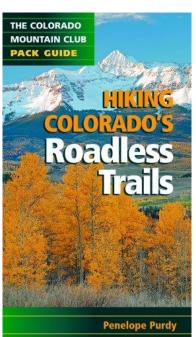


Pikes Peak Group Monthly Program – June 16th

Penelope Purdy Presents: Roadless Trails

Penelope Purdy is an award-winning, long-time Colorado journalist who specializes in issues related to the environment, energy, sustainable development, national forests, parks, and other public lands. She started working for the Denver Post in 1985 as a business and financial writer but later transferred to the opinion section where for many years she wrote editorials, columns, and analysis. In 2001, The Wilderness Society presented her with the prestigious Aldo Leopold Award for Distinguished Editorial Writing, recognizing her for her many years of advocating wilderness preservation and good public lands and forest stewardship. She left The Denver Post in 2006 and now works for herself. Her freelance work has been published in a multitude of publications including the New York Times, Fodor's Travel guides, and Climbing Magazine.



She has climbed (or tried to climb) mountains in the Himalayas, Andes, Canadian Rockies, Alaska, Cascades, Sierra Nevada, and the Rocky Mountains from Wyoming to New Mexico. She has climbed all of Colorado's 14ers and fifteen of the sixteen 14ers on the West Coast, and is well on her way to having climbed all of Colorado's highest 13ers. Besides hiking, climbing, and backpacking, Purdy is also a downhill and crosscountry skier, canoeist, cyclist, small sailboat skipper, certified scuba diver, licensed airplane

pilot, classical music fan, history and science buff, and incurable punster.



Penelope will be talking about her book, **Hiking Colorado's Roadless Trails**, which features 20 roadless hikes in Colorado's backcountry. The book has complete hiking information, including maps and pictures. Proceeds from the book assist the Colorado Mountain Club conservation efforts. Please join us at 6:30pm, June 16th at The Mountain Chalet, 226 N Tejon St.



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Welcome New PPG Members!

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The Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) class on Colorado Alpine Snow was completed on May 3 with field days in the couloirs above Glen Cove.

Conservation Corner

With summer here (right?... it's not still snowing is it?), it's time to hike, climb, camp... and devote a little time also to taking care of the places where you love to do those things.

CMC has several stewardship/conservation activities already scheduled this year, with more likely to come. All of these can be seen here.

I want to call your attention to a couple of projects in particular. Your Pikes Peak Group is joining the Denver Group and the South Platte Ranger District to try to obliterate a user-created motorcycle trail in the north end of the Rampart Range. The work will be moderate, not strenuous, and tools will be provided. This will be over the weekend of June 13-14; you can come for both days and camp overnight along Dakan/Bergen Road, or come for just one day. Sign up at cmc.org. Questions? Contact Steve Bonowski or Claude Neumann.

CMC is also continuing to work with the South Park Ranger District to eliminate user-created motorized routes in the Badger Flats area, between Lake George and Tarryall. This summer's work dates are 6/25-28, 8/13-16, and 9/10-13. As with the Rampart Range Project, you can camp out through the four days, or just come out for part of it. At this writing, the trips are not yet on the CMC calendar, but you will be able to link to them from the Stewardship page above. Questions? Contact Todd Loubsky.

In addition to these "closure" projects, we are working with the Pikes Peak Ranger District to identify designated trails that could use maintenance or rebuilding. Possibilities later this summer or next include work on Grayback Peak Trail, Lovell Gulch Trail, and/or Mount Herman Trail. Keep an eye on future Pikes Pique newsletters, and the weekly reminder email, to learn about future projects!

State CMC News

CMC Member Benefits: 40% Discount on Mountainsmith

Our partner, Mountainsmith, has a 40% discount special for CMC members only during month of June. Visit their website, select the items that you want to purchase and type CMCFORTY in the discount code. For every purchase made with that code during the month of June, a percentage of the profits will come back to CMC. Enjoy!

Pemba Sherpa Raising Funds to Rebuild his Village in Nepal

Many CMCers have visited Sengma Village on CMC Adventure Travel trips to Nepal with member and AT trip leader, Pemba Sherpa. The village was destroyed in the April 25 earthquake, and he is raising money for the families who have lost their homes. You can help by donating or sharing the website Sengma Village Nepal Fund. It is Pemba's hope to raise funds to help 200 families rebuild their homes before winter arrives. He will be traveling to Nepal as early as June to help rebuild.

New CMC Member Orientation Webinar

June 16, 2015 6:30-7:00 pm

Learn about the many ways to get involved with the Colorado Mountain Club. We will discuss recreation, education and conservation opportunities, trips, volunteer opportunities, and programs of the CMC, including our award-winning Youth Education Program and CMC Press. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get contact information for your local group. Sign up on the CMC Calendar.

CMC has a new **Meetup** group for events and happy hours to gather mountain enthusiasts for social activities. Join for free.



FEATURED ADVENTURE TRAVEL TRIPS

August 29-September 11 Hiking the Hill Towns of Tuscany

Visit the beautiful Renaissance city of Florence, Italy with a guided tour and independent explorations. Hike in the surrounding hills. Travel to lovely Siena and take a self-guided walking tour walk from one scenic Tuscan village to the next. Experience breathtaking scenery, eat and drink some of the finest food and wine there is. Stay in 3- and 4-star hotels, including restored villas, palaces, and even an active monastery. Four of the locations we'll visit are designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

September 12–27, 2015 Tuscany Cycle Tour

The Tuscan countryside is in many respects a cyclist's dreama heady mix of vineyards, olive groves, poplars and cypresses, rolling hills and charming medieval hill towns steeped in atmosphere and tradition. This bike tour explores the lesser known, but no less beautiful areas of Tuscany to the west of the renowned Siena region. The tour includes seven days of cycling with the opportunity to cycle three more days. In the

seven cycling days we will cycle 254 miles, averaging 36 miles a day with a maximum day of 50 miles. We will have three optional days that can be used for rest, sightseeing, or cycling.

September 13-25, 2015 Best Hikes of Italy

Explore three distinctly different parts of Italy on this 13-day adventure: the UNESCO World Heritage Dolomite Region in the Alps of northwestern Italy, the Lake District (Lake Garda), and the UNESCO World Heritage Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera. Along with hiking, we'll learn about Italian history and culture during museums, Italian cooking class and a visit to Leonardo di Vinci's Last Supper.

September 26-October 11, 2015 Turkey Hike and Culture

This trip includes four days of hiking in the unique desert region of Cappadocia and the Ihlara valley. Cappadocia is described as both a lunar landscape and a fairyland of bizarre geologic formations which have been carved by people for centuries as homes and safe havens. Then spend four days hiking on the spectacular coastal Lycian way. Visits to cultural and historic sites complete the trip, including Istanbul, Konya, and Ephesus.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Help Save Postage – Renew Your CMC Membership Online

Remember you can renew your membership anytime during the year—at your own convenience on your member dashboard at cmc.org. Note: CMC is moving all members' expiration dates to the end of the month in which they initially joined, in order to streamline renewal communications. Questions? Contact office@cmc.org.

Life Membership in the CMC

What a great deal! You pay one time and your membership lasts for the rest of your life! You don't have to remember to renew every year. Plus, your membership keeps on working to provide meaningful, local connections between people who love the mountains. Call or email the CMC office to find out more!

Go Green in the CMC!

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, CMC now offers a variety of "paperless" options that you can choose, including the Trail & Timberline magazine. Go to your member profile to choose the on-line T&T to reduce mail and printing footprint.

Volunteers Needed in the CMC Office or Remotely

CMC has a variety of volunteer jobs—and those who volunteer often say how much they enjoy working with our staff! We have a number of projects that can be completed from your home computer, so distance isn't a barrier. Contact brendaporter@cmc.org for more information.

CMC Council Member Profile

ROGER KILCOYNE



Roger leading the ice pitch on Martha's Couloir

What is your role on the CMC Council?

Programs Director. Programs does the annual cookout, annual dinner, and the monthly programs on the third Tuesday of the month.

What CMC activities do you teach?

Assistant HAMS instructor and sometimes I will teach BMS courses if they are lacking instructors. However, my passion is leading trips for those BMS and HAMS students to get out and actually practice and use the skills they have developed in the classroom and apply them in the outdoors.

How long have you been a member?

For about fifteen years. I initially joined the CMC to take BMS so I could broaden my skills while climbing the 14ers in the state.

Favorite outdoor activities?

Climbing couloirs, ice climbing, rock climbing (trad and sport), any alpine route.

What is your favorite place in Colorado?

I just enjoy being out. It doesn't matter where I'm playing. Though, I tend to prefer areas and routes that are not as trafficked.

What is your favorite local hike or local crag?

Favorite hike/run is Stanley Canyon. Favorite sport climbing is grey rock or shelf road. Favorite trad area is Lumpy Ridge outside Estes Park.

What's your #1 best camp food?

Well I tend to travel light and figure I can eat well when I return back to civilization. Thus, Ramen is my "food" of choice.

What is your worst experience camping or climbing, where everything that could go wrong did?

I'm not sure I ever had a worst experience, but probably the most challenging was an "easy" trip up Drift Peak which was made impossible by gale force winds and whiteout conditions. I probably should have turned back earlier, but I must say it was a interesting experience.

What are places or peaks you want to hike this summer, or climbs you want to do this summer?

I'm finally going to do Holy Cross Couloir which has been on my to-do list for years, which members can sign up for now online. Also, hoping to do the North Ridge on The Grand in the Tetons.

You have a free month to go anywhere in the world and hike or climb. Where would you go?

How about a free year instead of a free month! I have never climbed much in Europe, so would love to one day get across the pond and do some classic routes.

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For details visit the Member Benefits section of the CMC web site.

PPG Classes

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) - Colorado Wilderness Backpacking June 10, 17, 20-21, 2015

Classroom discussions include finding the right backpack, reviews of sleep, cooking, and clothing systems, ultra-light techniques, tents, trip planning, team composition, group dynamics, and Leave No Trace site selections. We'll do a gear check prior to the overnight to make sure you are properly equipped. There is a CMC Rating Trip (overnight) that is designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. The cost of this course is \$38. For details, please contact Tony Eichstadt.

Introduction to Mountaineering June 11, 2015

The purpose of the class is to provide sufficient knowledge of mountaineering for you to safely climb a high mountain in a CMC climbing party. When applying for a trip, it will serve as a credential for the trip leader to consider when qualifying applicants. If you have not taken any mountaineering classes, this class will give you the basics and bring you to a level playing ground with other climbers of similar experience. Climbers who have not completed BMS are encouraged to attend. Experienced climbers are also welcome to attend and provide their perspective and experiences. You do not have to fill out the history form to attend, but it would be a good idea to turn in a completed one before signing up for a trip. It is another tool for trip leaders to review when deciding you are ready and prepared to climb a high mountain. Topics that will be covered are: character of a 14er, planning, logistics, gear, leaving no trace, food, water, navigation, emergencies and communication. Rockrimmon Library meeting room, 832 Village Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. For details, please contact Chris Mattingly.

Pikes Peak Intro to Mountain Biking Basics September 9, 10, 12, 19, 26, 2015

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for basic mountain biking. Mountain biking is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse, of getting out for a short outing after work, and for building cardio before a big climb. There will be two classroom sessions in Colorado Springs and three field sessions for the mountain biking class. The cost is \$60. There are also rental costs if you don't own the gear. The mountain biking classroom dates are 9 and 10 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p, and the field dates are 12, 19, and 26 Sep all day. A strong fitness level to go on a full day technical bike ride is required for the field sessions as this will not be casual riding. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. For details, please contact Eric Hunter.

Pikes Peak Trip Leader Training September 10, 17, 20, 2015

This course provides the necessary training and satisfies part of the requirement of becoming a CMC trip leader for the Pikes Peak Group. (Completion of a Wilderness First Aid course is the other requirement to becoming a trip leader.) The classroom sessions are on 10 Sep and 17 Sep from 6:30p to 9:00p. The field session on the morning of 20 Sep will be scheduled as a CMC trip. For details, please contact Paul Schoell.

Pikes Peak Intro to Desert Trekking and Canyoneering September 23, 27, 30-October 4, 2015

If you have only been hiking in the high altitude for your spring, summer, and fall there is another world out there. When you have climbed enough peaks to wonder what other environments might be out there, the next step for you may be desert terrain. Come learn the proper gear, safety, and entry level techniques for basic desert trekking and basic canyoneering. There are many nuances to this environment that should warrant a safe approach such as provided by this class. The course cost is \$80. The classroom session will be in Colorado Springs and is on 23 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p. There is a one day field session in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels scheduled for 27 Sep. Then we go on a five day trip to the desert scheduled for 30 Sep through 1-4 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling on moderate exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, and hiking in loose sand is required for the field sessions. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. Attendance at the classroom session and local field session will be required to attend the Utah trip. For details, please contact Eric Hunter.

Pikes Peak WFA (Wilderness First Aid) October 8, 15, 17, 2015

This sixteen hour ECSI accredited course consists of instruction devoted to medical evaluation and treatment in the wilderness setting where definitive medical care is not readily available. Two evening presentations on the variety of situations you might encounter in the backcountry and wilderness areas followed by a full day of practical, hands-on training in the field make up this course. This course satisfies the requirement for trip leaders. The classroom sessions are on 8 and 15 October from 6:30p to 9:30p. The field session is on 17 October from 8:00a to 3:00p. A comprehensive textbook is included and you will receive your WFA card. For details, please contact Paul Schoell.





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June PPG Trips

Citadel Peak Couloir Saturday, 6/6/2015 Moderate D

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 7.6, Elevation Gain 3002. Details: This is a good trip for those looking to hone their skills they learned while taking a snow course or maybe just to refresh their skills after a long break from climbing couloirs. Though this is *not* a class; I will have a couple of instructors available to answer any of your questions or help you with your snow/couloir climbing techniques. For a good route description of this moderate (30-45 degrees) route please refer to climb #24 in the CMC - Colorado Snow Climbs by Dave Cooper. More than likely we will split in groups with snow instructors based on pace and comfort level. Thus, pace is really not that important, though please don't come with the intent of this being your first climb of the year.

Horn Peak Sunday, 6/7/2015 Moderate C

Leader: Andy Lyon, 719-630-1523, andyslyon@msn.com

Mountaineering Program

As we wend into summer, you'll notice an increase in trips being offered that take participants above 12,000 feet. Our thanks to the leaders who are stepping up to the challenge of offering them. If you want to climb mountains, check the cmc.org calendar often, because more trips will be posted. If you haven't done so, be sure to fill out this form so that leaders can qualify you for these trips, and send it as a PDF file to Chris Mattingly or fax it to him at 719-358-8094.

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 4500, Driving Distance 180. Location: Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Westcliffe. Description. Map. Details: This 13,450 foot peak provides a jaw-dropping view of the Crestone group in the Sangres, as well as both the Wet Mountain and San Luis valleys. After winding through the aspens to the ridge, this is straightforward ridge hike, with a small amount of scrambling along the ridge. Very little exposure. Although this is not a 14er, your legs will get a good work out and you'll need to be in shape for it. It will be an early start because the leader has an aversion to lightning. I expect some snow will be left so pack your gaiters and micro-spikes and poles. I will be camping in the forest near the trailhead the night of the 6th. I'm not planning on backpacking and don't plan to go very far in but we'll have to let circumstances dictate exactly where we land. As of now (4/30) there are lots of spots at the nearby Alvarado Campground, if you want picnic tables and such. I will investigate dispersed camping in the forest and update when I have better intel. We'll work out (optional) carpooling and meeting location details when the roster is set. No dogs on this one.

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Sunday, 6/7/2015

Moderate A

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-635-2336, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: 12:00 noon meet at Safeway at Nevada and Southgate (east side of building). Power hike to high point of park; one hour estimated time to reach high point. Call Christie for signup and details.

Chasm Lake Trail - RMNP Centennial

Tuesday, 6/9/2015

Moderate B

Leader: Dean Waits, 719-445-0263, dwaits24@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 2400, Driving Distance 150. Location: Carpool meeting Location is at the Golden Garage on Jackson, between 12th and 13th, Level 3 to leave at 6am. Will need a parking lot leader please. TH meetup at 7:30. Leader will meet at TH. Details: The Chasm Lake Trail is very picturesque. Bring your camera and lunch. From the Lake you'll view the massive East face of Longs, called "The Diamond". At this time of the year the trail may still be icy or snow covered. Ice traction or snowshoes may be helpful. Leader will advise. We will follow Longs Peak Trail for first 3.5 miles, then 0.7 miles spur to Chasm Lake. Last 15 minutes to the lake requires Class 3 scrambling.

Kili Training Climb - Elbert

Wednesday, 6/10/2015

Moderate D

Leader: David Anderson, 719-255-3154, danderso@uccs.edu

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 4700. Details: This is a training climb for participants on the 2015 Kilimanjaro & Safari trip. If the roster does not fill up with Kili participants by three days prior to the trip date, other qualified participants are welcome to join. Register with leader. Mt Elbert - Sawatch Range. Route and TH info at 14ers.com. Boots on the trail at 7:00 a.m. Optional camping the night before may be at Elbert Creek or Halfmoon. Carpooling and other details will be worked out as we get closer to the trip date.





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June PPG Trips (continued)

Bike the Tarryall Valley Friday, 6/12/2015 Moderate

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Trail Mileage 50, Elevation Gain 2500, Driving Distance 140. Location: At the Twin Eagles Campground on County Road 77 (Tarryall Road). Details: This is a road bike trip on a very quiet newly paved back road. Due to an historic and scenic grant, this road was recently widened and paved. This is a beautiful journey along the Tarryall Creek, past old historic ranches and a former ranger station, past the Tarryall reservoir and to the town of Jefferson and back. Along the way you will see some of the beautiful sites of the Lost Creek Wilderness in the Tarryall Mountain range and enjoy the quiet serenity of this peaceful valley. We will stop for lunch in Jefferson before returning to our cars. Notes: Participants must be in good biking shape for this ride. Approximate ride time in the saddle is 4–4½ hours.

13er - Twin Lakes Area Saturday, 6/13/2015 Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-635-2336, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: Explore bushwhack approach to 13er north of Twin Lakes area; near Mt Elbert Lodge. Call Christie for signup and details.

Kili Training Climb - Harvard Saturday, 6/20/2015 Moderate D

Leader: David Anderson, 719-255-3154, danderso@uccs.edu

Trail Mileage 14, Elevation Gain 4600. Details: This is a training climb for participants on the 2015 Kilimanjaro & Safari trip. If the roster does not fill up with Kili participants by three days prior to the trip date, other qualified participants are welcome to join. Register with leader. Mt Harvard - Sawatch Range. Route and TH info at 14ers.com. Boots on the trail at 5:00 a.m. Optional camping the night before would likely be at the TH. Carpooling and other details will be worked out as we get closer to the trip date.

Pancake Rocks Saturday, 6/20/2015 Moderate B

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, sheindk@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1400, Driving Distance 60. Location: We'll hike up to Pancake Rocks via the Horsethief Park trail starting at the Old Midland Railroad Tunnel. We'll take the standard route up the ridge to Pancake Rocks where we'll stop to admire the view and have lunch. We'll return the same way. Driving Directions: Go west on Hwy. 24 to junction with Hwy. 67 in Divide, Colorado. Turn south on Hwy. 67 towards Cripple Creek for about 6 miles. On the left you'll see the old Midland Railroad Tunnel and parking lot. Turn left into the parking lot. Hikers wishing to meet the group at the trailhead must call or email the leader before the hike.

Holy Cross Couloir Saturday, 6/20/2015 Difficult D

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 3700. Details: This beautiful and compelling climb has been on my to-do list for several years. Unfortunately, I just have never gotten around to going back to complete this striking route up a beautiful mountain. Since I'm too lazy to hike in via the road, I'm waiting for opening day of the Tigiwon road. We will hike up over Halfmoon pass and into the Cross Creek basin the first day. We will climb Holy Cross Couloir and most likely hike down the standard route unless we want to be more adventurous and find something more challenging depending on the level of the group. I choose a moderate pace for this trip. My idea of a moderate pace is 2 mph (slow is 1 mph and fast is 3 mph) below 12,500 or on class I trail. Another way I look at pace is elevation per hour. Fast is at or greater than 2000 feet per hour, moderate is around 1000 per hour, and slow is 500 feet of elevation per hour. I hope this helps in deciding if this trip is right for you.

Lost Creek Summer Solstice Loop Sunday, 6/21/2015 Difficult D

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, ehunter67@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 26, Elevation Gain 2800. Location: Lost Creek Wilderness, CO. Details: This is a very strenuous hike and a very full day. We will hike east from Lost Park following the Wigwam Trail to a secondary trail that follows Lost Creek southeast to its first underground passage. We will then climb the ridge to the McCurdy Park Trail and follow that east to the Goose Creek Trail. From there we will hike north to Wigwam Park and hike the Wigwam Trail west to complete our loop. This hike will get into some very remote areas and interesting features. The off trail section is very rugged and abrasive with sharp drop offs. Register with leader.

Lost Creek Wilderness Backpack Monday, 6/22/2015 Difficult

Leader: Dean Waits, 719-445-0263, dwaits24@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 26.3, Driving Distance 120. Details: We will start at Goose Creek TH in beautiful Lost Creek Wilderness, go up Hankins Pass Trail #630, Lake Park Trail #639, Brookside-McCurdy #607, McCurdy Park #628 into Refrigerator Gulch and return on Goose Creek Trail #612 for a total of 26 mi in 4 days. With the shorter miles should be able to explore or camp lounge. This route has some good elevation gains and is for experienced backpackers. Leader will vet.

June PPG Trips (continued)

Kili Training Climb - Missouri

Saturday, 6/27/2015

Moderate D

Leader: David Anderson, 719-255-3154, danderso@uccs.edu

Trail Mileage 10.5, Elevation Gain 4500. Details: This is a training climb for participants on the 2015 Kilimanjaro & Safari trip. If the roster does not fill up with Kili participants by three days prior to the trip date, other qualified participants are welcome to join. Register with leader. Missouri Mountain - Sawatch Range. Route and TH info at 14ers.com. Boots on the trail at 7:00 a.m. Optional camping the night before would likely be at the TH. Carpooling and other details will be worked out as we get closer to the trip date.

Spruce Mountain

Saturday, 6/27/2015

Easy A

Leader: Y Mason, youdew@aol.com

Trail Mileage 5.5, Elevation Gain 300, Driving Distance 31. Location: Spruce Mountain Trailhead is located 3.5 miles northwest of the intersection of County Line Road (exit 163 off of I -25) and Spruce Mountain Road. Details: Meet at the Woodmen Park and Ride (just west of the I and Woodmen Road) at 8:00 a.m. with an 8:05 a.m. departure time. Should anyone prefer to meet at the trailhead, please let me know when you register for this hike. Weather permitting we will take a snack/lunch break at Windy Point while enjoying some pretty nice views.



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L-R: Cosette, Michelle, Melisa, Bryan, Terre, Jan, Peter, Debbie, Kim, David, Kim, Maria, and sitting: Jane and Marilyn on Loud's Cabin Hike, Dean Waits leading

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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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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.