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Spring Training May 18-19

Save May 18th and 19th for our second annual Spring Training event. This 2 day event is a requirement for all new volunteers. We will spend one half day in the classroom getting an in-depth understanding of Leave No Trace principles. We will pop our tents for an over-night and then hit the trails to put our Leave No Trace education to work by taking part in an experiential hike with simulated backcountry encounters.

We will have trail-building demonstrations, an introduction to invasive species and a preview of our new website and technology tools. We'll even teach you how to use map, compass and GPS.

The training will take place at the US Forest Service Ranch and timber near Shawnee, Colorado. We'll give you all of the specifics when we confirm your participation.

Want to join us? email us at volunteer@fomelc.org. You can also visit our [website](#) to volunteer and pay your 2013 annual dues.



**PRE-SEASON KICK-OFF PARTY
Saturday, May 4th**

We want to get everyone - old salts and new volunteers alike - off to a great start this season. So, we want you all to join us at a pre-season bash.

We'll be showing the fabulous Aldo Leopold documentary, "Green Fire" and will be rolling out our calendar for the 2013 season.

Food, drink, stories and new friends. All that and a gear swap. What more could you want?

Whether you plan to be on the trail this summer or just see if this is a group that fits your personality, we'd love to see you.

We're finalizing the exact location based on the number of attendees. We'll be in the Golden area and will finalize the spot soon.

Contact us a mike@fomelc.org if you'd like to attend.