



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Raspberry Mountain from Phen Elder Trail



Christie (leader), Alice, Deirdra, Averil, Jeff, Victor (co-leader), and Teresa (photographer).

107th PPG Anniversary Celebration



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Interested in serving on the Pikes Peak Group Council? Please contact the Chair.

Welcome New Members!

John Andrews

Steve Letch

Christine Nelson

John Stanton



Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits

Ajax Bike and Sport

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

RMFI Volunteer Opportunities



RMFI is starting their trail working season:

- Garden of the Gods trail work in May
- Devils Playground pack-in in June
- Barr Trail pack-in in June

Hope to see you out there!

[RMFI Calendar](#)



More Pikes Peak Group in Photos

St Elmo



Sean, RuthAnn, Ron, and Christie (leader).

Second Fox Run CMT Tour



L-R: Barb and Stephen Fleet, Rhonda Weiler, Jeff and Cathy Lickenbrock, Dean Waits (leader), Richard Joy, Scott Moore, Thomas Andrasek, and Heidi Nicely-Wigand (photographer and co-leader).

Blodgett Peak



Got photos from a class or trip? Send them to Dave at danderso@uccs.edu.

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

ARC Pro Basic Anchors

Sat, May 30, 2026

Students will learn climbing anchor fundamentals that can be applied to rock, snow and ice anchors, but focusing on setting up anchors for top rope rock climbing. We will spend a full field day outside reviewing anchor gear, general anchoring principles, and methods of rigging climbing anchors. At the end of the class students should be able to safely rig a top rope climbing anchor using various materials. Prerequisites: Basic and Intermediate Rock or equivalent, to include basic belaying and rappelling skills. Note: This class does not cover trad gear placement, which is covered in our ARC Pro Trad Gear and Anchors class. Cost: Members \$50, Guests \$60.

Land Navigation

Mon, Jun 1, 2026 - Sat, Jun 6, 2026

This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) curriculum. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Cost: Members \$35, Guests \$70.

ARC Pro Basic Self-Rescue

Sat, Jun 13, 2026

This course serves as an introduction to self-rescue skills that can be applied in various climbing situations and built upon with further training. Rescue skills taught include taking over a top-rope belay, basic rope ascending methods, passing a knot on rappel, alternate rappel methods, and using a rope coil to carry an injured person. This class consists of one full field day at a rock-climbing crag, with outdoor discussion, demonstrations and practice with instructor feedback/ supervision. This class is applicable to climbers of all levels and is the prerequisite for the Intermediate Self-Rescue class, which expands on these basic rescue techniques. Registrants should have basic rock-climbing skills to include climbing knots, safety checks, top rope belaying and rappelling. Cost: Members \$75, Guests \$95.

PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking

Wed, Jun 17, 2026 - Wed, Jun 24, 2026

The PPG WTS - Introduction to Backpacking Course is the third and final course in the PPG Wilderness Trekking School curriculum. Learn all about it with two classes and an overnight backpacking trip. 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. Cost: Members \$45, Guests \$90.

ARC Pro Multipitch Concepts

Sat, Jun 27, 2026 - Sun, Jun 28, 2026

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 an actual multipitch climb. Prerequisites: Intermediate 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. Cost: Members \$105, Guests \$125.



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

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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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Members:

- Text: \$2 per line, \$10 minimum
- Ads: ¼-page - \$25, ½-page - \$50

Non-members:

- Text: \$3 per line, \$15 minimum
- Ads: ¼-page - \$30, ½-page - \$60

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:

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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.