



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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## The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

### Catamount Ranch – Raspberry Mountain Loop



Foreground: Eileen Krauth; clockwise: Jen McClain, Denise Snow, Ute Szilard, and Barbara Krauser.

### Mount Bancroft



Barry, Michael, Linda, Brian, Christie (leader), Annamarie (leader), Stephanie, Maria, and Phil.

### Devil's Playground



L-R: Will Borghesani, Christie Lee, leader, Dean Waits, Sean Starkey, Michael Gray, and Kerry Gray.

### Get Outdoors Day



Emma Moore and Alan Bridges.

*More photos on page 4.*



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

## Welcome New Members!

Chris Denatale

Aileen Higgins

Hunter May

Rhonda May

Sloane May

Dmitriy Muzhzhavlev

David Sauer

Shea Stewart

Colton Vaughn



## Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits

Ajax Bike and Sport

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

## Pikes Peak Group Annual Dinner



Get your Party Boots ready!

We will be having our Annual Dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Public House at the Alexander, 3104 N. Nevada Ave. Same location as last year. Excellent food and drinks of your choice. We will slow down on the fun just a bit to review our year's activities, elect officers, and give awards. Everyone had so much fun grabbing some lightly used equipment at the raffle, we will do it again. So, if

you have some gently used outdoor equipment, packs, boots, books, etc. that you no longer need, bring it on. More info to follow.



# HAMS Starts in October



The Pikes Peak Group High Altitude Mountaineering School will start in October. This is a course designed for those climbers who want to go beyond the 14ers to take on high altitude (15,000'-plus) and glaciated mountains. Classroom sessions

will take place on 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17, and include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions will be on 1/10, 1/25, 2/7-2/8, and 2/21-2/22; they will cover such topics as roped travel, crevasse rescue, climbing alpine ice, and winter camping. Field session dates are tentative pending receipt of permits. A graduation climb of Mt. Rainier will take place at the end of the course. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course. Cost for the textbook and all lectures is \$295. For information contact Greg Long at (719) 659-0345 or by [e-mail](#). [Register online](#).

# Trip Leader School

## CMC Annual Fee! Who really wants to pay it every year?

Well, if your desire is to stay in the club, but would really like to avoid the annual fee, did you know that you can have your fee reimbursed to you? Yes, it's true!

If you become a CMC/PPG trip leader by going through our Trip Leader School (TLS) and graduating, and then lead a minimum of 25 trip participants on CMC "trips" in the calendar year, then your Pikes Peak Group will reward you (reimburse you) for your annual fee! That's right, they will send you a check (or Zelle you) your annual fee for helping our club get people out and into the outdoors!

So, if you:

- lead a hike with 10 people through Garden of the Gods,
- lead a hike of 10 participants up to the Great View in Palmer Park,
- and then lead 5 folks up the Craggs/Devils Playground Trail to the summit of Pikes Peak,

then those 3 trips would qualify you for your annual fee reimbursement! All because you fulfilled the requirement of leading 25 trip participants in the past calendar year.

So consider getting your TLS Badge and lead some trips, and save yourself that annual fee every year!

Interested? Contact [Sean Starkey](#).

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## Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

### PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 - Sat, Sep 20, 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 WTS - Land Navigation

Mon, Oct 6, 2025 - Sat, Oct 11, 2025

This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) curriculum. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Fundamentals course" badge or a CMC equivalent to be able to register for this course. Discussions include maps, compass, orienteering, estimating distance, interpreting map symbols, properly reading topo contour lines, learning about declination, sighting, taking a bearing, and technologies such as GPS. You'll also participate in class exercises using a map and compass. Students must then participate in the associated course field session a PPG trip to receive credit for completing the overall course. Members: \$35; Guests: \$45.

### ARC Pro Basic Self-Rescue

Sat, Oct 18, 2025

This course serves as an introduction to self-rescue skills that can be applied in various climbing situations and built upon with further training. Rescue skills taught include taking over a top-rope belay, rope ascending methods, passing a knot on rappel, alternate rappel methods, and using a rope coil to carry an injured person. This class consists of one full field day 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 expands on these basic rescue techniques. Registrants should have basic rock-climbing skills to include climbing knots, safety checks, top rope belaying and rappelling. Members: \$75; Guests: \$95.



# More PPG in Photos

## Section 16, Palmer Loop Trail



L-R: Sara Gordon (leader and photographer), Joan Arnold, Dean Waits, Alexis Giese, Teresa Brandon, and Gisele Miyamoto.

## Loud's Cabin



L-R: Bryan Scott, Cheryl Mathis, Caroline Snyder, Kristin and Pablo Maurelia. Dean Waits leader and photographer.



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

## 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:

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.