

PIKES PEAK GROUP TRIP LEADER INFORMATION

The following procedures established on August 4, 2020 supersede any previous procedures pertaining to trip leaders. They are created to ensure:

1. That trip leaders follow established CMC trip procedures.
2. That trip leaders make sound decisions for and sometimes with the group, in a variety of outdoor conditions.
3. That trip leaders facilitate positive group dynamics.
4. That trip leaders are confident in dealing with conflict and/or emergency situations in an appropriate manner.

Requirements for becoming a trip leader:

1. Be a CMC member at least 18 years of age and have been a participant on at least five trips.
2. Satisfactorily complete the Trip Leader Training Program (including practice "co-leading" two trips, as stated below).
3. Have a current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification or higher.

Requirements for staying a current trip leader:

1. Lead, as a trip leader or as a co-leader, at least one Pikes Peak Group (PPG) trip during a calendar year period. (The starting period is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.) Extenuating circumstances for not complying with this requirement will be taken into account. This trip needs to be marked "Complete" on the CMC website with at least 4 participants to count.
2. Trip leaders must have current WFA training as well as keep up to date with policies and procedures. This includes Avalanche Terrain Avoidance training for travel on snow-covered areas but not on avalanche prone terrain and AIARE Level 1 (or equivalent) training for travel on avalanche prone terrain.

Requirements for non-current PPG trip leaders to become current:

1. Because of not leading/co-leading a PPG trip:
 - A. Within one year of being non-current, as a minimum, complete the Co-Leading trip requirements stated below.
 - B. More than one year of non-currency requires following the requirements for becoming a trip leader stated above.
2. Because of not being current in WFA training:
 - A. Take any WFA (or higher certification) course.
 - B. Forward the training certificate to Safety & Leadership if training was not provided by the PPG.

Co-Leading trip requirements:

1. Co-lead two trips, each with a different PPG trip leader.
2. At least one of the co-led trips should be of the same type that the prospective leader or LIT (Leader In Training) wishes to primarily lead.
3. The Trip Leader Training Form for logging co-led trips is available from and should be returned to Safety & Leadership.

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