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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to all of our loyal sponsors, exhibitors, and members who have supported the Climbing Wall Summit. The 2010 summit is shaping up to be the best conference yet.

If you have been affected by the MSA recall and you have registered for the Summit, you are in for some great surprises. You'll have to attend to find out about some of the most exciting developments in auto belays, new products, and new distributors. Perhaps even some raffle items...

We have some great pre-conference offerings this year. There has been one price change, Rockwerx has generously donated the cost of the Climbing Gym Start-up pre-conference. The session is now free of charge.

The regular registration deadline for the Climbing Wall Summit is April 16, 2010. Current members get significant conference discounts. You can access the registration page [here](#).

You can find links to all of our sponsors and exhibitors [here](#).

Register today and we'll see you in Boulder!

Sincerely,

Bill Zimmermann,
Executive Director

Next registration deadline April 16, 2010

Registration for the 2010 Climbing Wall Summit is open, and regular registration will close shortly. After this walk-in rates apply.

You can register for the Summit [HERE](#).

Event Spotlight

The 2010 Climbing Wall Summit is shaping up to be the largest conference since the Summit started four years ago. Registration is up and almost 20 companies have committed to sponsoring or exhibiting.

The CWA Sponsor Reception will take place in the UMC after Chris Danielson's keynote speech on Thursday evening. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served until 10 pm.

Friday night, Eldorado Climbing Walls will be teaming with the Boulder Rock Club for happy hour from 6:30-8:30. Bring your climbing shoes!

The finals for the Battle in the Bubble by The Spot Gym will take place from 6-9 pm on Saturday evening at the Boulder Reservoir. This is the first time The Spot has hosted a professional competition outdoors. Conference attendees will have the added benefit of being able to network and relax inside the CWA tent at the reservoir. After the finals, attendees can head back to Boulder for an evening out.

Finally, after all the workshops are complete, conference attendees will be able to participate in the closing raffle and giveaway. Several companies, including Prana, The North Face/Planet Explore and Mountain Khakis have already committed with product donations. Petzl has graciously donated a Freino auto-locking carabiner, a Grigri, a Nomad Rope 9.8mmx70m, a Meteor Helmet, Spirit Express quickdraws and Tikka XP² Headlamp.

Spectrum Sports Int'l will be raffling off a Generation 4 AB32 auto belay system. Tickets will be \$5 for the Basecamp raffle and \$10 for the Summit raffle.

You must be present to win.

Wampler Foundation Reaches New Heights

Stephen Wampler isn't letting cerebral palsy prevent him from scaling the 3,000 feet of El Capitan this fall. For the past seven months, Wampler has been training for the climb and is gaining national

attention. Because he is wheelchair bound, Wampler will have to complete the climb by performing pull-ups. In 2005, Sean O'Neill, brother of the notorious professional climber Timmy O'Neill climbed the Space Route of El Cap the same way with the aid of his brother and professional climber Cedar Wright.

When Wampler was nine, he attended Camp Nejedly, a camp designed for children with physical disabilities. The camp closed in 1992 but the Wampler's reopened the camp. Wampler hopes that by completing this climb he will be able to raise enough funds to ensure the survival of the camp that did so much for him as a child.

"This will be our seventh summer," Elizabeth Wampler, Stephen's wife said. "The kids get to canoe, fish, hike. We have survivor challenges and cookouts and we even pan for gold."

The Wampler Foundation has helped hundreds of children and their efforts have been noticed by national media and celebrities. Ellen DeGeneres, Will Ferrell and Will Forte have all lent their support to the foundation in various ways.

For more information on the Wampler Foundation, visit www.wamplerfoundation.org.

Flashed brings Accelerometer to 2010 Climbing Wall Summit

Flashed is coming to the 2010 Climbing Wall Summit and will be bringing plenty of goodies for conference attendees. During the Demystifying Flooring workshop on Saturday morning, Flashed President and CEO Mark Fraser and owner Walson Tai will demonstrate the Accelerometer, "a device that measures the acceleration experienced relative to freefall."

According to an email from Flashed, "In climbing terms this device will measure the G-Forces felt by a climber when landing on a mat or flooring system. However, to replicate this Flashed has custom made an Accelerometer that uses a head-form to measure the G-Forces when it is dropped. This is why a head-form is used, currently there are no requirements for flooring specifications but the standard for impact safety is to protect the head."

Keith Nalepa, an employee of Flashed wrote, "The car industry and children's playground industry use an Accelerometer for testing and have created an ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standard for measurement. Flashed methods are based on their requirements.

"This information gathered from Accelerometer testing will give a quantity to determine if a flooring system is performing up to its potential. It goes beyond how a flooring system "feels" which would normally be how to evaluate performance, durability, and safety. This evidence will allow gym owners / managers to make informed decision to replace, alter, or keep their flooring system and to perform due diligence."

Summit Sponsor Profile: Walltopia

Since 1998, Walltopia has produced some of the finest quality artificial climbing walls around the world. Originally founded in Bulgaria by Ivaylo Penchev and Metin Musov, Walltopia opened Walltopia USA, Inc., headed by Travis Mashin in California.

Walltopia's unique structures, including "The Eye," featured at the 2009 Summer Outdoor Retailer Show have made the company a favorite among competition routesetters. This year, Walltopia will unveil "The Bubble" at The Spot Bouldering Gym's first outdoor bouldering competition. Later this year, Walltopia will unveil their latest feat: the largest commercial climbing gym in North America located in Atlanta, Georgia. At 30,000 sq ft, Stone Summit will feature climbs from 25 feet to over 60 feet in height with plenty of top rope, lead climbing, cracks, and world class bouldering to keep any climber entertained.

Innovation has been, and continues to be the driving force at Walltopia with new industry trends like Flat Underhold technology, triangle-based walls, ultra-realistic Rocktopia, GRP Unique Triangles, 3D Curves, Modular Approach, and Facelift Technology.

Walltopia provides a complete climbing wall service including design, production, and installation.

The CWA thanks them for participating as one of our "Summit Sponsors."

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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.