

FOURTEENER CLUB

Of the sixty-eight mountains over 14,000 feet high in the continental United States, Colorado claims a whopping fifty-four of them or 80%. The purpose of the Fourteener Club Award is to encourage Scouts and Scouting Units to safely enjoy the beauty of the Colorado mountains.

An outline of the fourteener peaks in Colorado is listed. Two other excellent guides are the "Guide to the Colorado Mountains" by Robert Ormes and "The Colorado Fourteeners - A Condensed Guide" by Ray Phillips. These will help in planning a fourteener climb for Scouts and Explorers.

SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT:

Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in the Colorado mountains, which may bring sun, wind, rain, snow, cold and lightning in the space of a few hours, a few basic precautions must be rigidly adhered to when climbing fourteeners. The trip leader must be well versed in mountain safety and first aid. He should especially be able to recognize the initial symptoms of heat stroke, heat exhaustion, altitude sickness, and hypothermia, and be able to treat them properly. He has the sole responsibility for the safety of his party and he **alone** should judge as to who should participate in a climb and if a climb should be halted due to weather or crew conditions.

The most important piece of equipment is proper foot gear; Vibram-soled, heavy-duty, waterproofed hiking boots are strongly recommended to protect the feet from rock bruises. Also the nine essential items listed below should be carried by each member of the party in a daypack:

1. Extra food (high energy sugars and carbohydrates)
2. Water (one quart minimum)
3. Extra Clothing (wool/orlon sweater or wool shirt or down sweater, warmup pants or long-johns and gloves)
4. Rain gear (raincoat, rainpants, or poncho)
5. Sunglasses
6. Sunscreen lotion or cream
7. Sun hat
8. Whistle
9. Flashlight

First aid kit (group leader only)

Maps (group leader only)

Compass (group leader only)

FOURTEENER CLUB APPLICATION

Each Scout, Explorer or Scouter may be awarded a Denver Area Council Fourteener Club patch upon the successful completion of a climb of one fourteener. For each additional three fourteeners successfully climbed, a bronze star may be awarded. This is to be pinned to the patch.

Successful completion of a climb is defined as having made a round-trip journey to the summit(s) and back again in which there was at least 2,500 feet of cumulative elevation gain. While at the summit, the peak register (maintained by the Colorado Mountain Club) should be signed.

It will be the responsibility of the trip leader to certify that each Scout or Explorer has made the required fourteener climb and submitted the application to the Denver Area Council. The awards may be purchased at the Scout Shop.

Date: _____ Unit #: _____ District: _____

Mountain(s) climbed: _____

Group Leader: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Names of Scouts, Explorers and Scouters completing the climb:

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Signature of Group Leader

MOUNTAINS

The Colorado Mountain club classifies the fourteeners as "easy", "moderate" or "difficult". Peaks in the "easy" category will generally involve only steep mountainside hiking with minimal terrain problems. Peaks in the "moderate" category will, in addition, require some bushwhacking (below timberline) and rock scrambling (above timberline) on moderately rough terrain with minimal exposure. Peaks in the "difficult" category will, in addition to the forgoing, require some basic free climbing skills to be used on moderately exposed rock where a belay rope for safety purposes may also be desired. Eleven (11) out of fifty-four (54) fourteeners in these categories have also been designated as "hazardous" due to unstable rock conditions. **EXTREME CAUTION, HARD-HATS AND ROPE ARE REQUIRED** on these particular peaks. The Denver Area Council recommends that no difficult or hazardous peaks be climbed! Following is a listing of the "easy" and "moderate" peaks found in Colorado.

PEAK	ELEVATION (Feet)	RATING	ROUND-TRIP		ELEVATION GAIN (Feet)
			DISTANCE (Miles)	TIME (Hours)	
Front Range (100 mile divide chain from Milner Pass and Pikes Peak Massive)					
Mount Evans	14,264	Moderate	8	10	3,700
Mount Bierstadt	14,060	Easy	6	6	2,500
Grays Peak	14,270	Easy	8	8	3,000
Torreys Peak	14,267	Easy	8	8	3,000
Pikes Peak	14,110	Moderate	11	10	3,700
Ten Mile Range (chain running 12 miles south from Frisco to Hoosier Pass)					
Quandary Peak	14,264	Easy	6	6	3,400
Mosquito Range (chain running south from Hoosier Pass to Trout Creek Pass)					
Mount Lincoln	14,286	Easy	6	6	3,300
Mount Democrat	14,148	Easy	6	6	3,300
Mount Bross	14,172	Easy	6	6	3,300
Mount Sherman	14,036	Easy	8	6	3,000
Sawatch Range (chain running 85 miles south from Mount of the Holy Cross to Pocha Pass)					
Mt. of the Holy Cross	14,005	Moderate	14	12	4,500
Mount Massive	14,421	Moderate	8	10	4,100
Mount Elbert	14,433	Moderate	11	11	4,400
La Plata Peak	14,336	Moderate	8	9	4,200
Mount Oxford	14,153	Moderate	6	8	4,800
Mount Bellford	14,197	Moderate	6	8	4,500
Missouri Mount	14,067	Moderate	9	8	4,400
Huron Peak	14,005	Moderate	8	8	3,800
Mount Harvard	14,420	Moderate	6	9	4,800
Mount Columbia	14,073	Moderate	6	9	4,800
Mount Yale	14,196	Moderate	6	9	4,400
Mount Princeton	14,197	Moderate	7	11	5,500
Mount Antero	14,269	Moderate	8	8	3,300
Mount Shavano	14,229	Moderate	8	9	4,200
Tabeguache Mount	14,155	Moderate	8	9	4,200

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Elk Range (arm extending westward from Independence Pass area to Redstone)

Castle Peak	14,265	Moderate	13	12	4,400
Snowmass Peak	14,092	Moderate	4	7	3,100

Sangre De Cristo Range (chain running 75 miles south-southeast from Salida to Ft. Garland)

Humboldt Peak	14,064	Easy	4	5	2,600
Mount Lindsay	14,042	Moderate	7	9	4,100
Blanca Peak	14,345	Moderate	9	11	3,800

Culebra Range (chain running south from La Veta Pass into New Mexico)

Culebra Peak	14,069	Moderate	12	10	4,700
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San Juan Mountains (running 50 miles west from La Garita - Cochetopa Hills Junction through Lake City to Ouray plus Sneffels Massive)

San Luis Peak	14,014	Moderate	8	9	3,600
Uncompahgre Peak	14,309	Moderate	12	10	3,900
Redcloud Peak	14,034	Moderate	8	8	4,100
Sunshine Peak	14,001	Moderate	8	8	4,100
Handies Peak	14,048	Easy	8	7	3,600
Mount Sneffels	14,150	Moderate	9	9	3,600

Needle Mountains (running 7 miles south to form the dividing line between the Vallecito and the Animas south of Silverton)

Windom Peak	14,087	Moderate	6	8	3,700
Sunlight Peak	14,059	Moderate	6	8	3,700