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How all this started? Where and When? For you to understand better about this young club...

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This first season has been very busy. More than expected, maybe too much? Big thanks for your trust and to the LTC volunteers!

Summer 2018

Dates for the coming courses, BBQ, aperitif, suggestion, event, contacts for financial partners or equipment...



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The first stages took place according to an idea of the Marion Poitevin guide in summer 2017. She supervised the young women mountaineering teams: GFHM Haute Montagne Women's Group and GAF74 Groupe Alpinisme Féminin Haute-Savoie. For these 2 groups of 8 places each, the FFCAM received 60 applications. At the same time, she was godmother of the Girls To The Top association, which brought together 200 members in 5 years.

Everything suggested that there were still needs for women in the mountains.

Niels Martin, deputy director of the FFCAM French Federation of Mountain Clubs (or CAF) suggested us to create a club. Indeed, for 10 years, the FFCAM has followed a policy of feminization of mountain sports, driven by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Aurélie Pujado, participant on one of the first courses, accepts the role of president. Marie-





Numbers...

- 40% female members FFCAM
- less 10% supervisors
- 2% female mountain guides
- 53 LTC members
- 20 days out with guide
- 100 people in the Facebook group

Laure Geai, enthusiastic by this initiative, proposes secretary. Denis Poitevin, Marion Poitevin's dad, accepts the role of treasurer. The General Assembly in early December puts all this on paper: Lead the Climb is officially a new club FFCAM!

The FFCAM has 40% of female members. But less than 10% of supervisors. And 2% of women guides in France. Today, women clearly want to learn, to be together in the mountains and to gain autonomy. Women in the mountains do not just want to hike. Your message is clear!

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In 3.5 months: 53 members, 20 training sessions with guides . The courses offered: ice climbing, ski touring, ski mountaineering, off-piste skiing. With guides Caroline Georges (2 days), Elsie Trichot (4 days), Gaëlle Maystre (6 days), Sarah Blanc (2 days) and Marion Poitevin (6 days)

Given the success of the GFHM, GAF74 or GTTT groups, LTC thought that women would be interested, but far from imagining this great result! Again thank you for your motivation, no members, LTC does not exist.

From where sometimes the delays of answers, the concerns of organization, the questions sometimes without answers.



To remember...

- 2 newers: Flavie Reynaud et Cyndie Morand
- The International Book Fair 10-12 of August
- « Grimpeuses », 15 of September, www.grimpeuses.com
- Idea box open in the Facebook group "Lead the Climb Group"

Thousand excuses. Congratulations to the entire team of LTC, Marie-Laure, Aurélie, Denis and Marion for having managed voluntarily, without experience in this area. Thanks to our 2 newers, Flavie Reynaud and Cyndie Morand, the secretariat and the communication will gain in efficiency. The more LTC membership, the more guides will be able to fill their groups, offer various internships and in other regions. Talk about it, you are the best ambassadors of LTC! And we do care having an international team !!

Summer 2018

Several dates are already on the website and the Facebook page: **sport climbing** with Martina Cufar, **mountaineering** in Chamonix and La Grave with Marion Poitevin and Caroline Georges.

Other dates arrive: **multi pitch routes** in the Calanques with Estelle Dal Agnol or in Chamonix with Eliza Sprecher.

The International Book Fair of Mountain in Passy, 10-12 of August, has this year theme "Women and the Mountain" and for godmother Martine Rolland, first woman guide in Europe in 1983. So obviously, LTC has its place on this event. If you are interested in hosting the FFCAM stand, talking about LTC and visiting the show, please send an email to info@leadtheclimb.com

Professional climber Caroline Ciavaldini wants to share her passion with other women. LTC is a partner of the "**Grimpeuses**" rally, 15 of September in Nîmes. 12 spots are booked for LTC members. A package event+climbing day is on his way. More information on the website www.grimpeuses.com

BBQ+climb in les Gaillands, date is to confirm.

The idea box is open in the Facebook group "Lead the Climb Group". Propose your internship needs, meeting desires, search for rope partners, climbs ideas, contacts with financial partners or equipment, cocktail dates ...

See you soon in the mountains!