



The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Warparty Overlook



L-R: Dean Waits, Patrick Barton, Grant Miller, and Denise Snow (leader).

Quandary Peak



A group of 14 all successfully summited for the 15th annual winter welcomer.

Stanley Canyon



On October 21st, the Eaton and Zaremba Family ventured out to Stanley Canyon to climb 1500 vertical feet in just 2 miles. Caroline (13), Isaac (12), Arthur (10), Steven (8) and Charlie (8) ascended Rampart Range from the United States Air Force Academy and arrived at an old reservoir deep in Pike National Forest. We took a break at the reservoir for lunch and headed back down. We discovered a gorgeous canyon and budding friendships! Can't wait for the next CMC family hike with the Pikes Peak Group!

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Welcome New Members!

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Shelley Giuliani
Nichole Greene
Douglas Hagerman
Geoff Harlan
Harry Karasopoulos
Anne Keener

Randy Keener
Deborah Kelly
Scott Kohlhase
Abigail Lane
Samuel Launt
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Friction Labs

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The Custom Foot

The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

Upcoming Events

**SAVE
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DATE**

PPG Members and Guests—save these dates to gather, celebrate, socialize, network, and learn more about about what's going on in the PPG

Happy New Year 2024 - Jan 15th

Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras - Feb 13th

St. Patrick's Day - March 17th

Watch the [PPG Calendar](#) for all the info and to register.

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Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

AIARE 1 Mon, Jan 22, 2024 - Mon, Jan 29, 2024

A 3-day course designed to give you a proven approach in planning, executing and reviewing your backcountry ski, snowshoe, mountaineering and other snow adventures involving travel in avalanche terrain. Topics include building trip catalogs, tracking the season, observing and understanding the changes in the snowpack, recognizing avalanche terrain and travel options, improving your situational awareness while in the field, and evaluating the day's decisions when finished. Tools and resources such as noaa.gov, mountain-forecast.com the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, (CAIC), Snotel, GAIA, Caltopo - the list is long - will become part of your toolbox as you plan and execute your trips. If you are a BC skier, a winter and snow mountaineer, snowshoer, or cross-country tourer traveling in avalanche terrain, this course will be a tremendous benefit to you. Cost: \$445 for PPG members.

PPG AIARE Avalanche Rescue Course

Sun, Mar 3, 2024

New participants will learn the basics of companion rescue, while returning participants will expand their skill set with advanced topics and realistic scenario practice to help improve their skills. Each participant will have the opportunity to receive professional coaching on their rescue skills, and will receive a rescue card acknowledging the completion date. AIARE Avalanche Rescue is a prerequisite for AIARE 2. AIARE recommends that all backcountry travelers keep their skills current by taking an Avalanche Rescue course and receiving a rescue card at least every other year. CMC requires it at least every 5 years to refresh and update skills CMC leaders and instructors use in the field. Cost: \$240.

ARC Pro Traditional Gear & Anchors

Sat, Mar 23, 2024 - Sun, Mar 24, 2024

New participants will learn the basics of companion rescue, while returning participants will expand their skill set with advanced topics and realistic scenario practice to help improve their skills. Each participant will have the opportunity to receive professional coaching on their rescue skills, and will receive a rescue card acknowledging the completion date. AIARE Avalanche Rescue is a prerequisite for AIARE 2. AIARE recommends that all backcountry travelers keep their skills current by taking an Avalanche Rescue course and receiving a rescue card at least every other year. CMC requires it at least every 5 years to refresh and update skills CMC leaders and instructors use in the field. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

ARC Pro Traditional Gear & Anchors

Sat, Apr 6, 2024 - Sun, Apr 7, 2024

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Crack Climbing Clinic – North Table Mountain

Sat, Apr 20, 2024

We will discuss and demonstrate basic crack-climbing techniques for the various crack sizes and spend the day practicing on top-rope. Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$50 for all others.

ARC Pro Intermediate Self Rescue

Sat, May 4, 2024 - Sun, May 5, 2024

We will review the skills from the ARC Pro Intro Self Rescue class, then move into new skills more applicable in multipitch terrain. Students will learn how to assist a follower using hauling methods, lower a climber from a top belay with a knot pass, and descend multiple pitches with another climber using tandem rappels. The class consists of two outdoor field days for learning and practicing skills. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

ARC Pro Traditional Lead Climbing

Sat, Jun 1, 2024 - Sun, Jun 2, 2024

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.

Potpourri

PPG Annual Meeting and Dinner



Thanks to the almost 60 members who joined us at the Carter Payne for a night of fun and fine dining. We enjoyed an update on the PPG's accomplishments, a look at next year, a fun raffle event of outdoor adventuring gear, and an opportunity to recognize the incredible contributions of our volunteers. A hearty "Thank You" to Dean Waits, Christie Lee, Mark & Teri Yeadon, Kristen Buckland, Julie Jacobsen, and Greg Long for helping make this a special event.

Pikes Peak Group Volunteer Awards

At the annual dinner, the Pikes Peak group recognized volunteer leaders for their contributions to the club over the past year.

The **Outstanding Service Award** recognizes leaders who serve as committee members, trip leaders, instructors, or individuals who serve behind the scenes making the group run. This year's recipients were **Audrey Burkart** for her work as outings chair, **Julie Jacobsen** for her work as treasurer and trip leader, and **Joe Petsche** for his work as trip leader and school instructor.

The **Dick Eustice Conservation Excellence Award** honors an individual who makes significant impact in the conservation of trails for the club and community. This year's winner was **Mike Scott**. Between last year and this year, our stewardship work simply would not have happened without Mike's skill and leadership. He is an expert at creating rock structures where needed to support new trails and a great teacher for members of his crew. Besides the work on all seven stewardship days last year (Horsethief Park) and this (Gray Back Peak), Mike also participated in designing the trail locations both years. This year, he even went up to the trail segment "off the books" to do some prep and finishing work for the next crew day.

The **Robert M. Ormes Distinguished Service Award** represents leaders who put in hard work and effort year after year. They

exemplify exceptional leadership and devoted service. This is the highest award given to volunteers by the Pikes Peak Group. This year, we had two recipients for the Robert M. Ormes Distinguished Service Award:

Ed Anderson – Ed has served as an At-Large Committee member for the past two years. He also helps with instructing in many of the Pikes Peak Group classes. He inspires students to "go farther" in their adventures by providing skills to help them navigate trips safely and also by leading trips where members can put their skills into practice. When Ed is not lead instructing, he's supporting other instructors to put forth quality instruction and education for our members.

Joe Preiss – Joe has been a part of the CMC for many years and has worn many hats. This past year, Joe has been the liaison to the Pikes Peak group as the CMC has transitioned to a new website. Joe has spent many hours behind-the-scenes working out glitches and helping assist trip leaders, instructors, and members with how to navigate the new website. In addition, he is in his second stint as Basic Mountaineering School director

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Become a CMC Trip Leader via Trip Leader School



Are you ready to bring your CMC experience to the next level and become a trip leader? It's fun, rewarding, and a great way to meet and make new friends while exploring and adventuring at the destination of your choice! The process involves learning the roles and responsibilities by reading the CMC Leader manual, taking a self-paced online course, earning the Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certificate, joining with other prospective leaders in a scenario day, and then conducting a Leader-In-Training (LIT) hike under the guidance of a current CMC trip leader. Then your application is ready for submission and review. Learn more about becoming a CMC trip leader [here](#). Contact Glenn Barr, PPG Trip Leader School (TLS) Director at GJB2000@GMAIL.COM with any questions or assistance in getting started.

Volunteer Thank You – Tom Mowle



A big "Thank You" to Tom Mowle, stepping down from his position as the PPG Conservation Chair. Tom joined the CMC in October of 2008, became the PPG Conservation Chair in June of 2013, and passes on the reins after ten years of keeping the focus on conservation and stewardship efforts, making policy recommendations, highlighting trail work needs to landowners, and creating trail work project opportunities for CMC members to "give back" to the hiking trails so often enjoyed and many times taken for granted.

Over the last ten years, his trail work efforts include project work on: Ice Cave Creek Trail, Silver Cascade Trail, Duffy Mountain, Lovell Gulch, Garden Park Fossil Area, Putney

Gulch section of the Ring the Peak Trail, and the Devil's Playground Trail on Pikes Peak, Horsethief Park Trail, Gray Back Peak Trail, and Monument/Limbaugh Trail 715. This helped create, reroute, sustain, and maintain some very popular hiking areas that continue to host many hikers every day as they enter and explore the Colorado backcountry. Tom provided the tools, safety tips, leadership, training, and "on the trail" advice to many a worker who was grubbing out a trail, delimiting trees, closing social trails, building water control features, improving tread, and just making the hiking experience a little more enjoyable. He also ended each project with cold drinks and snacks, and often a freshly chilled watermelon. Always friendly and welcoming, Tom created many hours of focused volunteer labor to the trail maintenance needs of the area.

Other conservation projects included: Rampart East Wildlands Project, Badger Flats Habitat Restoration, Palmer Lake Noxious Weed Removal, Creek Week Cleanup, and Fountain Creek Watershed work. Again, Tom helped set up the event, guided workers, and ensured new friends were made while working in the outdoors for the greater good of those enjoying the area.

These types of projects and engagements are never a solo effort, and Tom helped move projects forward by partnering with the State CMC office, Friends of Monument Preserve, Friends of Pikes Peak, South Platte Ranger District, South Park Ranger District, Pike National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Conservation Colorado, Pikes Peak Ranger District, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, and probably others we have missed. His outreach and willingness to focus on getting work done and not on who was "getting credit" again created many volunteer work events that benefited the outdoor community.

While Tom is stepping down as the PPG Council Conservation chair, he certainly is not stopping his efforts. He was most recently spotted helping plan some new trails in the Sandstone Ranch Open Space in Douglas county. So when you see Tom on the trail be sure to say "Thanks" for all he has done in connecting CMC members with outdoor volunteer opportunities!

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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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.

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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.