

Pikes Pique



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

New Member Orientation



L-R: Joh, Alyssa Kiriazes, Harry Karasopoulos, Samuel Launt, Anne Kenner, Catherine Sides, Randy Kenner, Tom Zingale, Marjory Cameron, Joe Preiss (Co-Leader), Gisele Miyamoto, Eric Aholt, Shelley Giuliani, Douglas Harris, Gina Gerardi, Nancy Ericson, Michelle Hutter, Karin Dietrich, and Jean Neuman. Photo credit: Dean Waits (Leader).

City Rock Climb Night



L-R: Kelsey Dutta, Garrett Taylor (future member), Marc Wurster, Chris Duval, Dean Waits, Meggan Barcan, Anna Gallogly, Alan Bridges, and Brian Smith.



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

Welcome New Members!

Benjamin Axelrod
Andrea MacCallum
Grace Mainwaring

Carl Martin
Gisele Miyamoto



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

Upcoming Events

**SAVE
— THE —
DATE**

PPG Members and Guests—save these dates to gather, celebrate, socialize, network, and learn more 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



PPG Avalanche Courses

If you spend any time at all in the backcountry in winter, you should be prepared by taking our avalanche courses. A big incentive to take them from the PPG is the cost: a Level 1 with a private guide company can be up to \$700; we are charging \$450. The courses include highly trained and certified AIARE Instructors and AMGA Ski Guides, along with the use of club avalanche beacons, probes, and shovels.

- [3-Day AIARE Level 1 Course](#)
- [1-Day AIARE Companion Rescue Course](#)

Intro to Snowshoeing

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 - Sat, Jan 6, 2024

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for this entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity in the winter schedule. This is also a wonderful way of beating the ever rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There will be two classroom sessions in Colorado Springs and one field session. The field session location is normally Hoosier Pass, but a final location will be weather dependent. Attendance at all classroom and field sessions is required to earn the badge. Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$135 for all others.

Intro to Backcountry Skiing

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 - Sun, Jan 21, 2024

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for cross country skiing. XC Skiing is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse, yet still a wonderful way of beating the ever rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There will be two classroom and three field sessions for the XC Ski class. Attendance at all sessions is required to earn the badge. Cost: \$85 for PPG members, \$185 for all others.

Basic Ice Climbing

Wed, Jan 31, 2024 - Sun, Feb 4, 2024

Learning to ice climb will help you reach your winter alpine objectives. Ice is frequently encountered in the mountains during winter ascents. Ice climbing is incredibly dynamic combining technique, precision, determination, and excitement. Ice climbing combines the beautiful with the challenge of climbing inclined ice formations. Each day ice can change, grow, and shrink, which adds a unique element over other climbing styles like rock climbing. Cost: \$100 for PPG members, \$200 for all others.

Winter Wilderness Survival

Wed, Mar 6, 2024 - Sun, Mar 10, 2024

So now you have learned from the other classes how to get out and play in the winter wilderness, but what do you do if you get stuck out there for an unplanned night while on a day trip? This classroom session will be held in Colorado Springs and will discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend two days and one night in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. Attendance at all sessions is required to earn the badge. We will build multiple types of winter shelters and review other winter survival tips and tricks. We will backpack in on snowshoes for a short distance with full gear, but the intent is to spend the night in snow shelters using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. Cost: \$60 for PPG members, \$160 for all others.



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

Potpourri

Welcome NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The PPG Council would like to give a hearty welcome to our three new members who have volunteered their time and service to help PPG provide the best member experience possible.

- Dania Spohn – Outings Chair / Trip Leader Support
- Emma Moore – Public Relations
- Mere Glenn – Social Events

You can also see the complete PPG Council directory on page 2 of this newsletter.

FREE Leave No Trace Backcountry Course



This [free online course](#) covers essential information for a minimally impactful trip into the backcountry. Join us and learn the skills and insights for remote outdoor areas! Students are encouraged to take the Leave No Trace 101 Course prior to enrollment.

Leave No Trace During Winter Recreation



The 7 Principles of Leave No Trace (LNT) provide an easily understood framework of minimum impact practices for anyone visiting the outdoors that support the CMC's stewardship goal of proactively protecting our landscapes so that future generations can enjoy them. Refresh your LNT winter skills [here](#).

New Year's Resolution!



Help support Colorado's volunteer-powered search and rescue operations by [purchasing](#) a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (CORSAR) card. It's cheap, at only \$3 per year. Your CORSAR contribution supplies reimbursements to SAR teams for costs incurred while conducting search and rescue operations and provides funding for the purchase of search and rescue-related equipment and training.

Wilderness First Aid Returns to Colorado Springs



Great News! This WFA course teaches students the skills to anticipate risks and hazards, identify medical, traumatic, and environmental problems, recognize life-threatening issues, initiate basic care, and deliver a cohesive report. The curriculum forces students to think creatively, adapt to ever changing situations, and learn valuable leadership, decision making, and communication skills. [Read all the details and register](#).

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PPG Council Opportunities



The PPG Council is looking for interested and enthusiastic volunteers to serve as Conservation and Programs Chair. If this sounds like you, please contact [Glenn Barr](#).

Conservation Chair

- Identifies, gathers, and disseminates information, and takes action on all conservation matters within the scope of the PPG's area and concern, in accordance with CMC goal to protect public lands and the outdoor experiences they provide.
- Promotes conservation as individuals and shares information on conservation activities.
- Plans and conducts conservation and stewardship projects, partnering with other organizations when mutually beneficial.
- Supports CMC Conservation and Stewardship activities:
 - Promote stewardship activities to care for our natural places. By working together to restore and maintain trails, pick up trash, and remove invasive species, we help ensure healthy landscapes that thrive for future generations.
 - CMC Conservation works to preserve and enhance human-powered recreation in balance with natural resource conservation on Colorado's public lands. Our projects include engaging on public land planning, advocating for land designations including Wilderness, and supporting legislation related to outdoor recreation and conservation.
 - Learn more about [CMC's Conservation vision](#).

Programs Chair

- Designs, plans, and executes a compelling and outdoor-themed programming calendar that resonates with the CMC community for mountaineering education, adventure, and conservation.
- Coordinates with other PPG Council members for the timing and topic of program events.
- Partners with other nonprofit organizations on program event opportunities.
- Seeks suggestions from members for programming ideas and venues.
- Supports programming events by coordinating advertising, registration, setup, conduct, and teardown activities.
- Engages volunteers to provide programming support.
- Employs tools to capture participant feedback to determine satisfaction rates of provided events.

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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.