



The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Spruce Mountain Open Space



L-R, front: Eileen Krauth, Clara Gillihan, and Jim Guerra; back: Julie Krow and Brian Caldwell; Debbie Sheinman, leader and photographer.

Catamount Reservoir North Slope



Bill, Richard, Christie (leader), Daisy, and Jody (photographer).

Barr Camp



Inside the cabin at Barr Camp, clockwise starting at seven o'clock: Susan Jarvis, Brian Caldwell, Mike Singleton, Nathan Hernandez, Julie Krow, and Andy Lyon (leader).

*Got photos from a class or trip?
Send them to Dave at danderso@uccs.edu.*

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Welcome New Members!

Derek Boxwell

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Jeff Snyder



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Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm)

Battle Mountain Brewing Company

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The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited



the PPG
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Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Feb 23, 2026 - Sat, Feb 28, 2026

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: Members \$45, Guests \$90.

PPG AIARE Avalanche Rescue Course

Sun, Mar 8, 2026

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. Each participant will have the opportunity to receive professional coaching on their rescue skills, and will receive a rescue card acknowledging the completion date. AIARE Avalanche Rescue is a prerequisite for AIARE 2. AIARE recommends that all backcountry travelers keep their skills current by taking an Avalanche Rescue course and receiving a rescue card at least every other year. CMC requires it at least every 5 years to refresh and update skills CMC leaders and instructors use in the field. Cost: Members \$125, Guests \$175.

Winter Wilderness Survival

So, now you have learned, from other classes, how to get out and play in the winter backcountry. But what do you do if things don't go as planned? A day trip can turn into an unexpected overnight - or longer. Cost: Members \$75, Guests \$100.

ARC Pro Traditional Gear & 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. At the completion of the course the student should know how build an anchor using natural or placed protection—adequate for belaying or rappelling—and how to evaluate others' anchors. They will rappel off an anchor that they have built and rigged. Cost: Members \$105, Guests \$125.

Crack Climbing Clinic – North Table Mountain

We will discuss and demonstrate basic crack-climbing techniques for the various crack sizes and spend the day practicing on top-rope. Cost: Members \$35, Guests \$50.



Wilderness First Aid
This 16-hour Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course, offered through CMC Wilderness Medicine, 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.
Sat, Mar 7, 2026 - Sun, Mar 8, 2026
Members: \$280.00 Guests: \$330.00

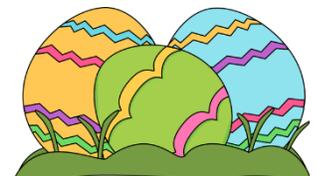
Mon, Mar 9, 2026 - Sun, Mar 15, 2026

Sat, Mar 21, 2026 - Sun, Mar 22, 2026

Sat, Apr 18, 2026



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



Advanced Snow Climbing Class



PPG BMS – Advanced Snow Climbing

Tue, Apr 7, 2026 - Mon, Apr 13, 2026

Members: \$90, Guests: \$110

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, and self-arresting and snow climbing practice.

Come climb Pikes Peak couloirs with us in April 2026!

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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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.