

# Pikes Pique



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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## The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

### New Member Orientation



Red Rock Canyon Open Space. L-R: Joe Preiss (co-leader) Thomas Bianca, Chris Donahue, Alex Tausanovitch, Glenn Kramer, Samantha Perez-Miller, Bonnie Gibbs, Susan Walker, Edi Anderson, Cyndee Pelt, Justin Dyer, Jacquelyn Henry, Joy Mills, and Daniel Brown. Photographer Dean Waits (leader).

### Cheyenne Mountain Club Cabin



L-R front: Scott Baugher, Marjory Cameron, Alice Schiel, Missy Starks, Bob Spohn, Erica and Levitt; back: Chris Donahue and Tom Zingale. Photographer Dean Waits.

### Hoosier Ridge Peak



Eight hardy hikers reached the top of Hoosier Ridge Peak out-and-back passing over five high points over 13,200'. Jane, Jo, Meagan, Mary, Christie (leader), Sona, and our #1 guy, Scott. The day held beautifully and the snow fields on Hoosier Ridge side of Hwy 9 were of no consequence, but as you can see, the other side is still snowfield up Quandary, Mt Helen, Lincoln, and North Star ridge.

### Crystal Creek Reservoir



L-R: Sal, Susan, Annette, and Christie (leader).

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

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## Welcome New Members!

Bryan Gall

Cooper Ghent

Edward Ghent

Katie Ghent

Truman Ghent

Nancy Hoehn

Marcus McGarity

Anthony Perez-Miller

Clara Perez-Miller

Samantha Perez-Miller

Dan Vargo

Susan Walker

Nick Watson



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## 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

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## The CMC in Print

See some key tips for hiking with youngsters from CMC's Chief Education Officer and toddler mom Stacey Halvorsen in this 5280 article: [The Oversimplified Guide to Hiking a Fourteener With Your Kid](#) - Five tips for physically and mentally preparing small humans for big climbs

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# More Pikes Peak Group in Photos

## Mt Helen (13,103')



Mt Helen was a mystery route-finding trip due to so much snow. We redefined it to have a successful trip to Mohawk Lake. So beautiful. Christie (leader), Beth, and Mariya bushwhacked and snow climbed, but were unable to summit.

## Rock Climb – North Cheyenne Canyon Park



## Almagre



Looking up at Almagre: Annette, Tiffany, Christie (leader), Megan, and in back Brian and Roger. What a great fun day hiking to 4 high points. In lieu of cancelling the trip because of a toothache that allowed Christie only to take the group up the first Almagre point, Roger signed up as co-leader in the CMC spirit and led the group up the other high points. All were satisfied and the day went well.





## RMFI Project



Helping RMFI build the new Crags to Devil's Playground Trail. In-photo, Mark Yeadon, Dean Waits, but not Jean Neuman.



### Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Course in Colorado Springs November 9-10th

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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## Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

### PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 - Mon, Aug 5, 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.

### ARC Pro Sport Lead Climbing

Sat, Aug 24, 2024 - Sun, Aug 25, 2024

This class will teach participants the skills needed to safely lead sport climbs on their own, including basic leading technique, setting up a top-rope anchor, cleaning the anchor and rapping or lowering down, advanced lead belaying, bailing off a route, climbing movement, and falling practice. It is taught over 2 full field days at a climbing crag. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

### PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 - Sat, Sep 21, 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 WTS - Land Navigation**

Wed, Oct 9, 2024 - Sat, Oct 19, 2024

The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Trekking School Student" badge to be able to register for this course. 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. Cost: \$30 for PPG members, \$60 for all others.

### **ARC Pro Introduction to Self-Rescue**

Sat, Oct 12, 2024 - Sun, Oct 13, 2024

Students will learn a variety of self-rescue techniques applicable to climbing in the single-pitch environment. Skills will include rope ascension, getting hands-free while belaying, taking over a belay, counterbalance rappelling, using a technical ledge for a load transfer, and passing a knot while rappelling. Students should be able to independently perform a climber pick-off, escape a belay and pass a knot on rappel after completion of the class. The class consists of two full field days at a rock-climbing crag, with outdoor discussion, demonstrations and practice with instructor feedback/supervision. This class is applicable to climbers of all levels and is the prerequisite for the Intermediate Self-Rescue class, which covers multipitch rescue techniques. Registrants should have basic rock-climbing skills to include safety checks, top rope belaying and rappelling. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.



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



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## **Conservation Corner**

### **Colorado Springs E-Bike Survey**

Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) is asking residents to provide feedback on the use of e-bikes on the trails within the city. PRCS is proposing two alternatives for use of e-bikes. Alternative 1 allows for class I e-bikes on all trails (including opens space trails) AND allow both class I and class II e-bikes on urban trails. Alternative 2 allows for class I and class II e-bikes on urban trails only. To read the entire PRCS proposal, learn about the different classes of e-bikes, and take the survey go [here](#). The city will have the survey open until August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Craggs Trail Conservation Trip**

At the time of publication of the newsletter Dean Waits was leading a team of CMC volunteers in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI). Dean and team did a two day and one night trip to help reroute the Craggs trail to Devils Playground. This trail reroute has been an ongoing effort since 2019. We are anxious waiting to hear about their hard work as well as seeing some good pictures. Well done Dean and team!

### **Stewardship Opportunities**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with one of the many conversation groups in the area, check out their sites and calendars, they have plenty of opportunities to get out and support local stewardship efforts.

[Trails and Open Space Coalition](#)

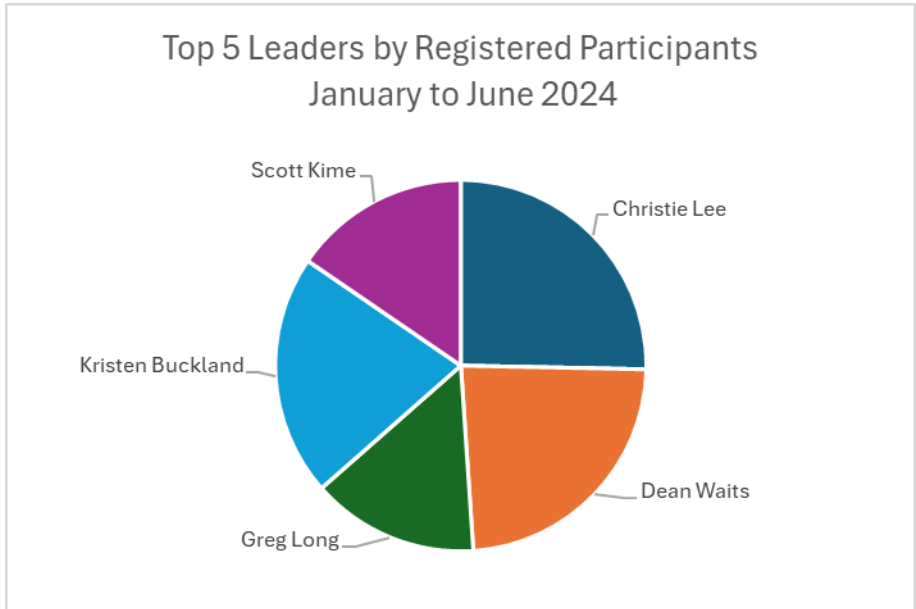
[Friends of the Peak](#)

[Rocky Mountain Field Institute](#)

[The Colorado Trail Foundation](#)

# Trip Leader Stats

Thank you to all the trip leaders that have led trips this year!  
Special thanks to our Top 5!



PPG Trip Leader Stats January to June 2024

Name	Participants	%	# of Trips
Adrienne Ross	7	2%	2
Andy Lyon	17	4%	3
Anna Gallogly	8	2%	1
Brandon Briscoe	2	1%	1
Britt Jones	22	6%	6
<b>Christie Lee</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>12</b>
Dania Spohn	3	1%	1
<b>Dean Waits</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7</b>
Debbie Sheinman	8	2%	2
Ed Anderson	19	5%	3
Eric Hunter	8	2%	3
Glenn Barr	9	2%	2
<b>Greg Long</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7</b>
Joel Gibson	8	2%	1
John Gray	13	3%	2
Joe Petsche	11	3%	4
Julie Jacobsen	2	1%	1
<b>Kristen Buckland</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5</b>
Roger Kilcoyne	3	1%	1
Sara Gordon	6	2%	1
<b>Scott Kime</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71</b>

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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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### 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 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.