



## The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

### New Member Orientation



L-R: Dean Waits (Leader), Debbie Klein, Aidan Chaplin, and Sean Starkey. Photo credit Jen Schmidt (Co-leader).

### Spruce Mountain Full Moon Hike



### North Cheyenne Canyon Hike



L-R: Scott Baugher, Leila Buzan, Dawn Boden, Barbara Gutow, Scott Garber, Carolyn Birchfield, Julie Haverluk, Andy Lyon. Photo: Joel Gibson (Leader).

### Fremont Experimental Forest Hike



L-R: David Jordan, Touqeer Ahmad, Viviane McLandrich, Sean Starkey, Zhuoying Huang, Sue Sikora, Gisele Miyamoto, Anna Eaton (Co-leader). Photo credit Andy Lyon (Leader).

*More photos on page 6.*

## Your PPG Council

**Chair** – Glenn Barr

719-244-3502, gjb2000@gmail.com

**Past Chair** – Vacant

**ARCPro Director** – Scott Kime

719-235-0939, scott.kime@live.com

**Conservation** – Vacant

**Education & Training** – Eric Hunter

719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

**Equipment Manager** – Kristen Buckland

419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

**HAMS/Adventure Travel** – Greg Long

719-659-0345, at\_90@yahoo.com

**Membership** – Dean Waits

719-445-0263, dwaits24@gmail.com

**Newsletter** – Dave Anderson

719-484-9069, danderso@uccs.edu

**Outings** – Dania Spohn

571-991-2519, dania.c.ruiz@gmail.com

**Programs** – Vacant

**Public Relations** – Emma Moore

310-913-8931, emma@pvt.group

**Safety & Leadership** – Mike Cromwell

858-395-5986, cromwellc@comcast.net

**Secretary** – Sarah Hettenbach

785-226-3176, hettenbach.s@gmail.com

**Social Events** – Vacant

**State Council Representative** – Julie Jacobsen

719-351-1323, jewelsjoy3@msn.com

**Treasurer** – Julie Jacobsen

719-351-1323, jewelsjoy3@msn.com

**Wilderness Trekking School & Basic**

**Mountaineering School Director** – Joe Preiss

719-337-9331, zmjwp@gmail.com,

**55 Plus Group** – Christie Lee

719-243-1821, christie80905@gmail.com

**At Large:**

Ed Anderson

703-309-9290, edandersoniv@gmail.com

Sara Gordon

719-749-8444, sara.flashgordon@gmail.com

Britt Jones

719-661-4777, britt@globalreality.biz

Rick Keetch

719-634-1165, rakeetch@msn.com

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

## Welcome New Members!

Garrett Taylor

Erin Sedlock

Douglas Pearce

Jordan Moon

Kathryn Moon

Magdalen Moon

Nathaniel Hernandez

Shannon Green

Nicholas Field



## 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

## PPG Summer Celebration



**Save the date!**

June 30th 3-6pm

Prairie Skipper Pavilion

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

410 JL Ranch Heights,  
Colorado Springs, CO, 80926

the PPG  
FOLLOW US ON 

# Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

**ARC Pro Traditional Gear & Anchors** Sat, Mar 23, 2024 - Sun, Mar 24, 2024 and Sat, Apr 6, 2024 - Sun, Apr 7, 2024

Students will learn about the various types of rock protection to include natural protection, passive protection (nuts, hexes) and active protection (cams); and how to place and incorporate pieces of protection into anchors. We will discuss climbing anchors, to include top-rope, belay and rappel anchors. The student will learn the concepts of building an anchor according to the EARNEST principles; to include placement and evaluation of protection, fall forces, direction of pull, rigging methods and knots for anchoring. At the completion of the course the student should know how build an anchor using natural or placed protection- adequate for belaying or rappelling- and how to evaluate others' anchors. They will rappel off an anchor that they have built and rigged. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

**PPG BMS – Advanced Snow Climbing** Tue, Apr 9, 2024 - Sun, Apr 14, 2024

Learning to climb steep snow will help you reach your winter alpine objectives. Steep alpine snow is frequently encountered in the mountains during winter ascents. Course covers: gear overview, trip planning, ascending/descending with an ice axe and crampons, avalanche risk review, self-arresting and snow climbing practice. Cost: \$80 for PPG members, \$160 for all others.

**Land Navigation** Wed, Apr 17, 2024 - Sat, Apr 27, 2024

This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) curriculum. This course may also be a prerequisite for trips or other schools. Prerequisite: PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$30 for PPG members, \$60 for all others.

**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.

**Rock Scrambling** Thu, May 2, 2024 - Sun, May 5, 2024

This course is the first course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. Rock Scrambling consists of a set of skills that fill a gap between on or off-trail hiking and technical climbing. Skills include assessing hazards and decision making, scrambling techniques, and assessing and choosing off-trail routes in scrambling terrain. Prerequisite: PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$145 for all others.

**ARC Pro Intermediate Self Rescue** Sat, May 4, 2024 - Sun, May 5, 2024

This class builds upon and expands self-rescue skills taught in the ARC Pro Introduction to Self Rescue class by teaching skills applicable on multipitch terrain. Prerequisite: ARC Pro Introduction to Self Rescue. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

**Rock Climbing** Wed, May 8, 2024 - Sun, May 19, 2024

This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. Prerequisite: PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$65 for PPG members, \$85 for all others.

**PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals** Mon, May 13, 2024 - Sat, May 18, 2024

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: \$45 for PPG members, \$90 for all others.

**ARC Pro Traditional Lead Climbing** Sat, Jun 1, 2024 - Sun, Jun 2, 2024

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.

**PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking**

Mon, Jun 10, 2024 - Mon, Jun 17, 2024

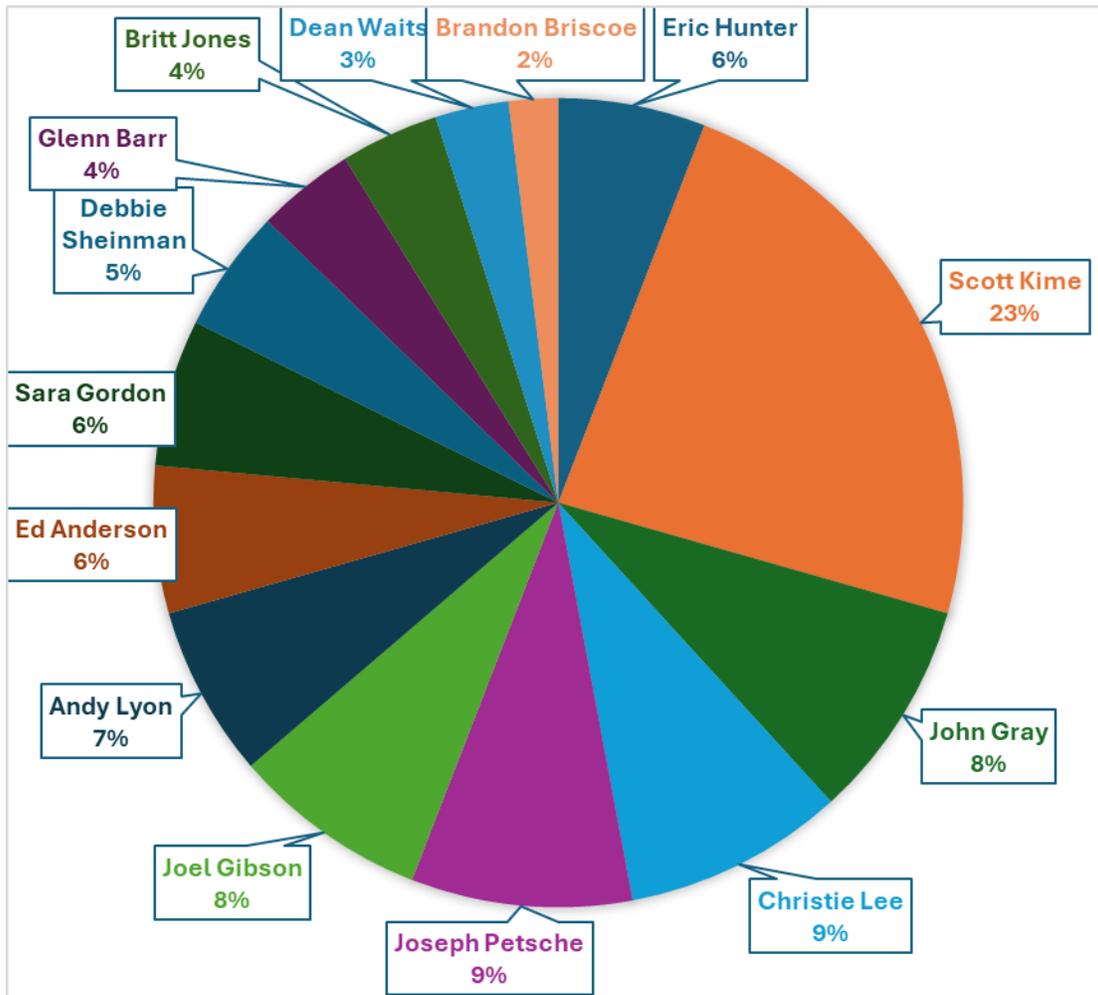
Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors by carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat and sleep in pursuit of your adventure. It can take you to a distant location from the trailhead, help you enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or serve as the main goal itself, 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. Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$70 for all others.

---

---

## PPG Trip Participants January-February, 2024

Thanks to all the trip leaders that helped 120 participants get outside during January and February, 2024 to hike, climb, ski, and more! CMC would not exist without you!



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



# Potpourri

## Friends of the Peak Offers Trail Work Opportunities



FOTP is dedicated to minimizing human impact while maximizing human enjoyment on Pikes Peak. Pikes Peak is our most treasured natural landmark in Colorado Springs. Friends of the Peak works to provide a unified, proactive voice for the preservation and restoration of the natural

environment of Pikes Peak. We promote and enhance recreational opportunities and visitor experiences that are in harmony with the natural environment. We encourage and participate in research and solutions for the sound stewardship of Pikes Peak.

[Learn more about FOTP.](#) [Volunteer here.](#)

## Get Outside for the Solar Eclipse



On April 8, 2024, parts of the world will experience a total solar eclipse. A total solar eclipse is when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. Colorado will see a partial solar eclipse, roughly between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with a max partial eclipse around 12:30 p.m. Safeguard your eyes! [Learn more.](#)



## Eckart Roder Leadership Scholarship for Volunteers



The Roder Leadership Scholarship is a statewide program to invest in our volunteer trip leaders, school instructors, and school directors. Our volunteers share their time, expertise, and passion with our members. The Roder Leadership Scholarship supports their efforts by providing scholarships for training that furthers their education and skill development. [Learn more here.](#)

## Celebrate Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>



Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970. [Learn more here.](#)

## RMFI Trail and Restoration Project Opportunities



The Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) conserves and protects public lands in Southern Colorado through volunteer-based trail and restoration projects, environmental education, and restoration research.

[Learn more about them](#) and [watch their calendar](#) for a project that interests you and supports your schedule.

## 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. Contact [Glenn Barr](#), PPG Trip Leader School (TLS) Director, with any questions or assistance in getting started. Local scenario days are planned for March 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Raspberry Mountain Hike



Our 4.3 mile hike turned out to be 7 miles on a snow packed trail as the gate was closed to Craggs. The wind didn't detract from the absolute amazing day... We could see 200 miles on the skyline. Summit photo includes Christie Lee (Leader) Hailey, Casey, Amanda, Kim, Scott, Natalie, Kenny, and Helen.

## Fox Run Park



Dean Waits is explaining about Culturally Modified Trees in Fox Run Park. As far as we know, no one was injured during this photo.



# 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 mountaincraft 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

April, 2024 | No. 311

*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.

### PIKES PEAK GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION:

CMC Pikes Peak Group  
P.O. Box 2435  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901  
[cmcppgrp@gmail.com](mailto:cmcppgrp@gmail.com)  
[CMC PPG web page](#)

### 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:

Dave 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.