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# Lines: The CWA Newsletter

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## Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is officially spring, the early flowers are coming up and we are preparing for the annual Climbing Wall Summit. Early registration was phenomenal this year. No doubt our members have decided the Summit is an essential part of their annual itinerary, and have chosen to save a little money by registering early. Regular registration is now open, be sure to register well before the next deadline which is April 17th, 2009. Also, please note that our reserved hotel room block will be released to the public Friday, March 27th. If you have not made a hotel room reservation, please call the Outlook at 800-542-0304 or 303-443-3322.

The public review and comment period for the CWA Specification for the Structural Inspection of Artificial Climbing Structures has concluded successfully. The new inspection specification is the first of its kind in the world for climbing walls. The document is in production and will be available in the products and services area of our site shortly. Members will be able to select this publication at the time of their renewal. Thanks very much to those of you who participated by submitting comments, your help is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we would like to thank our conference sponsors and exhibitors: Stratus Insurance Services, Walltopia, Nicros, Rockwerx, Petzl, Asana, Trango, and So iLL...

Regards,

Bill Zimmermann,  
Executive Director

## Summit Sponsors

The CWA is pleased to announce the return of several sponsors for the 2009 Climbing Wall Summit. Once again, Stratus Insurance Services, Inc. is a top-level sponsor.

Walltopia, Nicros, and Rockwerx have signed on as "Belay Partner" sponsors. Petzl has signed on as a "Spotting Sponsor." Exhibitors this year include Asana Climbing, Trango, Egrips, Flashed, PMI and So iLL Holds who have designed a CWA climbing hold that will be featured at the 2009 Climbing Wall Summit!

All of our sponsors and exhibitors will be honored at the opening reception on April 30th, immediately following Chris Warner's keynote speech.

The CWA is still currently taking applications for exhibitors only. To download an application, visit our Exhibitor page.

The next deadline for registration is April 17, 2009. Register today!

The 2009 Climbing Wall Summit will take place April 30-May 3 at the Boulder Outlook Hotel in Boulder, Colorado.

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## Stratus Offers Summit Scholarship

Stratus Insurance Services, Inc. of American Fork, Utah has once again generously sponsored a scholarship program for the CWA Climbing Wall Summit! Stratus has offered to fund five scholarships to the conference for members to benefit from this professional development opportunity.

Stratus Insurance Services will offer scholarships to CWA Members who otherwise might not be able to attend the conference. Awards are based on financial need, membership status, professional development considerations, and potential to affect the climbing public's safety. Any person employed by a current member is encouraged to apply. There will be one award per company/organization. If you received a conference scholarship last year, you are not eligible this year but are welcome to apply again in 2010.

Scholarship applicants will be notified on a rolling basis until all awards have been granted. Scholarships will be awarded to cover the conference registration fee. Scholarships do not fund travel, food, lodging, or other incidental expenses associated with attending the conference.

We encourage you to apply now! You can find the scholarship information and application here. The scholarship application deadline is April 3rd 2009! And, remember the next conference registration deadline is April 17th!

## **The Spot Gym Seeks New Head Coach**

Come live and play in Boulder, CO, the climbing capital of the USA. Teach and train at the nation's premier bouldering facility.

The Spot Gym is looking for someone to supervise and train up to six coaches, manage youth programs for up to 45 children, coordinate and create curriculum and training plans for two junior teams, and coach advanced adult clients.

Prerequisites:

Must be able to work 30-40 hours/week

Professional climber (prefer AMGA cert.)

Min. 5 years coaching experience

Proven management ability

Organization skills (create calenders, spreadsheets, reports and budgets)

Salary negotiable: starting at \$18k

Apply to:

The Spot Bouldering Gym and Climbing School

3240 Prairie Ave.

Boulder CO 80304

[climbingschool@thespotgym.com](mailto:climbingschool@thespotgym.com)

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## **Movement seeks Assistant Manager**

Boulder's newest climbing gym, Movement Climbing + Fitness, is now hiring an assistant manager. The primary responsibility will be to manage all aspects of the front desk including but not limited to scheduling, staffing, tracking staff, orders, and budgets.

Duties include:

Managing the front desk

Membership

Communication between Movement and the membership base

Monitoring and creating collateral and disseminated information for members and potential members

Helping to manage the overall schedule and programming at the facility

Exhibiting exceptional customer service skills at all times

Creating progress updates on a Quarterly basis to the General Manager  
Creating and submitting budgets on a Quarterly basis for the front desk to General Manager  
Salary is dependant on applicant's experience

For application and more information email:

[info@movementboulder.com](mailto:info@movementboulder.com)

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## Member Profile: Climb Iowa

Climb Iowa opened its doors for business on November 10, 2008 in the Des Moines, Iowa metro area. With over 10,000 square feet of climbing surface, Climb Iowa is the largest climbing and training center in Iowa and is housed in a building designed to help our environment.

A few "green" highlights include: natural day lighting; southern exposure windows; geothermal heating and cooling; radiant in-floor heat; perimeter radiant fin-tube heat; high efficiency lighting with occupancy sensors; low water flow plumbing fixtures; and recycled building materials.

The geothermal system is ideal for cold winters. There are 24 wells that run 200 feet under the parking lot that supply water to the geothermal heating and cooling system. Climb Iowa has fin-tube radiant heating between the climbing wall and the outside wall, and the concrete floor features radiant heat.

"We wanted to make sure when you reached the top of our wall, you didn't have a hot fan blowing on you," says General Manager Aaron Stevens. "We realized how efficient the building was when the temperature dropped to 5 degrees outside and it was 70 degrees inside. That might not sound that impressive, but the thermostat was set on 66 degrees."

Designed by Leading Edge Climb Walls, Climb Iowa boasts 33 top rope stations which feature slab, vertical, overhanging terrain, as well as stems, cracks, a sculpted arête, a lay-back, a free-standing top-out boulder, and a hueco route.

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**About the Climbing Wall Association, Inc. (CWA).** The CWA is a 501(c)(06), non-profit, trade association incorporated in May of 2003 for manufacturers of climbing wall equipment, builders of climbing walls, operators of climbing walls, and others involved in the climbing industry.

The CWA is the only trade association addressing the needs and interests of the climbing wall industry and climbing wall operators. The mission of the Climbing Wall Association is to support the growth, health and independence of the climbing wall industry, and to promote the sport of climbing.