

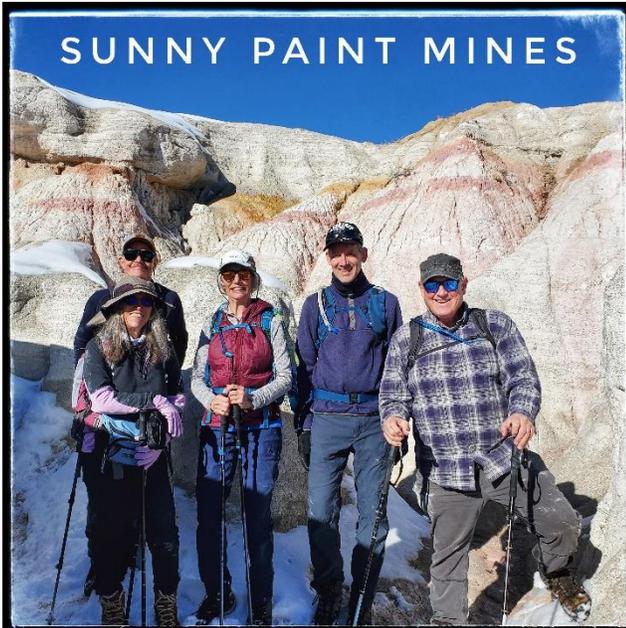
Pikes Pique



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos



Pikes Peak Group Social Event



**Fat
Tuesday
Mardi
Gras
Party**

February 13
6:00PM–8:00PM

Details to come.

Join us at this Pikes Peak Group gathering to enjoy fellowship while sharing adventures and planning for the future.

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

Welcome New Members!

Aidan Chaplin

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Johnny Louk

Kathryn Martin

Conrad Schaaf

Christopher Suominen

Chuck Wartman

Tom Zingale



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.

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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A Celebration of Getty Nuhn



Gertrud Schafer Nuhn, known affectionately as "Getty" passed on this past fall at the age of 85. Getty was born in Germany on June 27th, 1938. During her formative years of life she endured and survived the hardships of World War II in Germany. This experience was pivotal in creating in her a deep sense of love for humanity, for life, for nature, and for those who struggle. Getty moved to the US at age 21. She adopted two sons and raised them on her own with much strength, love, wit, grit, and charm. She touched so many lives outside of her immediate family as well. For almost 30 years she was a teacher of German and Spanish in Fountain Fort Carson School District 8 and she continued as a substitute teacher there until the age of 82. She not only taught students languages, she taught them about life. Her love of nature was beyond measure and she shared that with everyone any time she could. She was a leader in the CMC, served on the Parks and Open Space Board, TOPS committee, and volunteered countless hours at Helen Hunt Falls and Starsmore Center. Getty has often been described as one-of-a-kind. She was a bright light full of so much love, more than most, and gave of herself to others naturally. Everyone who met Getty knew that they had just met one of the kindest loving souls this earth has known.

Judy Childers: How can you be any happier when you love your life and the Colorado Mountain Club? Add in fun and

kindness and this best describes my friend and Pikes Peak member Getty Nuhn. Getty was a long time CMC leader but I best knew her from her yearly 3-day, end of February, Mt. Princeton Hot Springs "Snow and Soak" event. One could choose to X-C ski, snowshoe, hike, swim, or just soak. She was a beautiful person, well organized, and always smiling and laughing. She enjoyed everything! You couldn't miss that heavy German accent. Her go-to places there were St. Elmo, Hancock, The Colorado Trail and her absolute favorite... Tincup Pass. Sadly her trips there are the end of an era, but her soul and spirit will continue to visit those special places. Getty, we will sorely miss you.

Kent Obee: Getty was a Cheyenne Canyon neighbor and friend—and also a passionate open space advocate. It was in this context that we first got to know her in effort to save what is now the Stratton open space as the first TOPS acquisition. After that—and for the next two decades—Getty was an associate and ally in various open space preservation efforts. Indeed, Colorado Springs is richer for her civic involvement. The last time I saw Getty was a couple of summers ago when I encountered her and a couple of neighbors celebrating her birthday with a picnic in the upper reaches of Strawberry Fields—the spectacular mountain property the city had so fecklessly traded away to the Broadmoor hotel. Getty had been with us in that fight too.



Eric Hunter: This was a hike to Garden of Eden above Cascade, CO on 07 June 2003. She was always doing things to add to the adventure of a hike. As we entered The Garden of Eden, she had us put on these fig leaves made of construction paper and yarn. This is a picture of her and Norine with theirs on.

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes



1-Day AIARE Companion Rescue March 3rd on Hoosier Pass



Learn the skills to stay safe in avalanche terrain!
Taught by certified AMGA Guides & AIARE Course Leaders
Scholarships available



PPG AIARE Avalanche Rescue Course

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.

[Register](#)

PPG AIARE 1

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. Cost: \$445.

Mon, Jan 22, 2024 - Sun, Jan 28, 2024

Basic Ice Climbing

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. Prerequisites: PPG WTS Wilderness Fundamentals and PPG BMS Basic Rock Climbing. Cost: \$100 for PPG members, \$200 for all others.

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

PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

This class is a prerequisite for many of our other Pikes Peak Group courses and will provide participants with their own 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: \$45 for PPG members, \$90 for all others.

Mon, Feb 5, 2024 - Sat, Feb 10, 2024

PPG - Avalanche Terrain Avoidance

The Avalanche Terrain Avoidance course provides information to trip and course leaders to help them distinguish and avoid avalanche-prone terrain. Cost: Free.

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 - Sat, Feb 24, 2024

Winter Wilderness Survival

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.

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



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



Potpourri

Britt Jones Newest Member of Adaman Club



As the new member of Colorado Springs' AdAmAn Club—the annual selection is a tradition spanning 100 years—Britt Jones has the time-honored duty to lead hikers up Pikes Peak for New Year's Eve fireworks atop the 14,115-foot summit.

- [Colorado Springs Gazette article](#)
- [YouTube video](#)

Trip Leaders, Your Fellow PPG Members Need You!

Have you heard of the satisfaction that delivers being helpful to others? Leading trips do that for me! I love facilitating experiences and motivating people to enjoy the Colorado mountains. I also love sharing tips to make a backpacking experience more pleasant, or motivating participants to push themselves on a move they consider challenging during a rock-climbing trip. In addition to feeling good for helping others, there are wonderful perks for being a PPG trip leader, from discounts to rewards.

As your PPG outings chair, I want to offer all new trip leaders or leaders that have not led for a while some help organizing your trips. Here is what I can do to help:

- Walk you through the trip leader website to help you navigate the page.
- Assist you in creating a route and place and publishing your first trip.
- Help you write a trip plan.
- Co-lead a trip with you, if you need back up for that first trip on your own.

To make your trip leader experience even more enjoyable, consider leading activities you enjoy. My personal favorites are backpacking and rock climbing so leading these activities is extra fun for me!

If you need my help, do not hesitate to reach out at danialc.ruiz@gmail.com or call me at 571-991-2519.

Avalanche Info and Training

Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) Provides Important Winter Safety Resources

During the 2022-2023 season Colorado saw 21 recreators caught in an avalanche, 16 buried, and 11 killed. The mission of the CAIC is to provide avalanche information, education and promote research for the protection of life, property and the enhancement of the state's economy. Now is a great time to refresh your skills by visiting [their site](#). Avalanches are possible any time you have snow on a slope. The best thing you can do before you head into the mountains is check the avalanche forecast. Learn more about safely recreating on the snow by learning more about Basic Avalanche Safety [here](#) and visiting [their resources page](#) for interactive, in-depth tutorials on avalanche safety. If you decide to go into potential avalanche terrain, then these PPG courses will help you gain the skills to make good decisions and prepare to handle an emergency if it should occur.

Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA) Class

To learn more about avoiding Avalanche Terrain with a "hands on" experience, consider taking the PPG's [Avalanche Terrain Avoidance \(ATA\) Class](#) on Jan 16/20 or Feb 20/24.

PPG Avalanche Research + Education (AIARE 1)

[AIARE 1](#) is a 24-hour course focusing on avalanche hazard management by using the AIARE Decision Making Framework.

PPG AIARE Avalanche Rescue Course

[AIARE Avalanche Rescue](#) is a one-day stand alone course that teaches best practices in avalanche rescue techniques and gear.

Volunteer Opportunities

- [RMFI Crew Leader Training](#)
- [Fox Run Park – New Nature Center Discussion](#)

More Potpourri on page 7.

Pikes Peak Group

2024 Planner

Dec 17, 2023

January

2/3/6 Intro to Snowshoeing
2/4/7/14/21 Intro to Backcountry Skiing
7 HAMS Field Session
15 PPG Social - Happy New Year 2024
16/20 Avalanche Terrain Avoidance
21 HAMS Field Session
22/23 & 27/28 AIARE Level 1
31 & Feb 4 BMS Basic Ice Climbing

February

5/10 WTS Wilderness Fundamentals A
10 HAMS Field Session
13 PPG Social - Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras
17 New Membership Orientation
20/24 Avalanche Terrain Avoidance
24/25 HAMS Field Session

March

3 AIARE Companion Rescue Field Day
6/9/10 Winter Wilderness Survival
16 Trip Leader School Field Day
17 PPG Social - St. Patrick's Day
23/24- ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors

April

TBD PPG Social - April's Fool
6/7 ARCPro - Trad Gear and Anchors
9/13/14 BMS Advanced Snow Climbing
17/24/27 WTS Basic Land Navigation A
20 ARCPro Crack Climbing

May

TBD PPG Social - PPG Anniversary
4/5 ARCPro - Intermediate Self-Rescue
4/5 BMS Basic Rock Scrambling A
7or8 & 14or15 & 16&18 BMS Basic Rock Climbing
13/18 WTS Wilderness Fundamentals B

June

TBD PPG Social - Summer Fun
1/2 ARCPro Trad Leading
10/17/ 22/23 WTS Basic Backpacking A
22 ARCPro Basic Anchors

July

TBD PPG Social - PPG Picnic
20/21 ARCPro Multipitch Concepts
29/Aug 5/ 10/11 WTS Basic Backpacking B

August

TBD PPG Social - Back-to-School
3/4 BMS Basic Rock Scrambling B
24/25 ARCPro Sport Leading

September

TBD PPG Social - Fall Colors
16/21 WTS Wilderness Fundamentals C

October

TBD PPG Social - Oktoberfest
9/16/ 19 WTS Basic Land Navigation B
12/13 ARCPro Intro to Self-Rescue

November

TBD PPG Social - Annual Dinner / Awards
9 Trip Leader School Field Day
9/10 BMS Basic Rock Scrambling C

December

TBD PPG Social - Happy Holidays

Visit PPG Calendar for details www.cmc.org/groups-sections/front-range-groups/pikes-peak/upcoming-pikes-peak-group-events-trips-and-courses

More Potpourri

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.

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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- Ads: ¼-page - \$25, ½-page - \$50

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- 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.