



The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Garden of the Gods Colorado Public Lands Day



The CMC/PPG helped with trail work in the Garden of the Gods on Colorado Public Lands Day. Members in no particular order were: Touqeer Ahmad, Zack Becker, Jen Daily, Stephanie DiCenso, Bill Graves, Penny Kim, Mike MacHarg, Mike Teger, and Dean Waits (leader).

Conservation Work at Santa Fe Open Space



CMC members in no particular order: Paul Dent, Dean Waits, Julie Haverluk, Adam Gellert, and Noah Dent (photographer).

Pancake Rocks



Padma, Jan, Mona, Venu, Natalie, Vibha, Theresa, Richard, and Christie (leader and photographer).

North Star Summit



Erika, Allyson, Rich, Chris, Steph, Mariya, Stephanie, Kim, Daisy, and Christie (leader).

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Welcome New Members!

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Isabella Cole

Alex Fred

James Fred

Kate Fred

Troy Fred

Josh Greenbaum

Barbara Krauser

Maeve Salvesson

Debbie Stone

Jodi Teeples



Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits

Ajax Bike and Sport

American Mountaineering Museum

Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm)

Battle Mountain Brewing Company

Bentgate

Breckenridge Nordic Center

City Rock

Friction Labs

Frisco Nordic Center

Gearonimo

Golden Bike Shop

Ken's Anglers

Lumiere Telluride

Moosejaw

Mountain Equipment Recyclers

Mountainsmith

ProMotive.com

R&W Rope

ROCK'n & JAM'n

Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods

Summit Terragraphics

The Custom Foot

The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

Pancake Rocks



Heather, Julie, Richard, Daisy, and Christie (leader and photographer).

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Upcoming PPG Classes

ARC Pro Multipitch Concepts

Sat, Jul 19, 2025 - Sun, Jul 20, 2025

Students will learn techniques applicable to climbing multipitch routes, including preparation, anchors, belaying, cleaning gear, belay transitions, descending, and climbing with a 3-person team. This class will consist of two field days with the first day spent on low angle terrain learning and practicing multipitch belaying, transitions, rappelling and lowering; followed by a day of multipitch practice on a moderate trad climb. Prerequisites: BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent at a minimum. Leading skills are not necessary, but it is recommended that participants take the ARC Pro Trad Gear and Anchors and Traditional Lead Climbing classes prior to this class, as students may practice placing trad gear and building trad anchors in this class. However, this class will be beneficial to anyone looking to climb multipitch routes- to include leaders and followers. Members: \$105; Guests: \$125.

Basic Alpine Climbing

Wed, Jul 30, 2025 - Sat, Aug 9, 2025

This is the first course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. Basic Alpine Climbing consists of a set of skills that fill a gap between on or off-trail hiking and technical climbing. Skills include assessing hazards and decision making, traditional scrambling techniques, assessing and choosing off-trail routes in alpine/scrambling terrain. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Fundamentals course" badge or an equivalent CMC Wilderness Trekking School badge to be able to register for this course. Members: \$45; Guests: \$90.

PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking

Wed, Aug 6, 2025 - Wed, Aug 13, 2025

The PPG WTS - Introduction to Backpacking Course is the third and final course in the PPG Wilderness Trekking School curriculum. Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors by carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat and sleep in pursuit of your adventure. It can take you to a distant location from the trailhead, help you enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or serve as the main goal itself, such as hiking a long trail like the Colorado Trail. Carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat, sleep, stay dry, treat injuries, stay found, cook food, treat water, and enjoy yourself may be intimidating - but taken one step at a time - is very manageable. This class focuses on the basics in a lecture/discussion format and concludes with an overnight backpacking trip to put our new knowledge into action. Safety and fun are key elements of this class. Prerequisites: PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals completion or equivalent. The "Wild Fun" class covers concepts that will be expected knowledge for this course and we will reference the text provided from that class (*Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills*, 9th ed.). Members: \$45; Guests: \$90.

ARC Pro Sport Lead Climbing

Sat, Aug 9, 2025 - Sun, Aug 10, 2025

This class will teach participants the skills needed to safely lead sport climbs on their own, including basic leading technique, setting up a top-rope anchor, cleaning the anchor and rapping or lowering down, advanced lead belaying, bailing off a route, climbing movement, and falling practice. It is taught over two full field days at a climbing crag. Members: \$105; Guests: \$125.

PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 - Sat, Sep 20, 2025

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction of important skills and back country knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outing in the great outdoors—away from civilization and all it provides. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other PPG courses and will provide participants with a copy of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* that will be referenced in other courses! Make sure you have a good foundation of the basics before expanding your outdoor skillset. Members: \$45; Guests: \$90.

PPG WTS - Land Navigation

Mon, Oct 6, 2025 - Sat, Oct 11, 2025

This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) curriculum. This course may also be a prerequisite for trips or other schools. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Fundamentals course" badge or a CMC equivalent to be able to register for this course. Members: \$35; Guests: \$45.



To register for classes or trips,
go to www.cmc.org



Volunteer Opportunity

Hike of a Lifetime up Pikes Peak



Luke5Adventures is a nonprofit organization that takes people with disabilities on hikes. Normally, these hikes are just an hour or two and close to the communities we operate in. We have a division for what we call "Hike of a Lifetime" out of the home office near Cincinnati. On Saturday, August 2nd, we have a hike planned up Pikes Peak from the Crags Trailhead for Mary, a 21 year old student at Miami University in Ohio, who is a childhood brain cancer survivor and lives with partial paralysis.

Mary is the face of our "Queen Mary Ambassador Tour," journeying to hike with all 11 Luke5Adventure chapters nationwide this summer to inspire others to experience the impossible. The Queen Mary Tour will end here in beautiful Colorado - taking Mary up majestic Pikes Peak.

And you're invited to be a part of it! We are in need of volunteers to assist bringing Mary up Pikes Peak in our adaptive wheelchair. There will be transportation at the summit to bring everyone down. Volunteers should be acclimated to the elevation and have a history of hiking 14ers. Please expect a long and strenuous day, but also one that is extremely rewarding.

[Please apply here.](#)

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Pikes Pique

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Pikes Pique is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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- Ads: ¼-page - \$25, ½-page - \$50

Non-members:

- Text: \$3 per line, \$15 minimum
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next *Pikes Pique* newsletter.

Please send to:

Dave Anderson, editor
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The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.