Welcome to the Guild of Rocky Mountain Ecologists and Evolutionary Biologists (GREEBs) Conference, September 6-8, 2019

Welcome & Check In
Before you arrive, please check out our “What to Bring” webpage: http://www.rmbl.org/conferencesgroups/what-to-bring-to-gothic/. For example, we do not provide linens or pillows. Please keep in mind that temperatures will drop below freezing at night and it could snow during this time of the year so you will want to pack warm clothes. Please bring or purchase your own towel, soap and shampoo.

Check in is on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 1:30pm - 5:00pm in the Board room of the billy barr community center. At this time, the administrative staff will give you a brief tour of the facilities. Dinner is at 6:00pm. If you plan to arrive after 5:00pm, please make prior arrangements with the administrative office by contacting office@rmbl.org. In September it usually gets dark around 7:30pm and we do not recommend that people unfamiliar with the site arrive after dark.

If you are giving a talk, please bring your presentations on a thumbdrive compatible with a PC as a Powerpoint (ideal) or PDF to be uploaded during check in on Friday, September 6th.

All events will take place in the billy barr community center.

As a reminder, pets are NOT allowed at RMBL and RMBL is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is allowed on the county road only.

Research Hikes, Friday, September 6, 2019
RMBL scientists will offer free research hikes on Friday, September 6, 2019 starting at 2:30pm. Meet outside the billy barr community center.

- Hike and Tour of Bee and Wildflower Meadows led by Dr. Rebecca Irwin.
- Exploring caddis flies and/or salamanders in an East River Valley pond led by Dr. Scott Wissinger.
- Tour of Gothic and History of Field Stations led by Dr. Ian Billick.
- Warming Experiment and Research Laboratory led by Dr. Jennifer Reithel.

Parking & Travel within Gothic
Long-term research is spread throughout the town site, often next to cabins, driveways, and parking areas. Because of the number of research sites please only walk on established pathways.

All vehicles must remain on designated roads and be parked in the designated main parking lots. You may unload and load by your cabin, but then park in one of the designated parking lots.
lots. A parking map is enclosed in this handout. To provide a safe environment within Gothic, please drive at a speed limit of 10 miles per hour.

**Meals Served in the billy barr community center:**
- Breakfast 7 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
- Lunch 12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Dinner 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Food will be served during the first 30 minutes of a meal. Participants are welcome to stay longer after the food is served.

**Quiet Hours**
Quiet hours are Midnight on Friday and Saturday nights and 10 pm on Sunday nights and other weekdays. RMBL has quiet hours, as onsite scientists will need to get up early in the morning to do research.

**Internet & Phones**
Please connect any devices to the RMBL-Net wireless network (password: rmblscience). For help email helpdesk@rmbl.org. Unless you have wi-fi calling or the ability to skype, there is no cell phone reception in Gothic; there is service in the nearby towns of Mt. Crested Butte and Crested Butte.

**Water & Shower House**
If your cabin does not have water, you can fill your jugs at the following locations:
- Shower House (indoor)
- Gates (outdoor: spigot)
- Maroon Cabin (outdoor: spigot on front deck)
- billy barr community center (Indoor: servery)

People without working showers in their cabins can shower in the Shower House. Please bring your own towel, soap and shampoo.

**Cleaning Shed & Outhouses**
Participants are responsible for cleaning their own cabin during their stay (no maid service). Cleaning supplies, such as multi-purpose cleaner, paper towels, and a mop are available in the cleaning shed just outside of the Johnson Lab across from the Administrative Building. The cleaning shed also has supplies, such as batteries, snap traps to catch mice, and lightbulbs.

You can find toilet paper in the laundry room inside the Shower House. Please remember to close the lid and shut the door when exiting the outhouse. Also, do not throw any foreign objects (feminine products, condoms, etc.) into the outhouses.
Recycling Shed & Dumpsters
- Trash dumpsters are near the Maintenance Shop (west of town) and the Johnson Lab (east of town). Be sure to close the lid and secure the bar;
- The recycling shed is located on the main road to the right between the Visitor Center and the Community Center. Recycling instructions are posted in the recycling shed. In one set of bins we recycle broken down cardboard & paper; in the other bin we recycle clean plastics, cans, tins, & glass. No trash please.

Be Bear Aware
Use proper bear etiquette. Please properly dispose of food and trash in the bear-proof dumpsters. Please do not dispose of food in cans without bear-proof lids, or in the recycling shed. Refrain from leaving food or trash in your vehicle or outside. If you see a bear, please leave it alone. Do not leave food in your cabin when you check out. They will break into empty cabins.

Cleaning Cabins
Please check out of your cabin on the day of your departure by 11 am. You are responsible for cleaning your cabin before departure. A cleaning charge of $45/hour will be billed to you, if cabins are not properly cleaned. RMBL reserves the right to recover damages to cabins.

To clean your cabin, please do the following: Trash goes in the dumpsters; Recycling goes in recycling shed; Fires must be put completely out, or electric space heaters must be turned off; Floors must be swept or mopped; Surfaces must be wiped; Leftover food should be thrown away and refrigerator should be cleaned.

Visitor Center
Check out RMBL’s informative Visitor Center & Store on Gothic road between 10 am – 4 pm seven days/week.

Emergencies
- Health & Safety: CALL 911; Phones with land lines are located in Willey Lab building (Administration Offices); Visitor Center 10am-4pm daily; billy barr community center (in the board room or the kitchen)
- Water or Gas Leak: Shut off water or gas, if possible, and email RMBL staff at: utility@rmbl.org

Questions?
Please email Gesa Michel (admin@rmbl.org) with your questions. For more information go to our website at www.rmbl.org.