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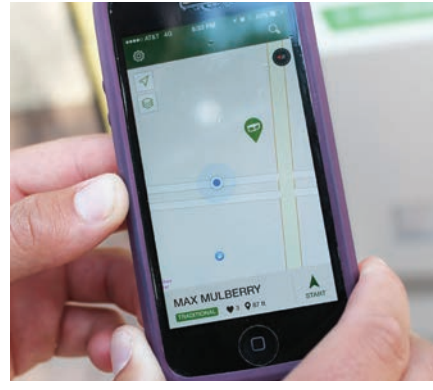


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Notes from the Newsroom

Colorado State, meet your new and improved student magazine, "College Avenue." The magazine received a major makeover this year - from logo to cover design - and we are proud to unveil our creation! We hope you like it as much as we do, but if you have feedback, we would love to improve. After all, this is YOUR student magazine.

Born and bred in Colorado, I know that the culture of this state basically revolves around adrenaline and adventure. From bouldering to 14ers to whitewater rafting - Colorado has it all. So, what could be a better tribute to Colorado than an issue themed around adrenaline and adventure?

Flip to page 6 to read about the up-and-coming sport of downhill longboarding, as described by a CSU grad.

And if you are getting amped up to shred the gnar this ski season, turn to page 19 for the pros and cons of different ski passes offered around the area.

If you are in the mood for an adventure, flip to page 11 and read one CSU student's account of living in war-torn Israel over the summer.

But, if adrenaline and adventure really are not your thing, maybe geocaching is more your style. Read page 14 for a geocaching how-to.

This issue really has it all, and we hope you like it! Enjoy the adventure, Rammies.

Ricki

Ricki Watkins, editor in chief



Trends in Adrenaline and Adventure

By: Nicole Leicht
College Avenue Magazine

1. Slacklining

Take a walk around campus and chances are you will probably run into a group of slackliners. They are those people who are somehow walking on a rope strung between two trees. Slacklining is no easy task, but with benefits like improved balance, muscle rehabilitation and stress relief, it might be worth the practice needed to master it. Interested in giving it a shot? Then check out Fort Collins-based company Rocky Mountain Slackline for lessons and more information.

2. Rock Climbing/Bouldering

One more adventurous sport which utilizes the natural beauty that we call home: rock climbing. You do not even have to go far to experience this one — Horsetooth is one of the best places to climb. There are a variety of types to choose, from free climbing (one of the most commonly used methods) to bouldering (no ropes used). Or, opt for a more controlled environment like the wall at our very own campus Rec Center.

3. Rafting/Tubing

There is nothing like taking on some rapids while rafting down a raging river. It is an adrenaline rush and a great way to enjoy the outdoors. Take a whitewater rafting trip down the Poudre for a thrilling time. Or, for those looking to take a more laid back approach, you can easily rent tubes and take a float down the Poudre.

4. Obstacle Courses

Chances are you have seen those pictures, the ones of extremely athletic people covered in mud looking like warriors who have just won a battle. They are the survivors of the Tough Mudder and other obstacle course-based events. These types of events have become quite popular with adrenaline and adventure seekers. It is simple, really — you just go through 10 to 12 miles of electroshock, fire jumping, wall climbing and other fairly easy obstacles. No biggie, it is not like they call it a Tough Mudder for any specific reason.

5. Hiking 14ers

It would almost be rude of us to ignore the natural beauty that is Colorado's landscape. With 58 peaks exceeding 14,000 feet, there is no shortage of adventure here. There is a reason why "America the Beautiful" was inspired by Pikes Peak, one of the most well-known 14ers. So, take the time and set aside a day to join the 14er club; you will not be disappointed.



Karin Mol, junior graphic design major, practices her balancing skills slacklining at City Park. Photo by Megan Rokoczy.



Derek Peterson, junior biology major, rock climbs at the Rec Center. Photo by Joe Tiner.



Julia Oleksiak, a senior natural resources recreation and tourism major, summits Grays Peak. Photo by Agatha Oleksiak.



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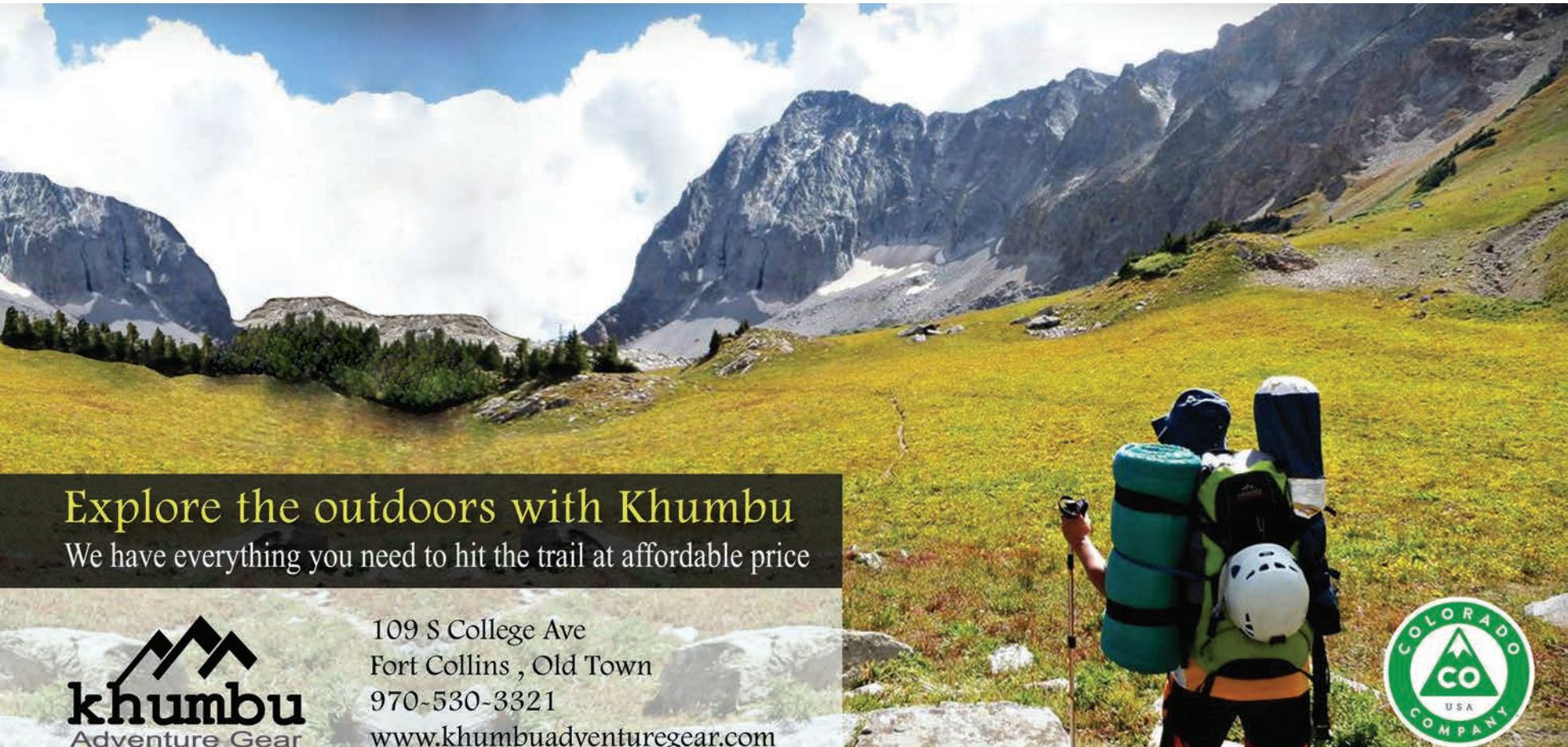
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For the THRILL of the HILL

By Sarah Ross
College Avenue Magazine

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At this point, most of us have seen a longboard around campus, whether it is someone lazily skating to class or if it is just seeing one locked up on one of the many board racks, but did you know they can go up to almost 80 mph? Did you know it could be your ticket around the world, and one of the best ways to meet people who will treat you like family?

Downhill longboarding is quickly growing into a huge professional sport, and Colorado is at the epicenter of it all with its mountain roads and steep hills that create the perfect conditions for these extreme skaters.

Elliot Newey, a downhill longboard racer who graduated from CSU May 2014 with a Business and Computer Information Systems degree, began boarding in high school. He started to longboard mostly as means to get around, but he slowly started taking on bigger hills, then mountains, and finally racing in 2010.

For those of you unfamiliar with the downhill community, here is Newey's definition: "Downhill racing is just that, racing down a

hill as fast as possible. Events are usually run in brackets with races split into four-man heats. They run one heat at a time. The first two across the finish line move on to the next round until you end up with the final four. You'll find that the style in Colorado is predominantly downhill skating, mostly due to our terrain. Our roads tend to be fast and long, with sweeping turns and hairpins. There's a handful of places in the world where you can break 70 mph on a skateboard [and] Colorado is home to several of them."

Newey said his favorite part of downhill longboarding is the community. Until recently, the sport was not a popular pastime. It gave a chance to those who took up the sport to be part of an exclusive, tight-knit community.

"You've got to be very trusting of the people you skate with," Newey said. "Everyone has to hold it together in dangerous situations. The friendships I've formed through racing are some of the best I've ever had. We all look out for each other. It tends to be a giant family."

Newey also expressed that boarding has opened up opportunities to travel the world which never would have been possible before.

"Some of my best memories involve traveling to skate," Newey said. "It's always great to skate some new terrain, and travelling, camping, exploring with some of your best friends doesn't hurt. Skate trips are some of the most fun I've ever had. There's nothing like dropping into a big mountain bomb with amazing scenery at sunrise."

However, Newey said his favorite part of the sport is the sense of community.

"It's a very welcoming community," he said. "When I first started racing I could name everyone in the state that raced. Now I show up to an event and see many faces I've never seen before."

The way Newey portrays the life of longboarding makes it seem like such a carefree pastime, but longboarding is no walk in the park, nor is it all butterflies and rainbows when you get good at it.

Even the professionals fall, and often.

"I once had an oncoming driver park in the middle of the road and start threatening a group of us," Newey said, when recalling his worst experience. "Not only was it an insanely dangerous move, but the man was clearly in a state of rage, threatening to shoot us if he ever saw us skating again. It's not uncommon to come across people who feel the need to impress their opinions upon us, as if we totally overlooked the danger of what we do until they enlightened us. For every one of them, there's 10 that are beyond stoked to see us skate by."

Interested in boarding yourself? Here is Newey's advice for beginning boarders: "Learn the basics, skate within your means and be courteous to drivers," he said. "I know too many people that can do all sorts of fancy slides but can't throw down a solid foot brake. In an emergency situation, you need to have the basics dialed. Dig your teeth into something you can handle. A lot of people rush to the steepest hill

they can find and a lot of them have a bad time. It's all about knowing how to skate within your means and work your way up to the bigger stuff. As a community, we have to self-regulate. If someone can't stay in their lane and skate a hill safely, I will tell them to go somewhere else. It reflects on the community as a whole when a person has a bad accident, like hitting a car."

As for revealing his own personal spots, Newey wouldn't budge.

"I won't give out any spots; skaters tend to keep those things under wraps," Newey said. "But, it doesn't take a genius to find a hill worth skating. Just jump in a car and start driving. CSU does have a longboard club. There's a few hills local to Fort Collins that they will session. There are plenty of outlaw races around the state, and even professional."

So there you have it, an underground sport that very few were aware of, which is slowly coming to the forefront of society, and you now have an inside scoop on the tight-knit life that these boarders lead.

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CSU Olympian Amy Van Dyken-Rouen: the next adventure

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— Amy Von Dyken-Rouen

By Nicole Beale
College Avenue Magazine

An Olympic athlete and CSU alumna, Amy Van Dyken-Rouen has recently undergone a new adventure in her life.

Van Dyken-Rouen was involved in an ATV accident June 6, 2014, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down. A sever in her spine at the T11 vertebrae has posed to be her greatest challenge to overcome.

“It changed my life dramatically,” Van Dyken-Rouen said. “Obviously I can’t walk anymore, so it changed that. It’s changed my outlook on life. If you can find that little ray of happiness you can dwell on that, it will get bigger and bigger.”

This is not the first challenge that Van Dyken-Rouen has had

to overcome. When she was 6 years old she was diagnosed with moderate-severe asthma. Her doctor prescribed swimming to her as a way to open her lungs.

“I had all three types of asthma: exercise-induced, allergy-induced and infection-induced,” Van Dyken-Rouen said. “We found out later that I was actually allergic to chlorine.” Surprisingly enough, she stated that she has not had any symptoms of asthma since her ATV accident.

Van Dyken-Rouen has incessantly proven herself as a fighter and fierce competitor. That fierceness may have begun while attending Cherry Creek High School.

“My sophomore year of high school, I started beating them [teammates] and then they got really mean,” Van Dyken-Rouen said. “My senior year of high

school, we won state for the first time in five years. I was getting ready to go up to the podium and the team captain grabbed me along with the coach and said, ‘You’ve been up there way too many times. You’re not going up.’”

It was this type of behavior that began to drive Van Dyken-Rouen toward her love of proving people wrong.

Van Dyken-Rouen, also an alumni of the CSU swim team, said she had a much better time in college. “My team at CSU was amazing,” Van Dyken-Rouen said. “They were nothing but warm, nothing but welcoming. I still keep in contact with a lot of the girls.”

Van Dyken-Rouen was not planning on swimming when she came to CSU. However, John Mattos, head coach of the CSU

swim team at the time, convinced her otherwise.

“Mattos told me to give him a semester, and if I didn’t like it, he would pay for the rest of the year for me,” Van Dyken-Rouen said.

Van Dyken-Rouen qualified for the 1996 Olympic trials while attending school at CSU. Later on, she went to the Olympics and took home four gold medals, making her one of the most decorated female Olympic athletes in a single summer games.

“Having the national anthem played for something that you did is probably the greatest feeling that someone could imagine,” Van Dyken-Rouen said. “If I could bottle it, I would make a bazillion dollars.”

Van Dyken-Rouen has had a will to succeed her whole life and now has new goals. “The thing with spinal cord injuries is that

they can’t tell you a prognosis,” Van Dyken-Rouen said.

She said she believes a cure is out there and it very well might be stem cell. “Some people don’t realize that if we find a cure for spinal cord injuries and get people like myself walking again, then we find a cure for ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s,” Van Dyken-Rouen said.

Van Dyken-Rouen and her husband, Tom Rouen, former punter for the Denver Broncos, plan to partner with a couple of groups and charities to help other people with similar spinal injuries.

Van Dyken-Rouen said she would “like medical companies and members of Congress to see what we can do about getting stem cell research working in the United States and get cures for all of these things.”



By Hunter Goddard
College Avenue Magazine



Kate Simmons had 30 seconds to get to shelter after the siren went off. Between the police and the journalists, there were too many people to fit into one. They had no choice but to duck down on the ground and feel the earth shake as the Iron Dome absorbed the rocket.

"I almost kissed the ground at JFK when I finally got home,"

Simmons said. "All the flights got cancelled and we were stuck in the war zone for a few days. Everybody was trying to get out all at the same time."

Simmons is a senior journalism major and the content managing editor at the Collegian. She studied abroad in Jerusalem over the summer with ieiMedia.

"My dad founded a non-

profit when I was nine called the Abrahamic Initiative to open up a dialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims," Simmons said.

From a young age, Simmons has volunteered for such causes, including the Building Bridges Camp in Colorado which brought together Israeli, Palestinian and American children. In 2009, she travelled

to Israel, and wanted to go back this year as a journalist. "We were there for one week, Monday through Sunday, until the bodies of three kidnapped Israeli boys were found," Simmons said. "That's when the riots broke out."

Simmons's group was taking the train across the city for dinner. According to her, the streets were deserted until

they turned the corner and saw rioters screaming "death to Arabs" in Hebrew and police on horseback. "Some of them got on the train," Simmons said. "That was the only time that night I felt afraid. We had just been having a conversation about Lara Logan beforehand."

Logan is a South African journalist who was

sexually assaulted during her coverage of the Egyptian riots.

Simmons said the study abroad program made sure to give students the option to stay at their Hebrew University dorms if they felt unsafe, where the walls and doors are reinforced with steel and they have 90 seconds to find shelter between the siren's blare and the rocket's drop.

According to her, none of these students abstained from any part of the program.

"The first time we heard the sirens and had to take shelter was during Ramadan," Simmons said. "They

fired cannons every night to end the daily fasts. Even though I had heard the cannon before that day, I literally jumped out of my chair when it went off that night."

Simmons was job shadowing a reporter and a photographer from the Jerusalem Post when she saw the Iron Dome deflect the rockets out of the sky. Patrick Torphy, a journalism sophomore at Emerson College in Boston, was with her that day.

"It was really awesome spending that month with Kate," Torphy said. "I learned a lot from her."

The reporter was interviewing a teenage girl whose shelter door had been blown off, according to Torphy. Sud-

denly, they could hear the hissing of the rockets in the air, followed by the sirens, and then they dropped down in a nearby sand pit, instructed not to do anything, Torphy said. "This photographer from the Post was literally on her knees taking pictures of everything," Torphy said. "The locals were lying down on the pavement. It was all over in a minute."

Simmons said the situation in Israel used to anger her when she was in high school, but now she is more saddened by it than anything. She said she empathizes with people on both sides of the issue.

"Most days I have hope, but it's hard to be hopeful when another conflict erupts," Sim-

mons said.

Coping with the war has become a way of life for people in that part of the world, Simmons said. She said of course it stresses them out, everybody is scared all the time, but they still have to live their lives.

"They wouldn't be able to get anything done if they lived life in their bunkers," Simmons said. "No one should have to live that way."

The experience was different for the study abroad students than it was for the citizens, according to Simmons. Now that she is back in the United States, she is no longer frightened by car doors slamming or cars backfiring.

"There was one day when

we were all in Tel Aviv," Simmons said. "We were all hanging out and having fun at the beachfront. People can still live normally in Israel even when the country is at war, because it can change like that."

After a day of smoothies and shopping, Simmons said, they stopped by a restaurant and asked for a little bit of everything. Their table was filled with small plates of different food samplings, and there were big windows with a view of the harbor.

"It was nice," Simmons said. "But then, the windows started to shake and the glasses on our table started to rattle. A rocket was flying overhead."



Photos Courtesy of Kate Simmons

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Israel teens Eyal Yifrach, Naftali Fraenkel and Gilad Shaer disappear.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu releases a statement to the press that evidence implicates Hamas in the kidnappings – evidence yet to be released.

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Hamas's political leader, Khaled Mishal, says he can neither confirm nor deny Palestinian involvement in the kidnappings, but praises whoever carried it out.

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Rockets are launched from Gaza into Israel.

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Israel trades air strikes with militants for a whole weekend.

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The bodies of the young men are found.

Taken from Hayes Brown's July 14 "Timeline: The Month That Brought Gaza Back To The Breaking Point" on "Think Progress," here is a brief overview of the Middle East's latest skirmish.

Groups of Israelis force Palestinian teen Mohammed Abu Khdeir into his car in Jerusalem, where he is burned alive.

The Israeli Defense Force launches Operation Protective Edge, its first major offensive inside Gaza since Egypt negotiated a November 2012 ceasefire.

An Egyptian ceasefire proposal between Israel and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ends six hours later when Hamas claims that it was never consulted in the dealings.

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Adventures around Fort Collins



CSU Senior, Samantha Zehner, goes on a white water rafting adventure in the great Colorado waters. Photo courtesy of Samantha Zehner.

Hunter Goddard
College Avenue Magazine

River rafting and Horsetooth hikes seem like a thing of the past, as far as 2014 is concerned, but these activities still see plenty of action even as the colder months approach, according to those in charge.

Ryan Barwick works for Rocky Mountain Adventures, Inc., which offers whitewater rafting, fly fishing, kayak instructional sessions, as well as snowshoe and cross-country ski rentals. Barwick said they are the only kayak retailers in town.

“We offer fly fishing all throughout the fall,” Barwick said. “After that, there are no more guided tours or anything like that, it’s almost exclusively rentals. We’re mostly a seasonal, three-months-out-of-the-year kind of business.”

In spite of this, Barwick said indoor kayaking will become available in January. According to Barwick, an effort is underway to approve a potential whitewater play park on the Poudre River downtown, which would be open to CSU students at the beginning and end of each school year.

In the meantime, Horsetooth will continue to be a hot spot even when the climate cools down, according to Larimer County Natural Resources Educational Program Coordinator Heather Young.

“In Fort Collins and in Larimer County as a whole, people are resilient enough to go out if the sun’s shining and it’s 40 degrees during the nicer winter days,” Young said. “They don’t care whether it’s January or July.”

The 29 miles of Horsetooth Trail, from Devil’s Backbone to Lory State Park, are actually nicest around this time of year between the changing leaves and the milder weather, whether one hikes it or one takes a horseback ride along it, Young said.

According to Young, Larimer County Natural Resources updates its Facebook and Twitter accounts with trail and parking lot conditions, and its website features a live webcam of Horsetooth Mountain since the trailheads still fill up with crowds late in the year.

Also included in the site, Larimer.org/NaturalResources, are alternative opportunities to the ever popular Horsetooth Falls, Rock, and Reservoir, such as information about the NoCo Nature Festival Saturday, Sept. 27.

In addition to the county’s natural resources department, the city itself runs a webpage, VisitFortCollins.com/Outdoor-Recreation, where visitors are able to browse adventures waiting to happen like Beaver Meadows Stables or Terry Bison Ranch.

An upcoming outside event for the month of October is the Northern Colorado Corn Maze, a 15-acre haunted Halloween labyrinth full of chainsaws, strobe lights and screaming children. This year’s scheduling and pricing have yet to be announced.

If boating and swimming are your sources of adrenaline, then get out there now before it is too late. Otherwise, it is never too late to indulge in what this part of the state is famous for – come rain or come shine.

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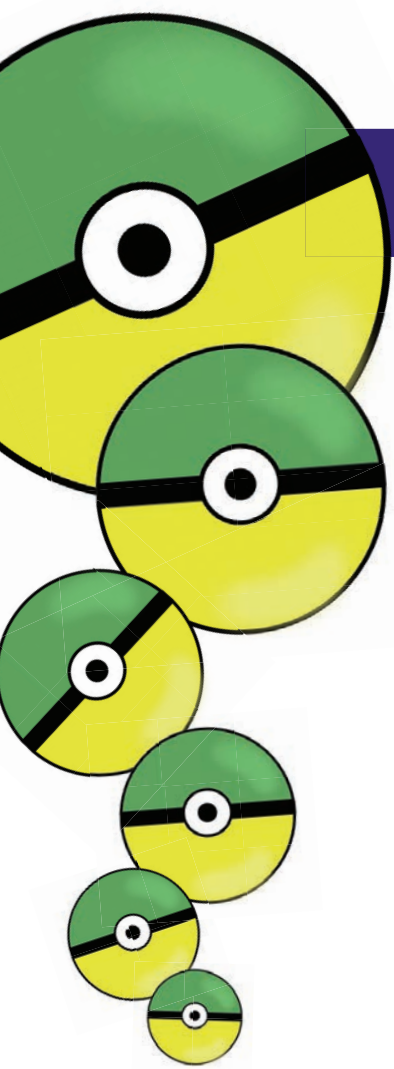
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– Heather Young, Larimer County Natural Resources Educational Program Coordinator



GEOCACHING

Gotta Cache 'Em All

Jesse Trudell
College Avenue Magazine

Geocaching: noun; the recreational activity of hunting for and/or finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website or mobile phone application.

For those of you who seek a thrill but are not quite ready to jump out of a plane or climb a 14er, check out the growing game of geocaching! All you have to do is download one of the many geocaching apps on your phone and you are ready to begin the hunt.

If you are not familiar with the concept of geocaching, it is the process of following a satellite GPS map that streams live from the palm of your hand in order to find “caches,” hidden waterproof

containers of various sizes which often encase a log book and some random swag. Get this - no matter where you go, your geocaching app will locate the caches right around your location. This activity is perfect for those of you new to Fort Collins and the Colorado State campus. What better way to explore a new place than to hunt for hidden treasure?

Geocaching is the thrill without the threat. Get your adrenaline going and set out on adventure to find anything from an old action figure to pictures from all over the world.

“Once, I found a tribute to someone’s new baby nephew,” said Alexandra Rager, a freshman at CSU. “It had a picture and a pacifier, and it was pretty impactful to see someone share their family like that. It was

dope.”

Unlike Rager, there are lots of students here at CSU who have not even heard of these addicting adventures.

“It sounds like a little mini-adventure all by itself,” said Kendall Kimbrough, also a freshman at CSU. “I really want to try it now that I actually know what it is.”

But if we have sparked your interest and you are dying to get out there and find your first cache, know that there is a basic set of rules which members of the geocaching community respect and abide by.

The first is that upon finding a cache, date and sign the logbook if there is one. It keeps the game going and it is awesome to be able to see how many people have found it before you - or if you are the first finder.

Second, if you find something absolutely awesome in the container that you just cannot leave behind, make sure you put something of equal or greater geocaching value back into the container.

All geocachers share two things in common - a love of adventure, and a respect for the friendly community which geocaching promotes. Keep things appropriate and safe so that everyone can have a great experience.

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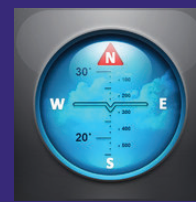
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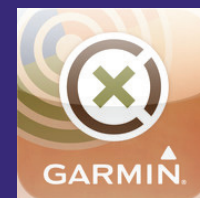
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You can feel the anticipation beneath you as your horse prances impatiently. The crowd's eyes staring expectantly at the gate seem to look directly at you. Your costume glimmers with each flash of the spotlight and the music dances in your ears. Each moment intensifying in the pit of your stomach as the time inches closer and closer. All the work, all the practice leading up to this moment, the moment when all the sweat, dirt and early mornings are worth it. Lined up at the gate, you vaguely hear the announcer over the pounding in your ears as you hold your horse back in a moment of suspension. And then the gate opens, the crowd cheers and your horse surges forward with excitement. This is it. Your time to shine. When everything else fades away and it is showtime.

Not all horseback rides consist of a stroll down a meandering trail or being led around in a circle at a local carnival. Sometimes the equestrian sport requires a combination of precision, timing, speed and teamwork in order to be a success. A very unique organization has taken these qualities and perfected them to create a collection of equestrian teams, known as the Westernaires. The Westernaires is a non-profit horseback riding organization that specializes in precision-

mounted drill at speed.

"The combination of split-second timing and horsemanship is what makes Westernaires one of a kind," said Shelly McDaniel, an equine sciences major at CSU and a Westernaire alumna. "There's just something about riding a horse at full speed alongside 40 other riders that gives you an adrenaline rush that nothing else can compare to."

The Westernaires participate in numerous shows across the nation, showcasing fast-flying teams of up to 70 riders, all running in complex patterns and maneuvers to create a kaleidoscope of horse and rider. Riders join the organization at age nine and then continue through their first year of college, giving "horse people" a new and exciting outlet

for their hobby.

"It was the most exhilarating feeling to run into the arena and to be working together as a team," said Meghin Kiernan, also an equine science major and an alumna of the Westernaires. "Although I've shown in a few other disciplines, I've never been able to feel that much excitement when going into the arena as I did with Westernaires."

As if 60 plus horses running directly at each other was not enough, Westernaires also has a series of specialty teams. These specialty teams highlight daring and death-defying acts, including trick riding, bareback jumping and even standing on the back of two horses and running over fire torches. Talk about an adrenaline rush!

A current member of Westernaires and neuroscience major at CSU, Betsy Powers said, "There was one time when I was in the arena and realized that what I was doing could kill me, just if one girl were to go the wrong way. It

scared me, but at the same time, I knew that what I was doing was something I loved because I was willing to risk my life for it."

Westernaires is currently preparing to showcase these skills at their annual show, Horsecapades, in October, as well as at the National Western Stock Show this January. Both events will display the exceptional skill and horsemanship of the Westernaires program. To find out more, visit westernaires.org.



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As Recreational Marijuana becomes a reality in Larimer County, Choice Organics would like to highlight the rules for marijuana consumption.

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- Adults 21 and older are allowed to possess one ounce of marijuana at any given time.
- It is illegal to consume marijuana in any public place.
- It is illegal to drive under the influence of any drug, including marijuana. Driving under the influence of marijuana (or any drug) will result in stiff legal penalties.
- Adults may give away up to one ounce to another adult 21 and over, but it is illegal to sell marijuana outside a licensed retail marijuana business.
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The Best of Colorado Ski Passes

By Alexa Phillips

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Ski season is fast approaching, which means shelling out some cash to get a ski pass. To help you decide which pass gets you the most bang for your buck, here are some of the best ski passes, based on price point and location.

In addition to the multi-mountain passes, there are single-mountain passes available at resorts such as Winter Park, Steamboat and Copper Mountain. Pricing and restrictions

vary depending on where you choose to ski.

Sophomore hospitality management major Andrew Beckelheimer prefers the Steamboat-Winter Park Pass mainly because he “gets 6 days of skiing at Steamboat along with unlimited days at Copper and Winter Park.”

In the end, no matter what the pass, it comes down to preference for resort and what pass suits your needs. For more information regarding pricing, restrictions and benefits, visit snow.com or skicolorado.com.



Summit Value Pass



Unlimited access to:

- Keystone: 2 hrs. (Travel time)
- Arapahoe Basin: 2 hrs.

Limited Restrictions at:

- Breckenridge: 2.5 hrs.

Blackout dates:

Breckenridge
11/28-29, 12/26-31, 1/17, 2/14-15

This pass is great if you like the resorts in Summit County. The locations are really close to Fort Collins, which is convenient if you are planning on skiing during the weekend. The blackout dates are the same as the Epic Local Pass, but all the locations are within Colorado, which is great if you are looking for a staycation this winter.

College Student Price
\$399

Epic Local Pass



Unlimited access at:

- Breckenridge: 2.5 hrs.
- Keystone: 2 hrs.
- Arapahoe Basin: 2 hrs.
- Afton Alps (Minn.): 13 hrs.
- Mt. Brighton (Mich.): 17.5 hrs.

Limited Restrictions at:

- Canyons (Utah): 6 hrs.
- Heavenly (Calif.): 14.5 hrs.
- Northstar (Calif.): 14 hrs.
- Kirkwood (Calif.): 15 hrs.

10 restricted days at:

- Vail: 2.5 hrs.
- Beaver Creek: 2.5 hrs.

Blackout dates:

Vail, Beaver Creek, Canyons, Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood
11/28-29, 12/26-31, 1/17, 2/14-15

A good deal if you like skiing Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin, as you get unlimited access to these resorts. Sophomore biology major Joe Brasch vouches for the Epic Pass because it “has a bit more variety than the Colorado Pass.” This pass also provides access to ski destinations in the Midwest, Utah and California, so depending on how much you travel, this might be a good option.

College Student Price
\$499

Rocky Mountain Super Pass Plus



Unlimited access at:

- Winter Park: 2 hrs.
- Copper Mountain: 2 hrs.
- Eldora: 1.5 hrs.

Restricted access at:

- Steamboat (6 tickets): 3.5 hrs.
- Crested Butte (3 days): 5 hrs.
- Mt. Ruapehu (7 days): New Zealand

No blackout dates

This pass does a good job with the variety of the ski resorts for the college student's price. It also has no blackout dates, which is a bonus if you want to ski on breaks or during the holidays. In addition, if you want to take a trip to do some exotic skiing, the pass includes a week of access in New Zealand.

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