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Intro

Regulatory changes in Massachusetts and Colorado have kept us busy over the past month. We routinely intervene in efforts to regulate the sport of climbing under existing amusement statutes and represent industry interests at regulatory hearings nationwide.

We recently set the dates for the 2013 Summit and are excited to announce a new format with topic-grouped tracks. A few of the new content offerings include content for universities, those starting climbing gyms, and an advanced practitioner forum. We hope that you will consider joining us.

The Summit sponsorship application process is now open. Please contact us if your organization would like to show its support for the climbing industry through Summit sponsorship or exhibiting at the conference.

Sincerely,
Bill Zimmermann, CEO
Climbing Wall Association

2013 Climbing Wall Summit Call for Proposals

The call for session proposals for the 2013 Climbing Wall Summit is open. Last year, over 30 experts presented on topics such as risk management, legal liability, email marketing, crisis communication, programming and marketing. Over 300 industry experts took advantage of conference sessions at the 2012 Summit. To find out more about the competitive selection process or to submit a proposal, [click here](#).

Member Spotlight: True North Climbing

After leaving the software industry, John Gross decided to make a big change. The product of this change is Toronto's True North Climbing Gym. Gross, who likens opening a gym to having a baby, has grown True North into an established facility with a wide variety of service offerings. We recently caught up with John to get his perspective on True North and all things climbing.

[Read the full interview](#)

Certification Offerings

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

- **November 12-13**, Vertical Endeavors, Minneapolis, MN (CWI) [more info](#)
- **December 15**, Higher Ground Climbing Centre, Grand Rapids, MI (CWI) [more info](#)
- **January 15-16**, Vertical Endeavors, Minneapolis, MN (CWI) [more info](#)

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

Eldorado Climbing Walls Signs on as First 2013 Summit Sponsor

CWA is pleased to announce that Eldorado Climbing Walls has become the first sponsor for the 2013 Climbing Wall Summit. The Lead level sponsor package includes a CWA membership, product presentation, and preferred location of their 20x10 exhibit hall booth.

To receive sponsor and exhibitor information, [email us](#)
For more information on Eldorado Climbing Walls, [click here](#)

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.