



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Mount Herman and Mount Raspberry



L-R: Sean Starkey (instructor), Christie Lee (instructor), and Rus McGuire (leading is LIT trip).

Mount Rosa



Christie Lee (leader), Ruthann, Julie, Elizabeth, Dianne, CJ, Deborah, and Daisy (dog).

Catamount North Slope toward Devil's Playground



L-R: Jim, Megan, Christie (leader), Tim, Eric, Liz, and Edi.

Take My Picture... Please!



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

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

Welcome New Members!

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Sean Harrell

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Haiyun Lu

Nickolas Silva

Thomas Silva

Jon Tabares

Eric Wightman

Lisa Wightman

Derek Yingling



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

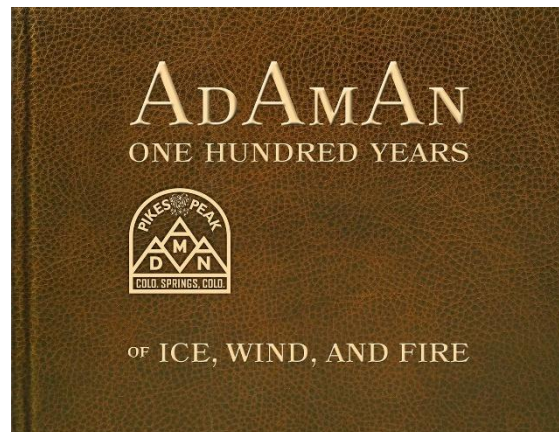
The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

AdAmAn Documentary Screening



When: Thursday, November 4 at 6:00 PM

Where: Windstar Studios, 525 Communication Circle, CS, CO 80905



Upcoming PPG Classes

PPG BMS Basic Rock Climbing Equivalency Waiver

Thu, Sep 17, 2026

This is a skills test for experienced climbers to waiver out of PPG BMS Basic Rock Climbing to gain access to trips and advanced classes. This is *not* a skills refresher. We expect you to show up and demonstrate proficiency in all of the skills we teach in our PPG BMS Basic Rock Climbing Class. Cost: Free.

ARC Pro Advanced Self-Rescue

Sat, Sep 26, 2026 - Sun, Sep 27, 2026

This class expands on the self-rescue skills taught in the Intermediate Self-Rescue class by teaching skills applicable on multi-pitch terrain. Students will learn how to rescue a follower by descending using tandem rappels; lower a climber from a top belay with a knot pass; and rescue a lead climber to include self-belayed climbing. Cost: Members \$45, Guests \$90.

Land Navigation

Mon, Sep 28, 2026 - Sat, Oct 3, 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. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Fundamentals course" badge or a CMC equivalent to be able to register for this course. Cost: Members \$35, Guests \$70.



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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Non-members:

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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.