On October 3, 2026, Jason, Kari, Patrick, and Steffany travelled to Winnipeg for some indoor bouldering at The Hive.

After getting shoes fitted and learning how to fall, we began with some warm up boulders and began to explore the various routes.

Soon after we got adventurous and started looking for challenging climbs. We tried multiple variations of the yellow problem below, from a run and jump to a static balance move, with no one figuring out the beta to get to the top!



Next, following our adventurous spirit, we went to the overhanging routes. These require much power rather than technique.





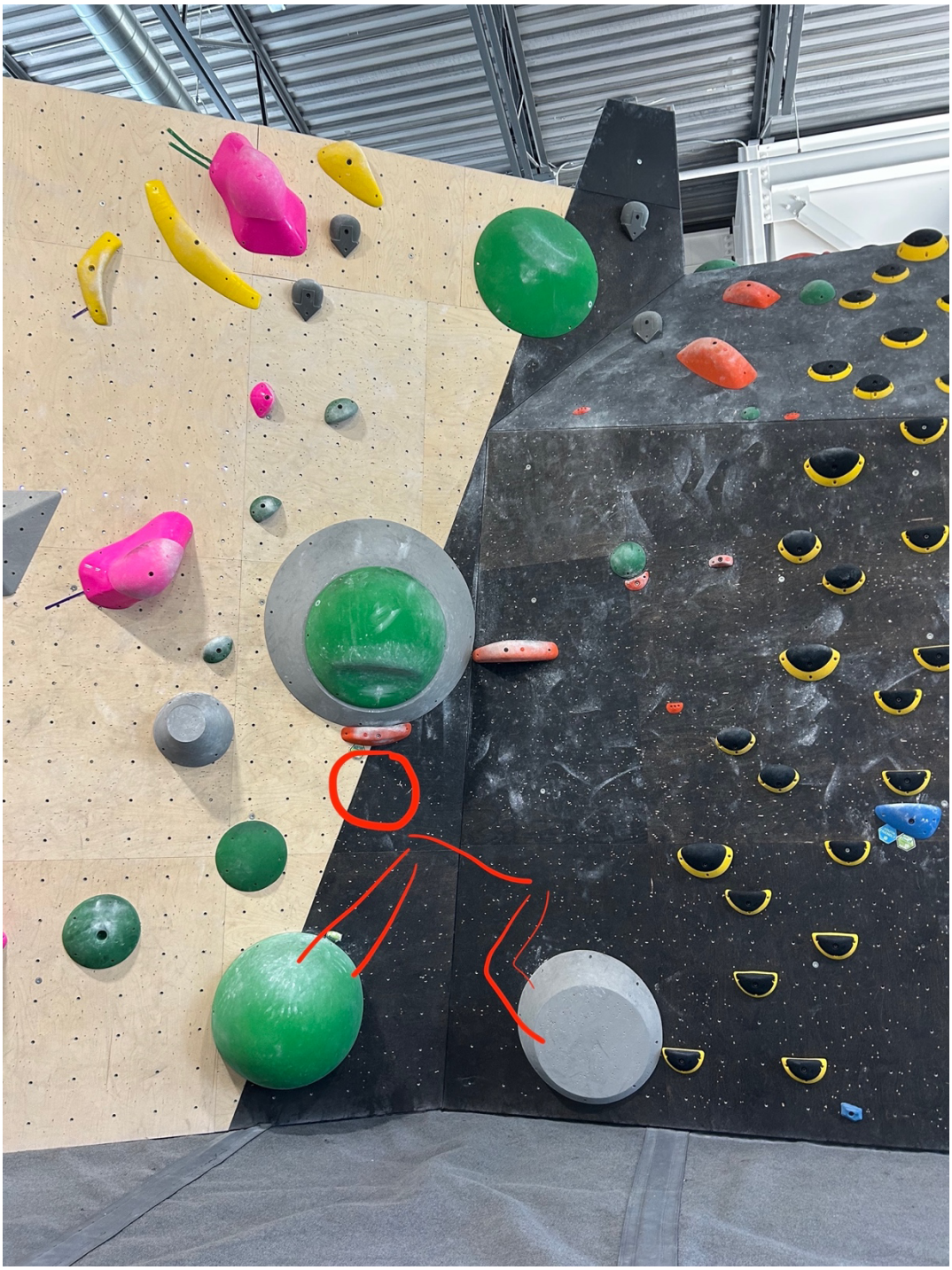
As the time passed, our fingers and arms tired and we focused on technique again – learning the efficiency of body positioning and direction of force.



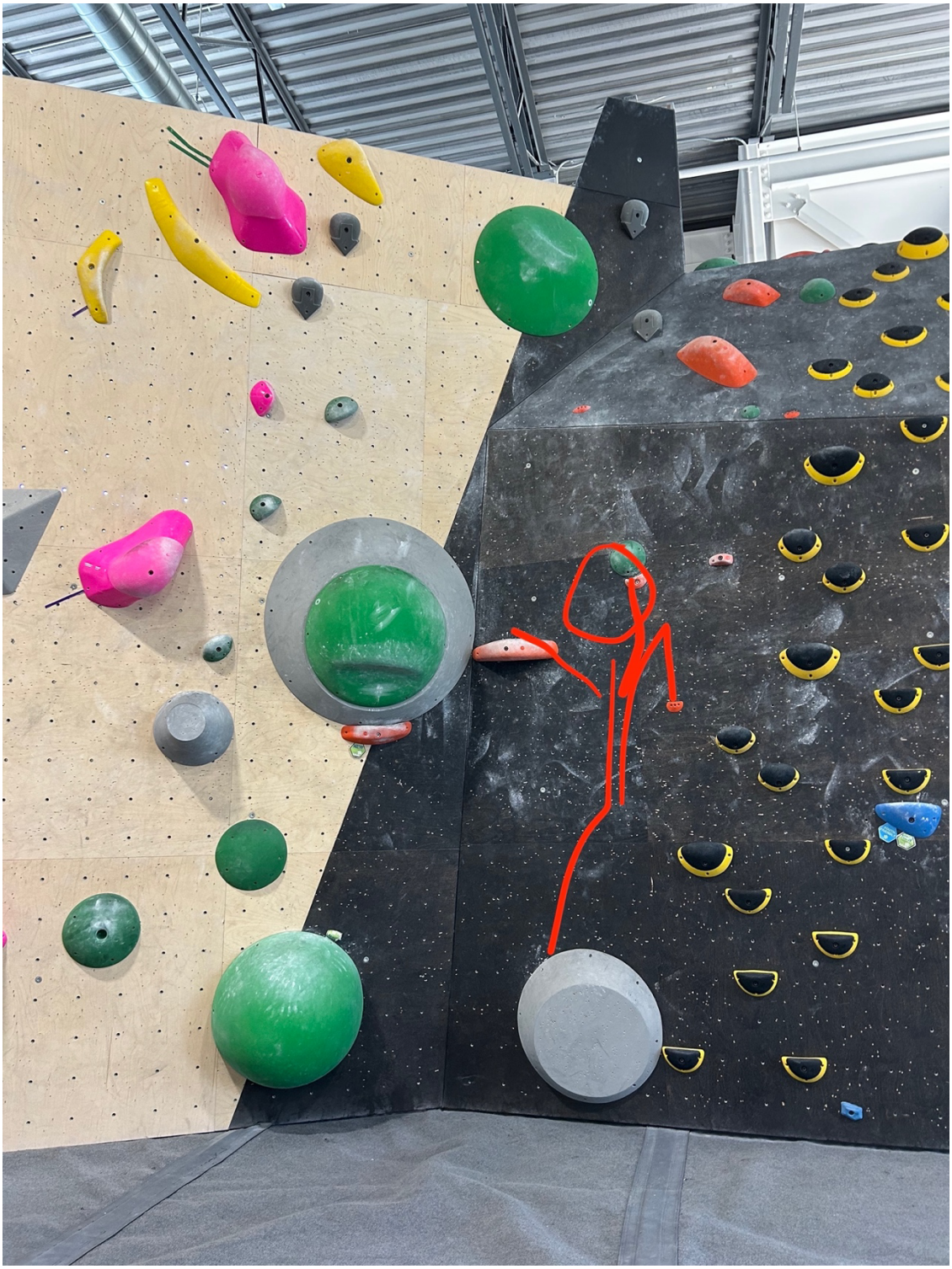


While Kari and Patrick left for more fun adventures, Jason and Steffany stayed in the gym and projected a couple of difficult routes.

The starting position of this green boulder requires both hands on the large green hold at the bottom. The climber's feet must be in a stable position off the ground before the hands can move. It made for an awkward starting position, but a little kid showed us the short person beta of putting one foot on each of the starting hold and large volume beside it.



At the same time, we tried the orange problem beside the green. While this one had an easier start, it required the climber to get an unnaturally high right foot and mantle up the rest of the way. We saw some climbers stand up explosively to reach the left hand crimp, but were unable to use the same strategy to make it to the top.



Overall a very fun day!

If climbing interests you, consider coming on the next Westman Wilderness Club trip, to the Regina Climbing Centre on November 28. The Regina gym is perfect for beginners and expert climbers alike because it offers so many different types of climbing. It has bouldering, auto-belays, top-rope, lead, speed, and interesting features such as a cave (completely upside-down climbing) and a roof (the climbing kind, although the building also has a roof)! Contact Steffany at steffanypeters@hotmail.com if you would like to join!

Other climbing resources:

Name	**Location**	**Description**
Central Plains RecPlex	Southport	Best for convenient location
The Hive	Winnipeg	Best for bouldering
U of M Climbing Wall	Winnipeg	Best for top-rope, lead, and indoor crack climbing
Vertical Adventures	Winnipeg	Best for both bouldering and top-rope in Winnipeg, old school cool
The Tower	Winnipeg	Best for outdoor artificial climbing in the summer, has ice climbing in the winter
Minot Family YMCA	Minot	Best for indoor climbs that mimic real rock
Regina Climbing Centre	Regina	Best climbing community and a very well-rounded gym
Alpine Club of Canada Manitoba	Winnipeg	The Manitoba section leads outdoor climbing trips to the Kenora area throughout the summer
Alpine Club of Canada Saint Boniface	Winnipeg	The Saint Boniface section maintains the climbing tower in Winnipeg
Alpine Club of Canada Great Plains	Regina	The Great Plains section leads outdoor climbing / mountaineering trips both to Kenora and the Rocky Mountains

