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Certification Summit: An Inside Look

On October 7 - 11, 2014, the CWA hosted its first members-only Certification Summit at the new Petzl Technical Institute in Utah. The Certification Summit was aimed at providing re-certification, new certification, discussion, and clinics for current CWA members. Attendees from 17 organizations and 3 countries joined us for a week of certification, networking, and the occasional [climbing equipment pull test](#).

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Ladder Safety: 5 Helpful Tips

From route setting to rescues and general maintenance, ladders are widely used in climbing facilities. Many ladder safety recommendations, practices, and regulations (primarily from OSHA) are common sense measures, but it is always a good idea to re-examine your facility's practices and see where you can improve. Here are five ladder safety tips to help you minimize risks.

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2015 Summit Dates Announced

The CWA is proud to announce that the 9th annual Climbing Wall Summit will be held on May 28-30, 2015 in Boulder, CO. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the year's only gathering of the climbing wall industry. We are looking forward to another year of networking, certification, education, and new products!

[About the Summit >](#)

Committee Updates

This fall the CWA has convened two volunteer committees to update the Industry Practices publication and launch the first ever industry compensation study. Here's what they are up to:

Industry Practices Committee

Our committee of 15 CWA members and staff is working through the previous edition of the Industry Practices to identify, revise, and update the publication and its annexes. An updated edition will be published in 2015. Be on the lookout for an industry-wide survey regarding common practices making its way to your inbox in the next few months. Make sure to participate!

Compensation Survey Committee

An ad hoc survey committee has been created to help tackle the creation and distribution of the first study on compensation practices across our industry. The survey is in preliminary testing and will be released this winter after receiving several rounds of testing and review. Industry participation is critical to the success and accuracy of the resulting report, so please provide your input to the survey!