



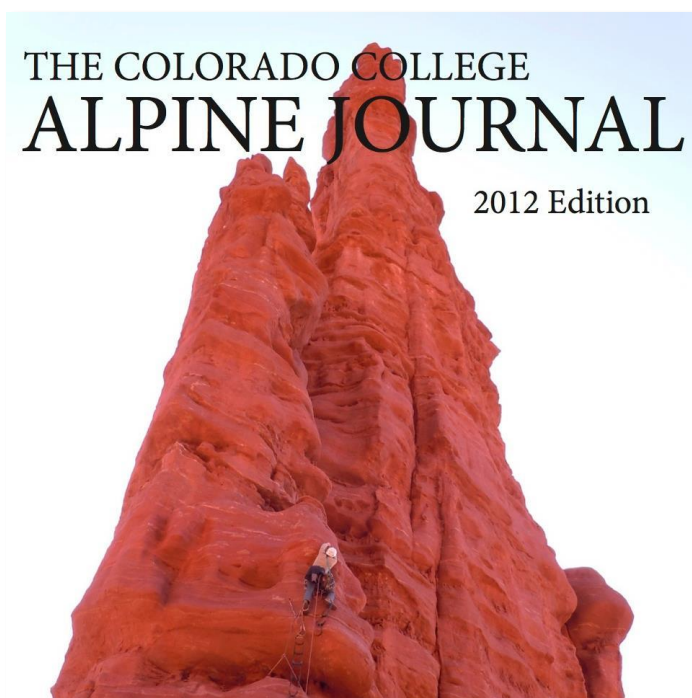
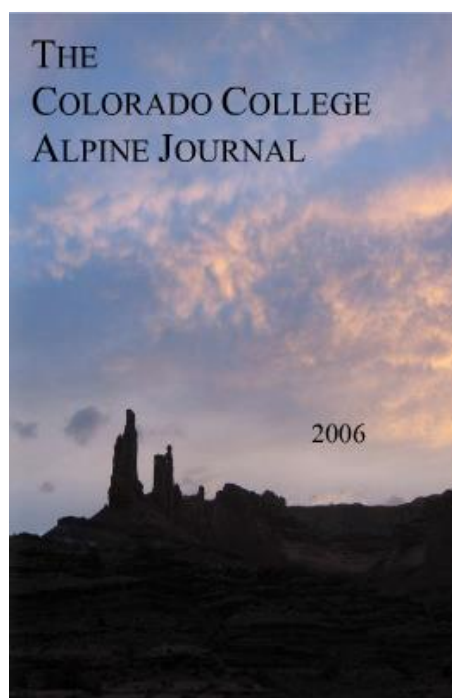
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Pikes Pique

The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

February 17th – Pikes Peak Group Monthly Program

Nielsen Davis Presents: *The Colorado College Alpine Journal*



Please join us at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N Tejon St, on February 17th at 7:00pm, as Nielsen Davis, Senior Editor of *The Colorado College Alpine Journal*, talks about the history and mission of the journal and some of its highlighted climbs.

Unbeknownst to many, Colorado College plays host to one of the most significant climbing communities in the world. Since the early 1900s, CC climbers have been pioneering first ascents and embarking on significant climbs throughout Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West, as well as throughout of the world. The Alpine Journal was originally created by Joey Forrester and Michael Wejchert in 2006 in an attempt to unite and showcase the Colorado Climbing community. Since its first release, the CCAJ has sustained itself as a unique compilation of stories, photos, and artwork which chronicle the climbs of both current CC students and CC alumni, while also displaying the creative

talents of its many contributors. The 2015 Edition will be released in March of this year, and as always is a free publication. Those looking to gloss through its vibrant pages can find copies in the Tutt Library, climbing gyms around the city, and also online at ccalpinejournal.org.

Update: We are continuing to look for a new venue for our monthly programs. Members have expressed that the programs would have more of a social aspect if beverages were available to purchase before and during the programs. The Ivywild facility fails to meet our audio visual requirements. We also looked at the Warehouse (the same place where we have our annual dinner), but they were not interested. If you have an idea of a location that has decent acoustics with AV and projection systems that also serves beverages, please email Roger Kilcoyne at rdk9689@hotmail.com.

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

New! PPG Mountaineering Program

As you recall, the PPG sent out a survey to the membership about a year ago asking what we could do better about meeting your needs. Many of you responded and provided many great ideas. One idea came across from many of you--we don't do enough mountain climbing! After bouncing the idea off several leaders and thinking through all the facets of such a program, we now have "The PPG Mountaineering Group" within the PPG. This program is totally reliant upon Trip Leaders to provide trips that involve mountains at or above 13,000 feet. Equally important, all the trips offered in this program will go to waste unless there are members desiring to improve their mountaineering skills and climb the high mountains.

The first step is finding out who wants to climb and what is their current skill level. This info will give leaders more knowledge of "applicants", and ensure climbers are ready for the trip they desire. The 14ers are divided into four categories on 14ers.com and we will be using the standard route on each mountain. 13ers will be a case by case basis determined by the leader. All members who want to participate will complete the form and send it to me by email or fax. When you sign up for a mountain trip, I will send the leader your climbing history. If the leader has questions, s/he will contact you.

Another facet to this program is your participation on the climb. You will be asked to assist the leader in one of many areas such as weather, route, pace, safety or logistics. Finally, since education plays a key role in our club, there will be one class that will summarize important components of mountain climbing that should be on every climbers' resume and when class 3 and 4 routes are planned, participants should have taken the PPG Scramble Class or have sufficient experience to make the climb safely. As always, Trip Leaders have the final say.

So, if you are interested, fill out [this form](#) and send it as a PDF file to me at jamescmattingly@comcast.net or fax it to me at 719-358-8094. We anticipate beginning the climbing season in July 2015. Please send questions to my email as well.

Leaderfest!

Save Wednesday, April 22 to attend the Leaderfest gathering, a twice-a-year event designed to celebrate and educate Pikes Peak Group Trip Leaders who volunteer their time leading trips.

Rudy's Barbecue (SE corner of 31st Street and Hwy 24) is the locale, so "be prepared" to enjoy some very good barbecue. There will be plenty of napkins!

For planning purposes please respond no later than Monday, April 20 to Yolanda at youdew@aol.com.



PPG Basic Mountaineering School – 2015

Are you seeking to increase your skills and safety in backpacking and climbing 14ers, perhaps even thinking about moving up to the more challenging aspects of snow, rock, and ice climbing? Then consider the courses we have to offer in the 2015 Basic Mountaineering School. This is the perfect way to develop the alpine mountaineering skills you need to tackle anything the Colorado Rocky Mountains can throw at you!

Our Pikes Peak Group offers two tracks, depending on your level of adventure:

PPG BMS Wilderness Trekking Certificate

Wilderness Fundamentals (March, 2015)

Wilderness Land Navigation (April, 2015)

Wilderness Backpacking (June, 2015)

PPG BMS Alpine Mountaineering Certificate

Alpine Snow Mountaineering (April–May, 2015)

Rock Climbing (May–June, 2015)

Ice Climbing (February, 2016)

(You must earn the Wilderness Trekking Certificate and complete a recognized Avalanche Awareness course to be eligible to graduate from the Alpine Mountaineering sequence.)



Taught by volunteer instructors who have a passion for sharing their knowledge and skills, each module focuses on a different aspect of Colorado mountaineering. We cover gear, nutrition, weather, trip planning, and all the detailed information pertinent to the activity. Courses usually consist of two to three evening classroom sessions, and one or two field sessions (the backpacking class includes an overnight trip). Our instructor–student ratios are typically 1:2 to 1:3. Best of all, BMS introduces you to a fine group of like-minded folks who share the same love of mountaineering that you do. Think new climbing buddies!

With these certificates under your belt, you will open yourself to a world of new mountaineering possibilities.

As well, you will be eligible for CMC trips that have a BMS prerequisite. If you have even higher aspirations, the Alpine Mountaineering Certificate gives you the credentials to enroll in our High Altitude Mountaineering School (HAMS).

You can find more course details on the cmc.org web site under Calendar, Classes. Don't delay!

For further information, email Mike Erickson, Michael.Erickson@yahoo.com or Tony Eichstadt, teichstadt@comcast.com.



PPG Classes

Avalanche Level 1 Class January 27, 29, 31, February 1, 2015

This is the level of avalanche training now required for HAMS and BMS students. This is also a great level of knowledge for those who have only completed Introduction to Avalanches in the past. This course will teach you about proper gear, route selection, and making safe decisions by providing an understanding of terrain, snow pack, weather, and triggers. You will practice evaluating terrain, doing a beacon search, probing and digging for a “victim”, and digging evaluation pits. This is the course to make all the other winter activities safer. Classroom dates are 27 and 29 Jan. The field sessions are 31 Jan and 1 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For details, please contact Eric Hunter at ehunter67@yahoo.com.

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Ice Climbing February 2, 4, 7, 8, 2015

This is the continuation of the 2014 BMS series. Completing this course will be the completion of BMS certification for many students this year. Congratulations! This course has a pre-requisite of BMS Rock Climbing or proven skills similar to those provided by that class. Classroom dates are 2 and 4 Feb. The field session is either 7 or 8 Feb. This year there will be an optional extra class in Ouray on 13-16 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$52. The optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses. For details, please contact Dave Anderson at danderso@uccs.edu. You will need permission to sign up for this class as there are prerequisites and space is limited.

Technical Ice Climbing School (TICS) February 5, 14-16, 2015

Have you been ice climbing easy routes for a few seasons since your BMS Ice Climbing module and wondered what's next? Have you seen some of the annual Ouray Festival clips and wondered about mixed routes or leading? Here is your chance. Come to Ouray for an event sure to improve your ice climbing skills as well as adding to your skills with leading and anchor building. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 5 Feb. The weekend trip is 14-16 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$175. For details, please contact Grant Wilson at n2sngltrk@yahoo.com. You will need permission to sign up for this class as there are prerequisites and space is limited.

Winter Wilderness Survival Class February 25, 28, March 1, 2015

So now you have learned from the other classes how to get out and play in the winter wilderness, but what do you do if you get stuck out there for the night? This clinic will discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend a night in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. We will build several types of winter shelters and you will have the chance to spend the night in them using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. The classroom session is on 25 Feb. The overnight is 28 Feb through 1 Mar. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$40. For details, please contact Eric Hunter at ehunter67@yahoo.com.

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Colorado Wilderness Fundamentals March 11, 12, 18, 21, 2015

Wilderness Fundamentals, or “Wild Fun” as we like to call it, will be offered in March. This class will present foundational knowledge for safe travel in the Colorado Mountains. It is also the first offering of the Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) and provides the foundation for the other BMS classes. If you are new to Colorado or mountain activities in any season, please consider joining us for this class. This class (as all BMS classes) will have a focus on safety in the mountains. It consists of three classroom lectures covering the topics of gear selection, the Ten Essentials, building a first aid kit, trip planning, wilderness travel, nutrition, conditioning, conservation practices such as Leave No Trace, weather evaluation, safety, emergency planning protocol, and case studies of wilderness accidents; and a field trip designed to reinforce the principles and techniques discussed in class. Please consider joining us for this class. The cost is \$38. For details, please contact Tony Eichstadt at teichstadt@comcast.com.

Trip Leader Training March 26, April 2, 4, 2015

CMC trips are the heart and soul of the club and as a member; leading trips can be your most important and rewarding CMC activity. To get started with this activity, free up your schedule to take the Trip Leader Training course, which is one of two required courses necessary to obtain the CMC trip leader certification. Completion of this course along with Wilderness First Aid (WFA) will allow you to lead trips through the CMC. (It is suggested that if you are a current leader and it has been five or more years since you attended this course, that you re-take it to refresh your skills at no cost.) Some of the topics covered are: CMC leader and trip requirements, leader skills, group dynamics, emergency procedures, and website operation. There will be two evening classroom sessions and a half-day field session. The cost of this course is \$25. For details (and if you are a current leader wishing to re-take this course as a refresher), please contact Paul Schoell at 4paul2@gmail.com.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) April 9, 16, 18, 2015

To enhance your safety on all trips, the Pikes Peak Group continues to offer a Wilderness First Aid course. This sixteen-hour course is accredited by the Emergency Care and Safety Institute and consists of instruction devoted to medical evaluation and treatment in situations where definitive medical care is not readily available. This comprehensive and nationally recognized WFA

course is taught over two evenings of classroom presentations and activities followed by a full day of practical training in the field. It's highly recommended that all members take this course to ensure they know and understand what to do in a wilderness medical situation. Completing a WFA course is a requirement for those desiring to lead CMC trips. Because most trip leaders do not repetitively practice the principles and procedures of dealing with medical situations, current trip leaders should also take this course to renew their WFA training. Participants will receive a comprehensive textbook and their WFA card. The member cost of the course is \$50 (\$40 for leaders). For details please contact Paul Schoell at 4paul2@gmail.com. (**Note:** Although CPR training is not part of the WFA curriculum, accredited CPR training is available immediately following the WFA course for those that would like this additional training. A *separate sign up* is required for the April 18, 2015 CPR course.)

CPR Training April 18, 2014

Knowing CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) can be life-saving. So as a benefit to the community, the Pikes Peak Group is offering a CPR training course for everyone. If you never had CPR training, or if it's been a while, this two-hour American Heart Association accredited course is for you. It includes the latest classroom instruction and hands-on training in CPR/AED for the Adult/Child/Infant (choking, conscious, and unconscious). Upon completion, participants will receive their CPR card. The member cost of the course is \$25 (\$30 for non-members) and the number of participants is limited. For details please contact Paul Schoell at 4paul2@gmail.com.



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



State CMC News

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 your distance isn't a barrier. Contact brendaportercmc.org for more information.

Membership Updates

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION CHANGING TO THE END OF THE MONTH

In order to streamline our membership processes, your membership will automatically now expire on the last day of the month in which you joined/renewed.

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. 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 online T&T to reduce our mail and printing footprint.

Member Discounts

Don't forget about the discounts you can receive as a CMC member:

[Adventure Medical Kits](#)
[Ajax Bike and Sport](#)
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[Breckenridge Nordic Center](#), Breckenridge
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[The Mountaineers Books](#)
[The Trailhead](#), Buena Vista
[TrailRunner Magazine](#)
[Vagabond Ranch Huts](#)
[Wilderness Exchange Unlimited](#), Denver

For details visit the [Member Benefits](#) section of the CMC web site.

February PPG Trips

Barr Camp Overnight Lodge Camping

Saturday, 2/7/2015

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 13, Elevation Gain 3700, Driving Distance 7. Location: Meet at the Red Rocks Safeway at 3275 W Colo Ave in Old Colo City at 10am to form car pools to go to Barr TH. There's a \$5/day per car fee at Barr TH parking lot to be divided between participants. Details: We will hike Barr Trail to Barr Camp on the flanks of Pikes Peak. We will overnight at Barr Camp in a dormitory setting. Dinner and breakfast are included in the reservation cost as well as bed. You must carry your sleeping bag, water purification and other necessities. The cost is approximately \$36 per person for inside cabin. There are also outdoor lean-to's or you may bring your tent for cheaper rates. Anthony & Renee will prepare dinner and breakfast. Special dietary needs cannot be accommodated. After you have registered online at cmc.org, open the [reservations form](#) and make your Barr Camp reservation directly. Please copy me or send me an email to let me know you have paid and received confirmation. You are *not* signed up for this trip until you 1) sign up at cmc.org, 2) send Barr Camp a reservation form, 3) receive confirmation from Barr Camp, and 4) pay Barr Camp by credit card. On the reservation form, note that you are with CMC Group. I cannot reserve the entire lodge, so space may become limited as time draws closer to the trip. This is open reservation and the public is free to reserve our date as well. *Sign up early* to be sure you get on the trip. Even though we have significant elevation gain, this is a very good trail. Steep at the bottom and more moderate as we approach camp. We will spend a leisure Sunday morning at BC and return to TH by early afternoon. More details to be sent to participants later.

PPG BMS Ice Climbing Field Session

Sunday, 2/8/2015

Ice Climbing

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

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 100, Driving Distance 40. Details: This is the field session for students completing the PPG BMS Ice Climbing course. The focus will be on developing skills for safe travel on low-angle ice and for climbing higher-angle waterfall ice. The location and time will be announced in the classroom session.

Downhill Ski Breckenridge

Friday, 2/13/2015

Moderate II

Leader: Carol Schmitz, 719-339-4851, cmarieschmitz@gmail.com

Driving Distance 240. Location: Meet at 6am at Red Rocks Safeway on West Colorado Ave. We'll carpool and make a coffee stop on the way. Details: Downhill skiers and snowboarders welcome. This day ski trip is for intermediate and advanced skiers/riders only. Let's enjoy great snow and have fun skiing Breckenridge. Lots of great terrain to choose from.

PPG BMS Ice Climbing Ouray Trip

Friday, 2/13/2015

Ice Climbing

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

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 100, Driving Distance 550. Details: This is the optional trip for graduates of the PPG BMS Ice Climbing Module. For more details, contact the leader.

Winter Wilderness Skills Overnight

Saturday, 2/28/2015

Moderate

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

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 100, Driving Distance 200. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the required classroom session with the Pikes Peak Group. This trip will focus on building shelters in winter conditions to stay overnight with just day hiking gear, water procurement, and team skills.

Mt Princeton Showshoe

Saturday, 2/28/2015

Snowshoe

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

Details: Snow Shoe trip - Leader's choice. 9 a.m. meet at Mount Princeton Hot Springs lobby. 6 miles average outing. Bring lunch. Call leader for sign up and details.

SESI

Singles Enjoying Similar Interests

SESI activities are found on the cmc.org trip list. Please look for the SESI label to identify activities specifically geared towards the singles group.

20/30-Something

The **20/30 Something** group is oriented toward members in that age range. Most of our activities are organized through our listserve.

For further information, contact Roger Kilcoyne at rdk9689@hotmail.com.

Program Cancellation Policy

If the weather becomes severe, our monthly program may be cancelled. We will cancel a program when the CSPD goes to Severe Weather Accident Reporting. Listen to the radio or the television.

CMC Adventure Travel

Featured Adventure Travel Trips

June 8–12, 2015 | [Yampa River/Green River Rafting & Hiking](#)

Five days of rafting the Yampa River through Dinosaur National Monument with day hikes to historical sites, archeological sites, and other natural sites. The Yampa is the only undammed tributary of the Colorado River. Oar boats, inflatable kayaks, and paddle boats will be utilized.

July 24–August 7, 2015 | [World Summit Series: Mt. Kilimanjaro & Safari](#)

Climb one of the Seven Summits and best known mountains in the world during a 6-day climb of Kilimanjaro (19,340') on the normal Machame Route. Then visit prime wildlife viewing areas of Africa during a 4-day safari to Lake Manyara, Serengeti National Park, and the Ngorongoro Crater.

CMC offers 15–20 trips around the globe every year! See all of our Adventure Travel trips at cmc.org/adventuretravel.

Check back often, as new trips, including Turkey Culture and Hike – September 26, 2015, and Ultimate Kiwi Trip – December 27, 2015, are posted throughout the year!



Ginny, Jim T., Jim B., and Gene on the Falcon Trail
(Photo courtesy Nancy Altmansberger)

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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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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:

David Anderson, editor
danderso@uccs.edu

The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.