



## Duluth Climbing & Fitness Co-op: Progress Update

Hello everyone! We hope these fall sending temps have helped everyone on their projects! We know you're looking forward to hearing how things are going, so here's a small update for you!

### Build Out and Permitting

Currently, we are in the permitting process for getting our gym built. While this involves a few tedious steps, we're confident we'll be able to start framing out the walls soon! Here is the process at a glance:

- Need structural engineer to sign off on wall design(**we are here**)
- Designs need to be approved by the City of Duluth
- Designs need to be approved by the Fire Marshall

But no worries! While we've been awaiting structural engineer sign off, we've still gotten a few things done thanks to our hard working board members!

1. We built the ramp! This ramp will allow a safe falling surface and transition to the "stage" area - the raised flooring has utility pipes underneath so it cannot be removed.
2. The campus board is hung! Recycling steel pipes from the previous tenant's pull-up bars, we were able to make a pretty sweet suspended setup! Rest assured, you'll be able to train your hearts out when the gym opens.



### A Note for Volunteers

A few community members have voiced their concerns about volunteering and not feeling included during volunteer opportunities. Please understand that while we are grateful for your help, we are still a small operation and occasionally details fall through the cracks. Additionally, at times there are tasks that do not require many hands at all, in which case our functioning board takes care of such tasks. Regardless, we are working on getting systems in place that will be as inclusive as possible for those who wish to volunteer, and not to fear, there are plenty of volunteer-heavy days in our future! Lastly, we want to emphasize how much we appreciate this community's drive to help our cause! We wouldn't be where we are without all of you.

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If you are a photographer or artist, we want to feature your photos or artwork in our newsletter! We're looking for any seasonal landscape and/or climbing photos, and will give due credit when representing your work. Spread the love! Please send us an email at: [climb@duluthclimbingandfitness.com](mailto:climb@duluthclimbingandfitness.com)

*The DCFC board would like to say WELCOME to those new to this newsletter, and new to the concept of Duluth Climbing & Fitness Cooperative. We are glad to have you on board! We hope you enjoy the content and get STOKED! Please pass this newsletter along and help grow our community. Thank you.*

**Mission:** Duluth Climbing and Fitness Co-op is a member owned bouldering gym. Our mission is to create an inclusive indoor climbing space that promotes health, community growth, and skill improvement. Members will be encouraged to participate in all aspects of the gym, as well as supported in creating routes, teaching courses, and starting clubs. The Co-op's fundamental goal is inclusivity.