

# Pikes Pique



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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## The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

### BMS Beginning/Intermediate Rock Climbing Class Field Session



Audrey Burkhart, Instructor.

### Hike to Green's Settlement



L-R: Joel Gibson (Leader in Training), Dawn Boden, Glenn Barr, Touqeer Ahmad, Anna Gallogly, Bryan Scott.

### Palmer Park – All Trails Challenge



L-R: Joe, Dave, Jen, Megan.



(More PPG in Photos on page 4!)

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

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## Welcome New Members!

Jorge Acevedo  
Aaron Braun  
James Crabtree  
Hailey Davis  
Tiffany Fowler

Joe Herrera  
Christine Ledzian  
Oliver Pattison  
Lynn Unruh  
Ramon Virasoro



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## 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 Chalet

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

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Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**THANK YOU** to PPG Council volunteers **Anna Revolinsky** and **Audrey Burkart** for their time and service given to supporting the PPG and the CMC. They are both moving on to other pursuits but you will still see them “on the trail” and doing other things with the CMC.

Anna has served as our Programs Chair organizing monthly program speakers, our annual picnic, and annual dinner. She introduced us to new meeting venues, helped us learn new things, and most of all helped us connect as members at various social events.

Audrey served as our Outings Chair and helped create more trip opportunities by supporting the Trip Leader community. She ran our Trip Leader Incentive Program, tracked the results, and designed and provided custom "Trip Leader" clothing to recognize our largest group of volunteers who serve our members.

Their selfless volunteer service helped the PPG better serve its members while providing opportunities for connecting and joining in on trips. Be sure to tell them “thanks” then next time you see them.

# Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

## **ARC Pro Basic Anchors**

Sat, Jun 24, 2023

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: WTS 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: \$45 for PPG members, \$50 for all others.

## **PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking**

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 - Mon, Jul 17, 2023

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. Prerequisite: PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals completion or equivalent. Cost: \$25 for PPG members, \$50 for all others.

## **ARC Pro Multipitch Concepts**

Sat, Jul 22, 2023 - Sun, Jul 23, 2023

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. Prerequisite: BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

## **PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking**

Mon, Aug 14, 2023 - Mon, Aug 21, 2023

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## **ARC Pro Sport Lead Climbing**

Sat, Aug 26, 2023 - Sun, Aug 27, 2023

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 2 full field days at a climbing crag. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$115 for all others.

## **ARC Pro Traditional Lead Climbing**

Sat, Sep 9, 2023 - Sun, Sep 10, 2023

This class will equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to start leading single-pitch traditional rock routes on their own. Over the course of two full days at an outdoor crag we will review traditional gear and anchors then will focus in detail on the protection system and leading strategies. Students will mock-lead single-pitch trad climbs (on a separate belay) with instructor evaluation of the entire process. We will cover lead belaying and follower belaying skills. Students will do some improvised aid climbing on gear they have placed in order to gain confidence in their own gear placements. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

## **Intro to Technical Canyoneering**

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 - Thu, Oct 5, 2023

Have you completed Intro to Desert Trekking & Canyoneering *and* BMS Rock? Take those skills to the next level. Learn proper gear, safety, and technique for technical canyoneering. The target audience is anyone new to technical slot

canyons. Prior climbing and scrambling skills are required. Basic climbing gear is also required. Attendance at the classroom session and both local field sessions will be required to attend the Utah trip. Completion of all sessions is required to earn the badge. Cost: \$250 for PPG members, \$350 for all others.

### **Intro to Desert Trekking & Canyoneering**

Wed, Sep 20, 2023 - Sun, Oct 1, 2023

If you have only been hiking in the high altitude of CO, there is another world out there. When you have climbed enough peaks to wonder what other environments, the next step for you may be desert terrain. Come learn the proper gear, safety, and entry level techniques for basic desert hiking and basic canyoneering. There are many nuances to this environment that should warrant a safe approach such as provided by this class. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Reef in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling on moderate exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, hiking in loose sand, and wading through water is required for the field sessions. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. Attendance at the classroom session and local field session will be required to attend the Utah trip. Attendance at all sessions will be required to earn the badges. Cost: \$150 for PPG members, \$250 for all others.

### **PPG WTS – Wilderness Fundamentals**

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 - Sat, Sep 30, 2023

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. Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$45 for all others.

### **ARC Pro Introduction to Self-Rescue**

Sat, Oct 14, 2023 - Sun, Oct 15, 2023

Students will be introduced to basic self-rescue skills applicable to single-pitch technical climbing to include a climber pick-off, escaping a belay, and passing a knot on rappel. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$115 for all others.



To register for classes or trips,  
go to [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org)



## **More Pikes Peak Group in Photos**

### **BMS Beginning/Intermediate Rock Climbing Class Field Session**





# Trail Projects

**Greyback Peak  
June 24 & July 15**

**Monument/Limbaugh  
August 19**

Help CMC Pikes Peak Group reroute parts of the Grayback Peak Trail off Old Stage Road and Trail 715 near Monument!

Projects include basic tread construction, rock work, revegetation, erosion diversion.

We provide all tools and training!  
Work hard, learn skills, have fun, do service!



Registration is required at:  
[cmc.org/events](http://cmc.org/events)  
or scan the QR code



June 24



July 15



August 19



# Featured Pikes Peak Group Trips

*Editor's note: While I no longer list upcoming trips in the newsletter, but rather in the weekly reminders I send out, upon request I am happy to highlight trips here.*

## Hike After Work Wednesdays: Palmer Park – All Trails Challenge

Each Wednesday of June, join us for a social hike, an easy leg stretcher halfway through the week! Come meet new people and catch up with old friends as we stroll through Palmer Park.

Joe Petsche was inspired by a similar All Trails Challenge in the beautiful park of Forest Park, Portland, OR. Similarly, our Colorado Springs park is beautiful and contains many nooks and overlooks. Joe will attempt to hike on every trail in the park and encourages you to join him and do the same.

All are welcome; the more the merrier. Each hike will be less than 2 hours long and cover between 2 and 4 miles. He will send out an update on Monday preceding the hike to determine at which trailhead to meet. 5:30pm is the standard meeting time. We will introduce ourselves and be hiking no later than 5:40pm. Please only sign up if you are certain you will join us. Last minute signups are OK!

Hiking – Palmer Park – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm



The PPG Council is looking for motivated and engaged volunteers to serve as:

**Outings Chair** – help to generate more trip opportunities by supporting the Trip Leader community (prefer a Trip Leader for this position)

**Publicity Chair** – share the CMC story and highlight the club's existence and offerings

**Programs Chair** – coordinate monthly programs with guest speakers and the annual picnic and dinner

Want to learn more? Ready to join in? Contact PPG Council Chair [Glenn Barr](#).



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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:

David Anderson, editor  
[danderso@uccs.edu](mailto:danderso@uccs.edu)

The deadline for submissions is the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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