



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

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Front-back: Dean Waits, Teresa Brandon, Emil Wisekal, Alexis Giese, Sara Gordon (leader), and Anna Gallogly.

Palmer Loop Section 16



L-R: Richard Trillet, Anna Gallogly, Greg Long, and Sara Gordon (leader and photographer).

Cheyenne Canyon Daniels Pass



L-R: Annette, Jim, Richard and Christie (leader).



More photos on pages 2 and 3.



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

Welcome New Members!

Sherise Barcan

Natalie Bassett

Jake Graves

David (Grant) Hicks

Cindy Landsberg

Vinh Mai

Kyle Moses

Deirdre Robinson

Richard Strasbaugh



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 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

Another PPG Photo



St Mary's Falls | L-R: Dean Waits (leader), Teresa Brandon, and Jan Brady.



Even More Photos

Raspberry Mountain



Juan, Richar, Christie (leader) Annamarie, and Kim.

East Bear TH to Curley Peak



L-R rear: Ron Pausa, Vinh Main, Dean Waits, Eileen Krauth, Megan Kliesner; front: Juan Sun. Photo by Andy Lyon, leader.



Upcoming PPG Classes

Basic Alpine Climbing

Wed, Apr 30, 2025 - Sat, May 10, 2025

This is the first course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. Basic Alpine Climbing 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, traditional scrambling techniques, and assessing and choosing off-trail routes in alpine/scrambling terrain. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the Wilderness Fundamentals course badge or an equivalent CMC Wilderness Trekking School badge to be able to register for this course. Members: \$45; Guests: \$90.

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.

Rock Climbing

Mon, May 5, 2025 - Sat, May 17, 2025

This is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the Wilderness Trekking School Student badge or have been granted a waiver to be able to register for this course. Members: \$75; Guests: \$95.

Conservation Corner

Get Involved This Earth Month!

Looking to celebrate Earth Day in a meaningful way? There are countless opportunities to get involved across the Pikes Peak Region throughout the month of April.

[Visit Colorado Springs](#) has put together a helpful list of local Earth Day events—ranging from community cleanups to educational workshops. Explore the full calendar and find an activity that fits your interests and schedule here: [Earth Day Around COS](#)

If none of the scheduled events work for you, don't worry—you can still make an impact! Consider volunteering with one of our regional partners to help with trail maintenance or other conservation efforts. Their volunteer activity calendars are available below, offering flexible opportunities to give back to our local environment.

- [Trails and Open Space Coalition](#)
- [Friends of the Peak](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Field Institute](#)
- [The Colorado Trail Foundation](#)

Pikes Peak Regional Crew Leader Training (Last Chance to Register)

If you missed our newsletter last month, don't worry, there is still time to register for Crew Leader Training. Crew leaders play a vital role in supporting land managers and stewardship organizations by guiding essential trail and restoration projects. This training will equip you with the skills to lead safe, successful volunteer projects while also teaching fundamental trail construction and restoration techniques. It's a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, develop leadership skills, and give back to the trails we all love!

- Wednesday, April 30 - 5:30-8:00 pm - Presentations and Training
- Saturday, May 3 - 8:00 am-2:00 pm - Technical Training
- Sunday, May 4 - 8:00 am-2:00 pm - Technical Training

For more information and sign-up see [2025 Pikes Peak Regional Crew Leader Training](#)

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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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.