

LMC Meetup Guidelines

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LMC Meetup Group can be found at: www.meetup.com/loveland-mountain-c

1. Privacy: THE LMC MEETUP GROUP went into PRIVATE mode August 4th, 2025. ONLY Meetup LMC Group members can see who is signed up for events. Anyone on Meetup will still be able to see our events, but not who is signed up for them, OR THE LOCATION.
2. LMC Hikes and Social Events:
 - a. ALL LMC Hikes must be approved by the Hike Coordinator in charge of that date, before being published on Meetup. Social events must be approved by the LMC Board before being published on Meetup.
3. Timing of Meetup RSVP Open dates, Newsletter Publish date, and Website Hike Calendar dates:
 - a. Meetup Hike descriptions will be posted by the Hike Leader by the 8th of the preceding month; PUBLISH, BUT DO NOT ANNOUNCE the hikes. If you wish to Announce your hike, please do so on the 15th of the month. This is an optional step.
 - b. All Events will be published for a single month, e.g., September 1 to September 30th. We will no longer need to add events for the first week of the trailing month.
 - c. Meetup RSVP Open date for ALL HIKES will be 5:00 PM on the 15th of the preceding month.
 - d. Hike Coordinators will review each hike and correct any errors, and will send an email message to Newsletter Editor by the 11th of each month, stating that the Meetup Hikes are ready to publish.
 - e. The Newsletter editor will collect hike info from Meetup for the Newsletter by the 13th of each month. She will send a copy of these hikes to the Webmaster by the 13th of the month.
 - f. The Newsletter will be published on the 15th of each month, for the following month.
 - g. The Website Calendar will publish the hike info on the 15th of each month, for the following month.
 - h. Hike Coordinators will send a reminder around the 25th of each month to all the hike leaders that have hike descriptions due on the 8th of the following month.
4. Hike Event Information:
 - a. Meetup: Hike Leaders (HL's) will use the Meetup Event creation tool to create their events; they should include all the info asked for by Meetup when creating their hikes. In the Hike Description box, all hike leaders will use the Hike Description Template. They are encouraged to complete all the information in the Hike Description Template before they publish their hike event, but Hike Leaders have the discretion to wait to put some of the information in the Meetup Comment

section a week before the hike. AN RSVP OPEN DATE of the 15th of the preceding month must be put in the event.

- b. Newsletter and Website and Loveland Reporter Herald : Hike descriptions in the Newsletter, the Website, and the newspaper will include:
 - i. Date
 - ii. Name of hike
 - iii. Category of hike difficulty
 - iv. HL name
 - v. Link to LMC Meetup Group
5. Hike limit: It is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that all LMC Hikers limit themselves to 4 hikes/month, so that all members have a chance to go on some hikes. IF a hiker has signed up for several hikes, they should wait until the week before any other hikes to sign up for more, if there are still any openings.
6. Meetup Plus Members: the club has committed to using an egalitarian system for event sign-ups, i.e., first-come, first served. This is in conflict with the Meetup policy of allowing Meetup Plus members to jump to the front of a waitlist for an event. IF you are a Meetup Plus member, we ask that you monitor your sign-ups carefully, and if you are put on the waitlist, check how many others are already on there, and let the hike leader know that you will need to be behind those people before you are admitted to the hike. We all appreciate your understanding, as we know you paid extra for this privilege; the club just doesn't believe it is a fair policy for Meetup to promote.
7. GUEST Hikers: We will admit guest hikers and prospective members to the LMC Meetup Group for a period not exceeding one month, so they can try at most 2 hikes. They must sign the LMC Waiver forms before becoming temporary members. If they join LMC and pay their dues within that time, they will remain a member of the Meetup group. If they do not join the club and pay dues, they will be removed from the Meetup Group. Guests who are under 18 and can not create a Meetup account will be asked to sign up via email or Meetup message to the hike leader.
8. Communication: Please use the EVENT COMMENT section to communicate with others in the event. If you click on the little "private" box, your message will only be sent to those attending the event.
9. Messages: Check your "Message" icon frequently. If it has a little red dot on it, you have a message waiting to be read. Click on it to see your messages.
10. Cancellations: If you must cancel, PLEASE cancel out as soon as possible, to give those on the waitlist enough time to plan for the hike.
11. No-shows: If you have more than 3 no-shows, your participation will be limited to day-of signups only.
12. Club Dues are payable by January 1 each year, and become delinquent after March 31 each year. Members who are delinquent in paying their dues will be notified before March 31 and reminded to pay their dues. After March 31, delinquent members will be removed from LMC emails, newsletters, and from the LMC Meetup Group.

Thanks to ALL for following these guidelines and helping this system to work for all of us!