978 david.j.wright@att.net	Moderate 5 miles 1,308
Wed Aug 15 ACP 6:00 am TC 6:10 am DMR 6:30 am	Climb Peak V-3 (13,528): We will drive over Ophir Pass and then hike the trail up Swamp Canyon. We will then go off trail over rough terrain to the north of US Grant peak and up to V-3. Class 3 scramble. There will be some exposure. Moderately fast pace. Carpool \$10, 4 WD/HC, Limit 12, No Dogs, RSVP John Bregar 385-1814 or johnbregar09@gmail.com	Most Challenging 6 miles 3,350
Fri Aug 17 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Ptarmigan Lake - We will start from the Black Bear Pass road and follow old mining roads/trails to man made Ptarmigan Lake. Great vistas. Option to visit historic Ft. Peabody and climb Telluride Peak. Carpool \$10. 4WD RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Mod to Hard 8 miles 2,000 Moderate pace
Sat Aug 18 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:20 am	Hike Spud Lake Trail. Carpool from Animas Park to limited parking space near trailhead to Spud Lake. This hike passes thru aspen and near several interesting beaver ponds, some of which are still active. Twilight Peaks and Engineer Mt. are visible from the trail. We will hike to the lake and take a sort break there. After a break, a walk around the lake is optional. The same trail will be taken back to the trailhead. Bring water, snacks, and optional lunch. Dogs with well-trained owners are OK. Limit 15. Carpool \$5. RSVP: Leader David Wright, david.j.wright@att.net or 259-5978	Easy 3 miles 440
Sun Aug 19 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	Hike to the Old 100 Boarding House. This spectacular old miners boarding house is perched on the side of Galena Mountain above the Old 100 Mine and was recently restored as an historic landmark. The trail is loose and/or steep in places but not long and affords great views. We will do it at a moderate pace. The final (optional) scramble from the trail down to the boarding house is narrow, steep, and loose	Moderate 4 miles 1000

DMR 8:30 am	with some exposure but is well worth it. Poles helpful. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$10. No dogs. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	Hard for scramble to boarding house
Tue Aug 21 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Crater Lake. This trail moves in and out of high spruce-fir bands of forest affording fine views of the mountains to the north and west. The lake is a lovely little high altitude gem. Carpool \$7, Dogs OK RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Hard Mod. Pace 11 miles 1,100
Wed Aug 22 RC 8:30 am	WW hike: Jones Creek From the trailhead, the hike climbs consistently uphill through ponderosa pine, spruce, and fir. Returning along the same route. Dogs on leash only please. Leader: Warren Livingston 769-1437 RSVP non members only	Moderate 4 miles 600
Thurs Sun Aug 23-26 SRP 7:30 am	Backpack and climb Mt. Oxford (14,160), Mt. Belford (14,203) & Missouri Mtn. (14,074): Drive to TH northwest of Buena Vista and backpack approx 3.5 mi/1700 to base camp around 11,300. Climb Oxford/Belford one day (7.5 mi/4250) and Missouri another day (6.5 mi/2800). Backpack out and drive home on Day 4. Allow extra day for weather delay. Expect talus, some exposure and some possible scrambling on this class 2 climb. Carpool TBD, Limit 8, Dogs OK (on leash only per Wilderness regulations) RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 swhoagy@live.com	Most Challenging 21 miles 8,700
Wed Aug 22 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Crown (13,569) & North Crown (13,699) Mtns, with option to do Niagara (13,807): Trail and reasonable off-trail terrain for the most part. The route from Snare Basin to the Crown Pt 13,301 saddle is no more than class 2+ as is the Crown-Niagara ridge (for the option). We will need to climb out of Snare Basin on the return. Carpool TBD, 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10, Dogs OK RSVP Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net	Most Challenging 6-8 miles ~3,000
Thur Aug 23 ACP 6:00 am TC 6:10 am DMR 6:30 am	Climb Vermillion & Fuller Peaks (13,894): We will start up the Clear Lake road shortcut & hike up the Ice Lake Basin Trail to Fuller Lake. Then there is a steep talus climb to the Saddle between Fuller (13,761) and Vermillion (13,894). To reach Vermillion there is a difficult, but short exposed scramble, up a couloir to the top. Fuller is a relatively easy walk up. Those who do not wish to climb Vermillion can do Fuller and wait in the saddle for the others. Carpool \$9, 4WD high clearance required, Limit 10, Dogs OK RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Most Challenging 9 miles 4000
Fri Aug 24 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 a.m.	Hike 4 Peaks In One Day. Rescheduled to Thursday, September 6. Peak 13,270, Hansen, Hurricane and California. A steep climb to a great ridgeline with views in both directions. Some exposure. All peaks are by following the ridgelines. Carpool \$12. 4WD. RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 4 miles 2,300

DMR 7:30 a.m.		
Sun Thur Aug 26 30 Meeting Place TBD	<p>14-er Marathon in the Sawatch Range: Belford, Oxford, Missouri (options for Sherman or others if time & interest permit): The plan is to drive to Buena Vista and either car camp along CR390 before the Missouri Gulch Trailhead or stay in motels in the BV area. Depending on numbers we would split into groups to have smaller, more compatible groups climbing their desired peaks. Leaders and sweeps will be determined prior to leaving Durango. Departures will be early to avoid T-storms. 4WD Required. Carpool \$20. For details and</p> <p>RSVP contact Rich or Betsey Butler 403-3185 rbbutler54@gmail.com</p>	Hard to Most Challenging
Wed Aug 29 SRP 8:30 am	<p>WW hike: Hoffheins to Gudys Rest. This is an In & Out hike with consistent and mostly gradual elevation gain as the trail heads north toward the Colorado Trail and Gudy's Rest with views of Perins Peak, Barnroof Pt. and the La Plata Mountains. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only</p> <p>Leaders: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052</p>	Easy 4 miles Slight elevation gain
Fri Aug 31 SRP 8:00 am Beavers Meadow Rd & Hy160 @	<p>The Bear Hike: We will drive into Beaver Meadows and climb Wickenson Mtn. for expansive views of Beaver Meadows. We follow the ridgeline for 1 mile, then drop into pine and oak forest where bears have been seen frequently, if one hikes quietly. There is no guarantee we will see bears, but we will bring a few cans of bear spray. Drinks and snacks at Jim and Marilyns afterwards.</p> <p>Carpool \$8. Limit 8. No Dogs. RSVP Jim Shadid shadid@wildblue.net</p>	Moderate 6 miles 800
Fri Aug 31	SO! Outings Committee Meeting	
Sat Sep 1 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am	<p>Climb Grizzly Peak. Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak to enjoy meadows, lakes and great views. A few stretches of the trail are on shale. We will then begin the climb of Grizzly Peak, which takes us up a steep rocky couloir, and then a short stroll to the top as Pixler says. The view from the top is spectacular. We may split into two groups with a moderate option to explore the area around the lake, or perhaps hunt for mushrooms. 4WD necessary (12 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$9. Dogs Ok to meadow, or to the peak if they are really good climbers.</p> <p>RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net</p>	Hard 7 miles 2,750 Meadow option is moderate
Sun Sept 2 Sun Sept 16 ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am	<p>Climb San Miguel Peak (13,752) from South Mineral Creek. Rescheduled to Sunday September 16th. Park at Bandora Mine, ascend Hope Pass, skirt Lake Hope, and climb on stable slabs of stone up SE ridge to summit. We will go at a moderate pace if the weather permits. Limit 10. Dogs ok. 4WD. Carpool \$9.</p> <p>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269, debra@vanwinegarden.com</p> <p>Co-Leader Tom Ward, 970-459-4312.</p>	Most Challenging 10 miles 4,600

<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Tue Sep 4</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p> <p>TH 10:00 am</p> <p>(TH is in campground)</p>	<p>Hike to the Chief Ouray Mine Cancelled. This is one day outing with optional camping the nights before and after. You can drive up in the morning or come up the evening before (like me) and camp. The trailhead is in the Amphitheater Campground on the south edge of town. The hike takes you above Ouray to the Chief Ouray mine with bunkhouse and machinery buildings. Optional bike ride in the afternoon or soak in the hot springs. Carpool \$8.</p> <p>RSVP to Leader: Olin Kane 375-0060 or kanes@frontier.net</p>	<p>Mod - Hard</p> <p>5 miles</p> <p>1500</p>
<p>Wed Sep 5</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Twin Buttes. The trail follows a road that ascends from the start eventually leveling out slightly before arriving at the base of the twin buttes. Those interested may bushwhack to the top of the east butte. The return follows the same route. Recommend long pants for those who wish to bushwhack to the top of the butte. Dogs on leash please. RSVP Non-members only.</p> <p>Leader: Tricia Bayless 799-4535</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>6 miles</p> <p>1,100</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 6</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 a.m.</p> <p>DMR 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Hike 4 Peaks In One Day. Rescheduled from August 24. Peak 13,270, Hansen, Hurricane and California. A steep climb to a great ridgeline with views in both directions. Some exposure. All peaks are by following the ridgelines. Carpool \$12. 4WD.</p> <p>RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>4 miles</p> <p>2,300</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 6</p> <p>Sat Sept 15</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p> <p>TC 8:15 am</p> <p>DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Hermosa Peak (12,579) from Bolam Pass. Re-scheduled to Saturday, September 15. Turn west off US 550 at DMR and drive on FR 578 west and then north, ford Hermosa Creek and continue past the Graysill Mine and Bolam Lake to Bolam Pass. If the road is passable, drive 0.8 miles south on FR 149. Park and hike south on the road and then turn east and climb a grassy slope to a saddle. At the saddle turn NE and climb to the summit. The route is steep in places, there is a small cliff to climb, and there is some exposure. There are excellent views in all directions. 4WDHC necessary. Limit 15. Dogs okay. Carpool \$10.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Nancy Frederico at fortfed@gmail.com or 259-1949.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard</p> <p>3.6 miles</p> <p>1,060</p>
<p>Fri Sep 7</p> <p>7:30 am Gails ranch in Bayfield for llama round up call for directions</p> <p>ACP 7:45 am</p> <p>Vallecito TH 8:30 am</p>	<p>Llama Hike Vallecito Creek Trail. Beautiful early fall hike in canyon alongside creek. Best to wear orange as day before season. Lunch at bridge at 3.5 miles or so. This hike is about the experience of llamas and not a fast or quick hike but still a healthy pace. Carpool \$3 from Durango, \$1 donation from each appreciated for hauling from Bayfield.</p> <p>Limit 10, NO DOGS, No Spitting</p> <p>RSVP Gail Davidson 970 799-2940 gdauidson@sagehealthinc.com</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>7 miles</p> <p>600</p>

<p>Sat Sep 8</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Rolling Mountain. 13,693, from South Fork Mineral Creek Road. Hike south 1.5 miles on FS Trail 507; veer to southwest and climb basin to gain east ridge. Scramble west to summit. Explore as many subsidiary summits as possible. At a minimum, continue west to second summit. Return to first peak, then south to saddle and east down drainage back to trail. Very exposed. Carpool \$9. 4WD necessary. No dogs. Limit 8. RSVP Leader Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 or debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271</p>	<p>Most Challenging 8 miles + 3,600 +</p>
<p>Tue Sept 11</p> <p>5:30 pm New Members</p> <p>6:30 pm Social</p> <p>7:00 pm Potluck</p> <p>Rec. Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting Fall Potluck 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A-F Dessert G-M Main Dish N-R Salads S-Z Main Dish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the VOA.</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed Sep 12</p> <p>Big Canyon TH 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Big Canyon to Skull Rock. Big Canyon trailhead parking is next to New Country Toyota (across highway from Wal-Mart). Hike up/back Big Canyon, plus several loop trails including Skull Rock, Sidewinder, Carbon Junction, and South Rim. No dogs. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p>Leader: Dale Suran and Dee Rodman 382-9600</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>5 miles</p> <p>800</p>
<p>Wed Sep 12</p> <p>Fire Sta. @ Florida Rd and Co. Rd. 234</p> <p>7:00 am</p>	<p>Fly fishing excursion to Los Pinos River. We will hike from the Pine River Trailhead behind Vallecito Res. 4-5 miles to fly fish the Los Pinos River. A scenic river with a good mix of rainbows and browns. Hopefully they will be biting! Around 3 pm we will reconvene at the Weminuche boundary and head back down. Carpool \$6. Limit 6. Dogs ok, under voice control.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Darrell Maddox 303-775-3208 maddox0204@msn.com</p> <p>Co-Leader: Rich Butler</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>5-6 miles</p> <p>Less than 500 vertical</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 13</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p> <p>TC 9:10 am</p> <p>DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p>Cascade Village to the Flume: Re-scheduled from Saturday, September 15. This hike starts from the water tank at Cascade Village and goes up the south side of Cascade Creek for about five miles through a dense forest to a spectacular waterfall. We will ford the creek and return along the north side. Bring water shoes and hiking poles to ford the creek. Short car shuttle will be needed. Carpool \$4, Dogs OK RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>10 miles 900</p>
<p>Fri Sept 14</p>	<p>Hayden Mountain North Climb (13,139): We drive over Red Mountain pass to the Ironton parking lot. The hike starts up Full Moon Gulch, then we</p>	<p>Most Challenging 6 miles</p>

<p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>traverse over to Half Moon Basin and up to the summit. Class 2, off trail across alpine terrain. Moderately fast pace. Carpool \$12, Limit 12, No Dogs. RSVP John Bregar 385-1814 jdbregar@optimum.net</p>	<p>3,400</p>
<p>Sat Sept 15</p> <p>Thurs Sept 13</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p> <p>TC 9:10 am</p> <p>DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p>Cascade Village to the Flume: Re-schedule to Thursday, September 13. This hike starts from the water tank at Cascade Village and goes up the south side of Cascade Creek for about five miles through a dense forest to a spectacular waterfall. We will ford the creek and return along the north side. Bring water shoes and hiking poles to ford the creek. Short car shuttle will be needed. Carpool \$4, Dogs OK RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 10 miles 900</p>
<p>Sat Sept 15</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p> <p>TC 8:15 am</p> <p>DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Hermosa Peak (12,579) from Bolam Pass. Re-scheduled from September 6th. Turn west off US 550 at DMR and drive on FR 578 west and then north, ford Hermosa Creek and continue past the Graysill Mine and Bolam Lake to Bolam Pass. If the road is passable, drive 0.8 miles south on FR 149. Park and hike south on the road and then turn east and climb a grassy slope to a saddle. At the saddle turn NE and climb to the summit. The route is steep in places, there is a small cliff to climb, and there is some exposure. There are excellent views in all directions. 4WDHC necessary. Limit 15. Dogs OK. Carpool \$10. RSVP Leader Nancy Frederico at fortfed@gmail.com or 259-1949.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3.6 miles 1,060</p>
<p>Sun Sept 16</p> <p>ACP 6:30 am</p> <p>TC 6:40 am</p> <p>DMR 7:00 am</p>	<p>Climb San Miguel Peak (13,752) from South Mineral Creek. Rescheduled from Sunday September 2. Park at Bandora Mine, ascend Hope Pass, skirt Lake Hope, and climb on stable slabs of stone up SE ridge to summit. We will go at a moderate pace if the weather permits. Limit 10. Dogs ok. 4WD. Carpool \$9. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269, debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-Leader Tom Ward, 970-459-4312.</p>	<p>Most Challenging 10 miles 4,600</p>
<p>Wed Sep 19 RC 8:30</p>	<p>WW hike: Perins Peak from Rockridge Subdivision. The un-maintained trail is a steady ascent to the peak with a steep portion as it nears the saddle before the final stretch to the peak. Great views of Durango from the peak. We will travel at a moderate pace with stops along the way. Pack plenty of water and a substantial snack or lunch. Poles are helpful. Early turn backs with a partner okay. No dogs. Members only. No RSVP required. Leader: Barb Hancock 970-764-4531 or barbhancock@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1,400'</p>
<p>Wed Sep 26 RC 8:30 am TC 8:45 DMR 9:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Purgatory Flats. We will hike from the trailhead in the parking lot across from the entrance to DMR down to Cascade Creek. We will cross a stream on the way down which will be boot passable at this time of year. We may hike about mile in the flats to the convergence of Cascade Creek with</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 1,200 ft</p>

	Lime Creek. Then slowly hike the 1,200 ft back up to the parking lot. No dogs. RSVP non-members only. Leaders: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052	
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