



The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Mount Muscoco Hike

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

Welcome New Members!

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Charles Eaton
Christopher Eaton
Isaac Eaton
Matt Grace
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Anthony Lane
James LoBuono
Alex Myers
Ciara Myers
Alison O'Malley
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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



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

At Large – come and join our meetings to see what the Council is like

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

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking

Mon, Aug 14, 2023 - Mon, Aug 21, 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 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 rappelling 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.

Conservation Corner



Gray Back Peak Stewardship – August 19

Thank you to all the Pikes Peak Group members and others from the community who did such great work on the Gray Back Peak Trail on June 24 and are hard at work again this weekend. Check out our first day progress [here](#). We will be wrapping up this segment of the project on [August 19](#). Please sign up by clicking the date or find the event on the CMC website!

This trail off Old Stage Road is an underrated local gem, with great views (similar perhaps to Rosa but without nearly the effort or gunfire). El Pomar is generously letting us use their parking lot for carpooling. We will knock off work at about 2PM so people can hike out to the summit if they wish (4.2 miles RT from the trailhead, less from the workday).

RMFI Community Partnership Day – September 9

RMFI will be hosting community members to help their trail crews on Gray Back Peak as well. Please [sign up](#) to help on September 9! Please be sure to note that you are a CMC member when you register. RMFI has other volunteer days on [their calendar](#).

Other Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to the CMC's stewardship opportunities, please consider supporting other local groups. Probably the best single resource is [here](#) (the events calendar shows by default, scroll down to open the volunteer calendar). I do want to highlight a couple of these:

Also, Friends of the Peak has a full schedule of trail work for this summer, many of them on Barr Trail and North Cheyenne Canyon. Sign up [here](#).

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:

David 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.