

THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB. The AzMC's membership totaled 518 at year-end 2001. Much of the club's volunteer administrative effort went into reviewing and updating club policies and guidelines, and considering various risk management issues. The club graduated 81 individuals through its Basic Rock School, 56 through its Anchors and Advanced Ropework School, and 31 through its Lead School. A similar number of "assistant instructors" returned to help teach these courses. In addition, over 20 members took Basic Ice Climbing, and 12 joined club-sponsored multi-pitch ice climbing outings.

The basic snow skills class, Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue, was again replete with 20 AzMC'ers hanging over imaginary crevasses, but on real snow anchors built by student teams. Other special interest offerings in Map and Compass, Wilderness First Aid, and Basic Survival attracted significant participation.

The club continued its tradition of volunteerism with members spending many hours picking up trash in the Queen Creek area and at the Grand Canyon. Volunteers also helped introduce local Hispanic youth organizations to rock climbing.

The club continues to monitor local access issues and has been involved in the forefront of such issues across Arizona. In the near future the City of Scottsdale is expected to open Pinnacle Peak Park, a mainstay in the portfolio of local granite cragging available under the desert sun.

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AAC, CENTRAL ROCKIES SECTION. The principal 2001 activities of the Central Rockies Section are highlighted as follows:

January: The Section donated \$300 to the Ice Climbers Festival at Ouray, CO. Members provided support services as belayers. This event has assembled ice climbers from all over the world and introduced many neophytes to the wonderful world of sport-ice climbing in a generally safe environment just a walk from the hotel. Our Section also has assisted with the Chix With Pix program.

March: The Section donated \$500 to the Central Asia Institute. This organization helps provide schools for girls and sanitation construction projects for the Balti people of central Pakistan. Greg Mortenson has led the world and climbers to the doorstep of the Balti people in a grand thank-you effort to their porters of so many expeditions.

June: Visiting climber Jeff Alzner from Portland, OR, gave three slide shows in Golden, Boulder, and Fort Collins, CO, as a Section benefit. His program was a retrospective of his 2000 attempt on the north ridge of K2. Along with corporate sponsorship from Polartec and Cody Ice, we hosted the main event at the American Mountaineering Center. It was a big success with money raised to support Section activities throughout the year.

July: The 14th annual International Climber's Festival was held in Lander, WY. This is the fourth year we've attended and supported this summer fun festival. Many AAC members