



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Cheyenne Mountain Hike to Plane Crash



Heizer Trail Hike



L-R: Ed, Kathleen, Stephanie, Margo, Brian, and Christie (leader).

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Bison Peak Hike



Dmitriy, Carrie, and Sarah (leader and photographer).

Florissant Fossil Beds



Keith, Debbie, Michelle, Christie (leader), and Ann

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

Welcome New Members!

Jared Bussiere

Daniel Chantler

Marley Chantler

Mary Chantler

Alejandra Diaz

Jody Florence

Richard Florence



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

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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

Pikes Peak Group Annual Dinner



Get your Party Boots ready! We will be having our Annual Dinner on November 15th 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. [RSVP here.](#)



Potpourri

CMC Adventure Travel



CMC Adventure Travel is excited to offer, Annapurna Base Camp Adventure. Registration is open. Join Sharon Dawson on this epic 18 day backpack adventure. [More information.](#)

Hike-A-Thon



For the month of October, participants will be taking steps (literally and figuratively) to improve their own health, build community and advocate for less screen time and more green time. This event inspires people of all ages and abilities to get outdoors and raise funds to bring preventative mental health programming to schools and communities in need.

The Colorado Mountain Club has a team. [Join here.](#) Then get on the trails and log miles via Strava or AllTrails. Lots of [prizes](#) and giveaways too!

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

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 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.

High Altitude Mountaineering School

Wed, Oct 29, 2025 - Sun, Feb 22, 2026

A course to prepare experienced Colorado climbers to take on high altitude and glaciated peaks. Class will consist of 6 evening lectures between October and December followed by 5 field sessions to practice skills. A graduation climb of Mt. Rainier or other glaciated peak will follow the course. Cost: \$295.

Basic Alpine Climbing

Wed, Oct 29, 2025 - Sat, Nov 8, 2025

This course 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, 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.

PPG AIARE 1

Mon, Jan 5, 2026 - Sun, Jan 11, 2026

A 3-day course designed to give you a proven approach in planning, executing and reviewing your backcountry ski, snowshoe, mountaineering, and other snow adventures involving travel in avalanche terrain. Topics include building trip catalogs, tracking the season, observing and understanding the changes in the snowpack, recognizing avalanche terrain and travel options, improving your situational awareness while in the field, and evaluating the day's decisions when finished. Cost: \$445.



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

More Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Pennsylvania Mountain Hike



Nathan, Andrea, Brian, Justin, Jennifer, Stephanie, Annamarie, Debbie, and Christie (leader).

Pikes Peak Ascent & Marathon – Volunteers at A-Frame



PPG volunteers: Anna Kolesar Eaton, Debbie Klein, Mark Silas, and Dean Waits.

More Upcoming Classes

PPG - Avalanche Terrain Avoidance Wed, Jan 14, 2026 - Sat, Jan 17, 2026

The Avalanche Terrain Avoidance course provides information to trip and course leaders to help them recognize and avoid avalanche-prone terrain. Members: \$35; Guests: \$45.

Intro to Snowshoeing

Wed, Jan 21, 2026 - Sat, Jan 24, 2026

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety and beginner level techniques for this entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity on the winter schedule. This is also a wonderful way of beating the ever rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. Members: \$45; Guests: \$75.

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.