

## Spring has Sprung...or has it?

With the warm temps surprising all of us a bit early this year, we here at DCFC are feeling some serious gladness, and hope you are, too. Some community members have even been able to get on real rock, which we couldn't be more stoked about! Whether its balmy days at Palisade, local boulders radiating heat from the exceptionally warm sun, or brushing off your favorite project still encompassed by snow and shade in preparation for the season to come, we encourage everyone to get out and enjoy this



beautiful weather - after a long pandemic winter, it really is the breath of fresh air we all deserve! And with that...do we have some exciting news for you!



## **Pretty Strong: Fundraiser Event**

While we secure our gym location, there are other things we can work towards as a cooperative. One of these things is funding our gym! Our first fundraising event will be held Friday, April 23rd in the The Back Alley parking lot in Lincoln Park. We will be hosting the film event *Pretty Strong*, with a raffle to follow afterwards. The film

will be projected onto a big screen on the side of the Ursa Minor building. The capacity of the event will be limited due to COVID-19 precautions, so be sure to watch for our April newsletter so you can claim your spot! We'll have suggested donation, and we will be accepting cash or electronic payment at the time of admission. Mark it down on your calendars! We know this will be a great event, and hope you can come!

Film Synopsis: "From 5.13 big walls in Yosemite to 5.14 sport climbs in Mexico to V14 boulder problems in Colorado, Pretty Strong follows eight of the world's strongest female climbers as they explore new climbing areas, send hard projects, and push the boundaries of the sport and themselves." -Never Not Collective

## **Member Buy-In**

During our fundraiser event, we'll have the opportunity for you to become a part of the co-op right then and there! The member/owner buy in will allow you to participate in voting on issues brought to you by the board, voting for board members in elections, and having the cool title of "Founding Member" of the Duluth Climbing and Fitness Cooperative! When attending the *Pretty Strong* fundraiser event, be sure to look for the Member/Owner Buy-In table!

Visit our website

**Community Spotlight:** If you or someone you know has recently had personal achievements in any climbing or fitness-related activity, or have gone on a unique and exciting adventure, let us know! We'd love to feature you and recognize your hard work and adventurous spirit. Email us at: <a href="mailto:climb@duluthclimbingandfitness.com">climb@duluthclimbingandfitness.com</a>

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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: <a href="mailto:climb@duluthclimbingandfitness.com">climb@duluthclimbingandfitness.com</a>

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.