



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Cheyenne Canyon from Daniel's Pass



Sean (leader-in-training), Bryon, Debbie, Meagan, Richard, Jim, and Christie (leader).

The Crags Devil's Playground Trip



Mathew, Christie (leader), Debbie, and Helen.

Climbing at Shelf Road



In the Bank Rob area, we climbed such hits as: Ma Barker, Dillinger, Jesse James, and Baby Face Nelson.

Mt Muscoco



Successful hike for Heather, Andy, and Christie (leader).

More photos on pages 3 & 5.

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

Welcome New Members!

Grant Decker
Sabrina Dermody
Charles E Dunlap
Matthew Funk

Jason Harvey
Nick Henley
Cheryl Mathis
Heather Smith Harvey



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

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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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More Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Begining Snowshoe Class



Upcoming PPG Classes

Basic Ice Climbing

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 - Sun, Feb 2, 2025

Are you ready to continue developing your mountaineering skills? This course is the third course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. Students will learn basic ice climbing skills in a top-rope environment. Class covers: gear overview, ice climbing ratings, anatomy of ice tools and crampons, ice climbing movement, proper climbing technique for swinging ice tools and kicking in crampons, and climbing practice. You will also learn about alpine ice travel including traveling on fixed lines on ice. Members: \$125; Guests: \$215.

PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Feb 3, 2025 - Sat, Feb 8, 2025

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. Members: \$45; Guests: \$90.

PPG AIARE Avalanche Rescue Course

Sun, Mar 2, 2025

AIARE Avalanche Rescue is a one-day stand alone course that teaches best practices in avalanche rescue techniques and gear. 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. Members: \$125; Guests: \$175.

Winter Wilderness Survival

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 - Sun, Mar 9, 2025

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 course 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 (one night) in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. Members: \$75; Guests: \$175.

ARC Pro Traditional Gear & Anchors

Sat, Mar 22, 2025 - Sun, Mar 23, 2025

Students will be introduced to traditional gear placement and will learn how to use natural and traditional protection to build safe climbing anchors. 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. Members: \$95; Guests: \$125.

PPG BMS - Advanced Snow Climbing

Thu, Apr 10, 2025 - Sun, Apr 20, 2025

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. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals and either AIARE Level 1 or AIARE Avalanche Rescue are the prerequisites for this course. Members: \$90; Guests: \$175.

Crack Climbing Clinic – North Table Mountain

Sat, Apr 19, 2025

We will discuss and demonstrate basic crack-climbing techniques for the various crack sizes and spend the day practicing on top-rope. Participants should already have climbing experience and be proficient with belaying and the basic climbing safety system. Members: \$35; Guests: \$50.

ARC Pro Intermediate Self Rescue

Sat, May 3, 2025 - Sun, May 4, 2025

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. We will review the skills from the ARC Pro Intro Self Rescue class, then move into new skills more applicable in multipitch terrain. Students will learn how to assist a follower using hauling methods, lower a climber from a top belay with a knot pass, and descend multiple pitches with another climber using tandem rappels. Members: \$105; Guests: \$125.



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



Trip Leader Training



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 [here](#) and look towards the bottom for the PPG section. Contact [Glenn Barr](#), PPG Trip Leader School (TLS) Director with any questions or assistance in getting started.

Conservation Corner

Winter is an awesome time to get out and recreate, however there are a few things you need to do in winter to Leave No Trace. Here are 5 tips from the Leave No Trace organization to keep in mind during your winter adventures.

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare X2 – A lack of planning in cold temperatures can result in significant impacts and dangerous situations. Check conditions and take extra safety precautions.
2. Know How To Go – Many restroom facilities are closed in winter, and summer disposal methods might not be possible. For liquid human waste, make sure you are 200 feet away from water, even if it's snow covered. For solid waste, be prepared to pack it out. . If possible take advantage of that last public restroom on your way to your winter activity.
3. Stick to Deep Snow – Traveling on snow that is not very deep can still damage the vegetation underneath, and muddy areas where snow has melted can be extremely fragile. Deep snow is a durable surface and a great place to concentrate your activity.
4. Let Animals Chill – During winter, wildlife is especially vulnerable. Give them distance to ensure you don't interfere with their food gathering or movements.
5. Share the Snow – Winter allows for a huge variety of outdoor activities, but we're still sharing these areas. Avoid hiking on ski or snowshoe trails, and yield to downhill traffic to ensure crashes don't happen.

One More PPG Photo!

Cheyenne Canyon Hike



Tim, Christie (leader), Debbie, and Dove.

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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Non-members:

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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 14th of each month.

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