



# Lines

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## Intro

You spoke, we listened. We are making improvements to CWA member programs and the Climbing Wall Summit based on your responses from the 2012 Member Needs Assessment. As the industry's only trade organization, CWA is constantly pursuing methods to better protect and serve you and your business.

After positive feedback on Boulder as the Summit host city, we have decided to bring the event back for a seventh year. The 2013 Climbing Wall Summit will be May 30 - June 1 on the campus of CU Boulder. I think you will be pleased with this year's improvements.

Sincerely,  
Bill Zimmermann, CEO  
Climbing Wall Association

## 2013 Climbing Wall Summit Dates Announced

Back for a 7th year, the 2013 Climbing Wall Summit will be **May 30 - June 1** on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder. Join experts from across our industry at the only professional development conference for climbing wall professionals.

## The Perfect Gym

At this year's Climbing Wall Summit, Dougald MacDonald discussed the sometimes adversarial relationship between outdoor climbers and indoor climbing gyms. To help bridge this gap, he presented ways to tweak the climbing gym experience to make it a more central and enjoyable part of climbers' lives. Check out his wish list: [The Perfect Gym](#)

## Certification Offerings

The CWA's certification program includes Climbing Wall Instructor (CWI) and Climbing Wall Instructor Provider certifications. Here is an upcoming certification opportunity:

October 27-28, Rock Sport Reno, Reno, NV (CWI) Contact: [Paul](#)

If you would like your CWI course announced in our newsletter, please [email](#) us. For more information on CWA certification programs, click [here](#).

## Colorado Regulatory Changes

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Division of Oil and Public Safety plans to propose changes to the current regulations for Amusement Rides and Devices. A link to the summary of proposed changes is posted on the CDLE web site [here](#). If you would like to review the current regulations you can find a link [here](#).

A hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday October 25, 2012 at the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment 633 17th St. Room 2A Denver, CO 80202 to discuss the proposed changes. CWA will have a representative at the hearing.

## Massachusetts Public Hearing Notice

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Safety has released a notice of public hearing that will be held on November 28, 2012 at 10 a.m. at One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA concerning a [new law](#) that allows the Department to assess monetary fines for violations of certain statutes and regulations related to amusements as an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings. Climbing walls are currently regulated as amusements in Massachusetts. The Department has drafted new regulations, [520 CMR 1](#), that establish issuance of these fines by Department personnel. The CWA will have a representative at the hearing.

## Job Openings

### **Student Services Specialist - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

This position will provide leadership in overseeing the Climbing Program and, in particular, the management of the two indoor climbing walls. [See More](#)

### **Project Manager - Walltopia USA**

Walltopia USA, Inc. is looking for a qualified, energetic, Project Manager. Email resume and cover letter to [travis@walltopia.com](mailto:travis@walltopia.com).