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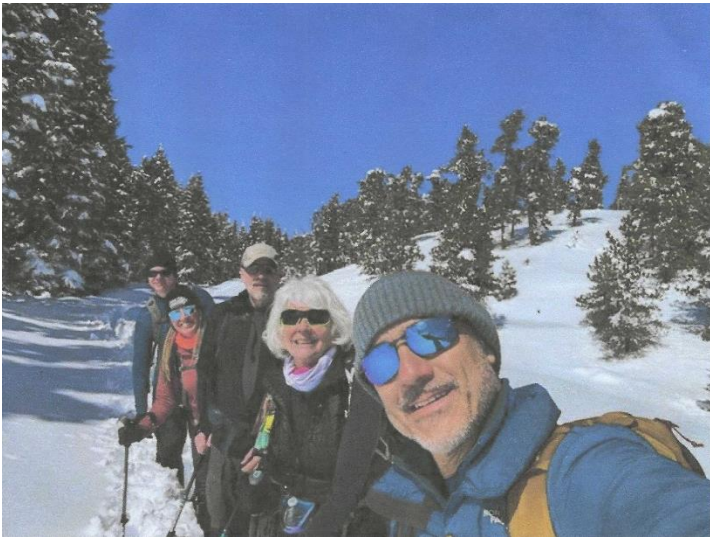


The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

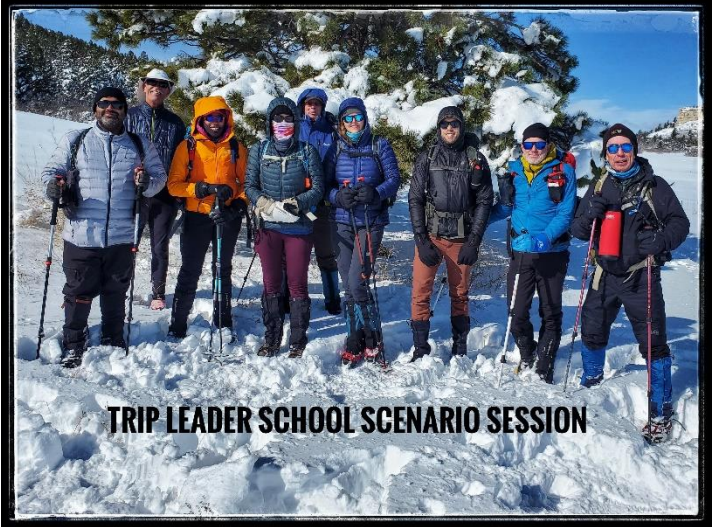
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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Elder Phen



Elder Phen turned out to be "Ring the Peak Trailbreaking" for 3 1/2 hours!



Rainbow Gulch to Rampart Reservoir



Christie (leader), Annette, Missy, Gigi, Scott, and Annamarie. Beautiful day... some snow/ice on shady side, but other than that great Colorado-perfect day hike.

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

Welcome New Members!

Kristina Burns

Jim Koeppen

Tammy Koeppen

Ciara Miller

Nathaniel Poulin

Kahaloha Whitt



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
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Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

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.

PPG Monthly Program – Women in the Outdoors Clinic

Tue, May 14, 2024

Women's Clinic - come and learn about backcountry topics specifically for women in a welcoming classroom setting. We will focus on women's gear and clothing, backpacking, hygiene, rope team travel, and everything else. Our experienced lady instructors will facilitate an open discussion of their experiences as women in the backcountry through hiking, backpacking, climbing, glacier travel, and skiing. This clinic is for both new and veteran hikers. Come and learn how to get into the outdoors, or share your experience and knowledge. Cost: \$5 for PPG members, \$10 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.



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



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Pikes Peak Outdoors

Pikes Peak Outdoors is a great tool to connect users with outdoor businesses, clubs, groups, and much, much more.

Ready to Become a CMC Trip Leader?



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 session, 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 at and look towards the bottom for the PPG section. Our next scenario session is scheduled for April 20th. Contact [Glenn Barr](#), PPG Trip Leader School (TLS) Director with any questions or assistance in getting started.

Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities



Looking for a way to get out and help with outdoor conservation and stewardship activities? Check out the [Trails and Open Spaces Coalition \(TOSC\) volunteer site](#) for a calendar of activities and a list of local groups.

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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.