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The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

Pikes Peak Group Program – January 24

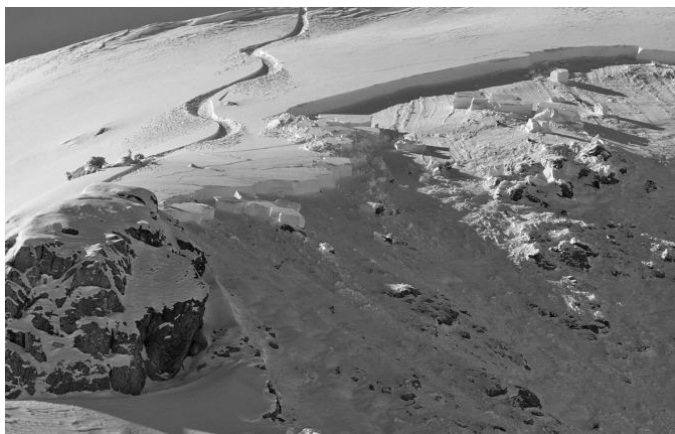
The CAIC Presents: *Avalanche Awareness*

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on January 24th for our monthly program at the Mountain Chalet, 226 N. Tejon St. The Colorado Avalanche Information Center will be giving a public presentation on Avalanche Awareness.



**Colorado Avalanche
Information Center**

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) is a program within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Executive Director's Office. The program is a partnership between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the Friends of the CAIC (FoCAIC), a 501c3 group. The mission of the CAIC is to provide avalanche information and education, promote research for the protection of life and property, and the enhancement of the state's economy.



Since 1950, avalanches have killed more people in Colorado than any other natural hazard, and in the United States, Colorado accounts for one-third of all avalanche deaths. The Colorado Avalanche Warning Center began issuing public avalanche forecasts in 1973 as part of a research program in

the USDA-Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. The program moved out of the federal government and into the Colorado state government, becoming part of the Department of Natural Resources in 1983. The CAIC joined the Colorado Department of Transportation's highway safety program in 1993. The Friends of the CAIC (a 501c3 group) formed in 2007 to promote avalanche safety in Colorado and to support the recreation program of the CAIC. If you plan on going into the backcountry, you should strongly consider giving to this very good cause!



Our Pikes Peak Group's Avalanche Level One Course happens to coincide with this year's CAIC presentation, and that course happens to be full. Although the Pikes Peak Group's course will save you hundreds of dollars over a course done by a guiding service, it will not be available again until next year. REI also offers a presentation on avalanche safety, and we highly recommend you get some information or training.

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Welcome New PPG Members!

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Your PPG Council Needs You!

We sincerely appreciate all of our Pikes Peak Group members who selflessly volunteer their time and effort leading trips, instructing classes, promoting the Club, and serving on the Council. Have you been a member for a while? Have you benefited from our classes? Have you had fun on trips? Why not consider giving a little back? Our Programs chair position is currently vacant. Come join us for a meeting and see what the Council is about. Sign on as an At Large member and participate in decision making and voting. Think about filling that vacant position. We would love your help! Feel free to contact the Chair, or really, anyone on the Council.

To All PPG Trip Leaders

Hopefully you are aware, and if not this is a friendly reminder, that the PPG has a requirement that each trip leader lead at least one trip of any kind for the group every two years. At least half of our trip leaders lead much more than that. I'm sure you will agree that this is a very easy requirement to fulfill.

If you have not led an official PPG CMC trip in a while, we on the council encourage you to do so as soon as you can. Those leaders that have not led a trip between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017 (or within two years of becoming a trip leader in 2016 or 2017) will be removed from our leader roster. So, if you just haven't gotten around to leading a trip, you have 2017 available to do that.

Paul Schoell, Safety & Leadership Chair
Britt Jones, Outings Chair

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PPG Basic Mountaineering School – 2017



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 2017 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
- ♦ Wilderness Land Navigation
- ♦ Wilderness Backpacking

PPG BMS Alpine Mountaineering Certificate

- ♦ Alpine Snow Mountaineering
- ♦ Rock Climbing
- ♦ Ice Climbing

More detailed information for these classes is available in this newsletter and on the cmc.org web site under Calendar, Classes.

(You must complete the Wilderness Trekking Certificate sequence and an Avalanche Level I 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).

For further information, email BMS Co-directors [Matt Foster](mailto:Matt.Foster@cmc.org) or [Tom Mulcahy](mailto:Tom.Mulcahy@cmc.org).



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PPG 2016 AWARD WINNERS



PPG Annual Dinner, November 19, 2016

- ♦ Robert Ormes Service Award: **Rick Keetch**
- ♦ Dick Eustice Conservation Award: **Dean Waits**
- ♦ Spencer Swanger Trip Leader Award: **Eric Hunter**
- ♦ Service Awards: **Kristen Buckland, Jackie Crouch, Thomas Mulcahy, Kim Wetzel**

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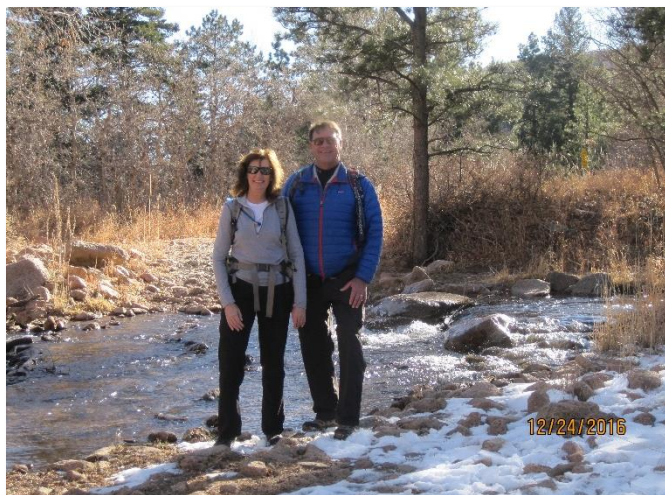
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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS



Falcon and Stanley Trails, 12/17/16: Jim Thieme & David Laude



W Monument Creek Trail, 12/24/16: Cosette Truscott & Jim Thieme



Air Force Academy, 12/30/16: Jim Thieme & Andy Lyon
(Photos courtesy Nancy Altmansberger)

Upcoming PPG Classes

Pikes Peak Avalanche Level I

Starts January 24

This is the Decision Making in Avalanche Terrain course required for both HAMS and BMS students, and is highly recommended for anyone going into the winter wilderness. The classroom sessions will be held in Colorado Springs, and will teach how to develop a plan for travel on avalanche terrain, how to identify terrain that is avalanche safe, how to make safe terrain choices before and during a trip, and how to make an efficient companion rescue through hands on experience. This is the course to make all the other winter activities safer. Classroom dates are scheduled for 24 and 26 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p. The field session is scheduled for both 28 and 29 Jan all day. All field sessions are scheduled separately as CMC trips. Attendance at both classroom sessions and both field sessions is required to successfully complete the course. The cost for this class is \$150. A general fitness level is required to spend the day snowshoeing around and digging in the snow. This course will be on snowshoes only. The target audience is anyone new to avalanche skills and anyone wanting to refresh their expired skills. Each student will be required to bring their own 10 Essentials, appropriate clothing for winter travel, and snowshoes. The course will provide beacons, probes, and shovels for use in the field sessions; however, please bring your own to learn from if you have them.

Pikes Peak BMS – Colorado Ice Climbing

Starts January 30

This is the final module in the 2015 BMS series. Completion of this course allows certification in the BMS Alpine Mountaineering track. Congratulations! This course has a prerequisite of the BMS Rock Climbing module or similar proven skills. Classroom dates are 30 Jan and 2 Feb. The field session is 5 Feb. There will be an optional trip to Ouray on 11-13 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$70. The optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses. Regarding gear: Aside from the normal climbing gear (helmet, harness, belay device, biners, slings, and rigid-soled boots), you do not need additional equipment for this class. Crampons are available for checkout, and ice tools are available for your use. You're of course welcome to purchase these items before the class, but they can be quite expensive (especially the ice tools). It is recommended that you try the tools that the club and instructors bring to the field sessions to see what works best for you before making that kind of investment.

PPG Technical Ice Climbing School

Starts February 15

Have you mastered the art of climbing rock, and now that the weather is turning you don't know what you will do with your time? Consider advancing all those skills you learned in BMS rock and ice by taking TICS. The goal of the class will depend on the groups aspirations and existing skill level but will be to teach basic leading on class 3 ice and advanced skills needed for climbing class 4 and 5 ice. If time permits there will also be the opportunity to add some basic mixed climbing instruction as well. The class will be in two parts with one evening classroom instruction and two consecutive days out on the ice in Ouray, CO. Requirements: Completion of BMS Rock and Ice and a lead climbing class preferred. Exceptions can be made for individuals who can show the ability to lead 5.8 or harder safely, and who have ice experience. The evening class will be in Colorado Springs on Feb 15th, while the remainder of the class will be a weekend in Ouray, CO. The cost for the class will be \$175. You will be responsible for securing your hotel and meals while on the trip; however, a discounted rate at a local hotel will be secured by the school.

Pikes Peak Winter Wilderness Survival Skills

Starts February 22

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 an unplanned night while on a day trip? This classroom session will be held in Colorado Springs and 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 22 Feb from 6:00p to 9:30p. The overnight is 25-26 Feb all day both days. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$40. A general fitness level to travel on snowshoes, to be out overnight, and to dig snow shelters for long periods is required. The target audience is anyone who goes on day trips in the winter in any snow environment.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Colorado Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts February 28

There are two class lectures covering the topics of gear, trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, conservation practices such as Leave No Trace, the Ten Essentials, weather evaluation, safety, emergency planning protocol, and case studies of wilderness accidents. There is a CMC Rating Trip designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other courses and will provide a copy of *Freedom of the Hills* that will be referenced in other courses. Make sure you have this one under your belt!



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

Upcoming PPG Classes (continued)

PPG ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class

Starts March 9

In Gear and Anchors, students will learn about the various types of rock protection, including: 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 a safe climbing anchor to include placement and evaluation of protection, fall forces, direction of pull, rigging methods and knots for anchoring. By the end of the final field session, participating students will be expected to be able to build trad anchors that meet an instructor-team evaluation for gear placement and anchor safety. They will rappel off of anchors they have built and rigged. Prerequisites: Registrants should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing, or have the equivalent basic rock climbing skills. Please contact the leaders for any questions as to your suitability for this class and the ARC Program in general.

Pikes Peak Trip Leader Training

Starts March 20

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, a CPR course, and practice trip leading are the other requirements for becoming a trip leader.) The classroom sessions are on 9 and 23 March from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The field session on the morning of 26 March will be scheduled as a CMC trip. Prerequisite: Must have taken BMS Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation or possess equivalent demonstrable knowledge/experience and be a PPG member for at least one year.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Colorado Wilderness Land Navigation

Starts March 29

There are two class lectures. Our discussions include maps, compass, orienteering, estimating distance, interpreting map symbols, properly reading topo contour lines, learning about declination, sighting, taking a bearing, and technologies such as GPS. You'll also participate in class exercises using a map and compass. There is a CMC rating trip which is designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. You'll be given a map with markers. Your team's job will be to find them.

PPG ARCPro Self Rescue Class

Starts April 1

Ever wondered how you might react if your climbing partner were injured? What about if you were injured- would you be able to get down safely as a team? In the PPG ARCPro Self-Rescue Class, you will learn tips and techniques to deal with unpleasant situations in the mountains. Whether you are an alpine climber seeking endless ridgelines, looking to break into multipitch ice this year, or a seasoned rock climber with regular days at our local crags- this course is for you!

Pikes Peak WFA (Wilderness First Aid)

Starts April 22

This two-day, 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. Day one consists of classroom presentations and practicals on a variety of situations you might encounter in the backcountry and wilderness areas. Day two continues with a short classroom presentation followed by almost a full day of practicals and hands-on training in the field. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The sessions are on Saturday, 22 April and Sunday, 23 April from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. A comprehensive textbook and a field guide are included and you will receive your WFA certification. Note: This course does not teach CPR, which is taught in a separate two-and-a-half-hour class (with separate sign-up required) at the same location after the completion of the WFA course.

Pikes Peak CPR Training

April 23

Knowing CPR can be life-saving! Did you know the number four cause of death in the backcountry is heart attack? If you never had CPR training or it's been a while; this two-and-a-half-hour American Heart Association accredited training 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). This class is taught at 3:15 pm on April 23 and satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. A CPR card good for two years will be issued upon completion.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Colorado Alpine Snow Mountaineering

Starts April 25

Prerequisite: Wilderness Fundamentals. There are two class lectures. Our discussions include evaluating weather and snow conditions, terrain and avalanche risk assessment, gear, trip planning, using crampons, proper climbing techniques, snow travel, including proper use of ice axe, self-arrest, glissading, determining slope angles, and route finding. We will demonstrate and practice snow anchors and rope techniques if time allows. There is a CMC rating trip which we typically do at Pikes Peak Glen Cove which is designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. You will attend both days.



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Upcoming PPG Classes (continued)

PPG ARCPro Crack Climbing Class

May 6

This class will focus on crack-climbing techniques for climbing finger- to fist-sized cracks, along with touching on chimney and off-width techniques. We will not be teaching any gear placement or lead climbing in this class; we will focus on climbing techniques while on a top-rope belay. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing class or the equivalent, to include belaying and climbing communication. Leading skills are not necessary.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Colorado Rock Climbing

Starts May 25

Prerequisite: Wilderness Fundamentals. There is one class lecture and one indoor climbing session. Our discussions include climbing gear, rating a climb, the different types of rock climbing, reviewing climbing knots, rope management including coiling, care and inspection, anchors, communications, climbing techniques, belaying, rappelling, and building an auto-block. There are two CMC Rating Trips which we typically do at Red Rock Canyon Open Space and Castlewood Canyon. We may also go to 11-Mile Canyon depending on the weather.

February PPG Trips

Downhill Ski

Friday, 2/3/2017

Moderate II

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

Driving Distance 120. Location: Let's all ski Breckenridge on Friday February 3. All intermediate and advanced skiers welcome, no beginners please. Riders also welcome. We'll eat on the mountain and you can bring your own lunch or try any of the delicious specials always available. Details: Downhill ski at Breckenridge. Meet time is 6:00 a.m. at the Red Rocks Safeway on West Colorado Ave in Colorado Springs. Please sign up online. Any questions please contact leader. I can carry two passengers, and appreciate anyone who can drive, with ski carrying capability.

Cross Country Ski Women's Park -or- Craggs/Putney Gulch/Harvey Carter Bowl

Saturday, 2/4/2017

Moderate II

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 60. Location: Women's Park north of Divide, CO -or- Fourmile Creek to Putney Gulch TH, near Divide, CO. Details: This trip will depend on snow conditions. This is a moderate loop ski in The Women's Park or an out and back ski into the Craggs and Putney Gulch area near Harvey Carter Bowl. If there is enough snow, we will ski the cloverleaf trails of The Women's Park. If there is not enough snow there, we will stay to the main Craggs Road and side trails up Fourmile Creek from the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp to the Putney Gulch Trailhead. From there we will ski Harvey Carter Bowl. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will provide more control. We will avoid avalanche terrain. Nat Geo Map 137. 60mi. 6/1,000'. Register with leader.

PPG BMS Ice Climbing Field Session

Sunday, 2/5/2017

Top Rope

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 200, Driving Distance 80. Location: Camp Alexander. 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. Further details will be announced in the classroom session.

Barr Camp via Barr Trail Annual Superbowl Sunday Hike to Barr Camp

Sunday, 2/5/2017

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 13, Elevation Gain 3800, Driving Distance 7. Location: Meet at [Westside Safeway](#) at 7:30 to carpool to Manitou or meet at the trailhead at 7:50. Parking is limited at the trailhead, must be reserved in advance, and is \$20 (you get a voucher for a \$15 refund at Barr Camp). Reserve parking at: ParkBarrTrail.com or [other parking options](#) (which may or may not be available on any given day). Details: Do a great hike and be back in time for (most of not all of) the Superbowl. Expect the trail to be snow-packed and icy, at least in the shade, so spikes or trax will be a must and gaiters advised. We'll break for lunch at [Barr Camp](#) and then return the way we came. At a moderate pace, we should be back at the cars no later than 4 p.m. This will be the second annual Superbowl Sunday trek to Barr Camp. There is paid parking available but spots at the trailhead lot must be reserved in advance so (optional) carpooling is highly advised to share costs and minimize impacts on the good folks who live near the Incline.



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February PPG Trips (continued)

BC Ski or Snowshoe Hut Trip to Section House

Wednesday, 2/8/2017

Moderate III

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6.5, Elevation Gain 1200, Driving Distance 200. Location: Boreas Pass, CO. Details: This is a moderate out and back ski or snowshoe from the Breckenridge side to Boreas Pass on an old steam engine narrow gauge route and staying over for two nights. The grade is moderate enough to have to kick and glide out and back. We will stay to the main road to the hut passing historic sites along the way. On our second day we may explore some of the side roads and easy slopes, possibly even climb a peak. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will be better. Snowshoes are also accepted. We will avoid avalanche terrain. On the free day, avalanche gear may be required depending on what we can do. \$65 fee per person. Group cooking and cleaning will be planned out. Nat Geo Map 109. 200mi. 6.5/1,200'. Register with leader.

PPG BMS Ice Climbing Ouray Trip

Saturday, 2/11/2017

Top Rope

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 550. Details: This is the optional trip for graduates of the PPG BMS Ice Climbing Module. For more details, contact the leader.

Barr Camp Overnight & Pikes Peak

Friday, 2/17/2017

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 Colorado Ave in Old Colorado City at 9:15 a.m. to form carpools to go to Barr TH. We will carpool to Manitou Springs and take the free shuttle to the Barr TH. Details: We will hike Barr Trail to Barr Camp on the flanks of Pikes Peak. This is half the way to the summit of Pikes Peak. We will overnight two nights at Barr Camp in a dormitory setting. If conditions permit we will attempt to summit Pikes Peak on Saturday (13 mi r/t) or if not, hike in the area. We will return Sunday morning to the TH by early afternoon. You will be asked about your winter climbing experience and conditioning if you attempt Pikes Peak. 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 \$43/night for inside cabin and meals. Special dietary needs cannot be accommodated. After you have registered online at cmc.org, please open the Reservations Form in [this link](#) and make your Barr Camp reservation directly. You are *not* signed up for this trip until (1) you 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 the CMC Group. 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. More details to be sent to participants later.

Cross Country Ski St Elmo to Hancock

Saturday, 2/18/2017

Moderate III

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 200. Location: St Elmo, CO. Details: This is a moderate out and back ski in the St Elmo area on an old railroad bed. The grade is moderate enough to have to kick and glide out and back. We will stay to the main road as far as the team can go, but the goal will be the town site of Hancock. We may explore some of the side roads and easy slopes along the way. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will be better. We will avoid avalanche terrain. Nat Geo Map 130. 200mi. 12/1,000'. Register with leader.

Winter Wilderness Survival Skills Overnight

Saturday, 2/25/2017

Moderate

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.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.



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Mt Princeton 2017

Mt Princeton | March 3–5, 2017



This is an annual weekend of ski, snowshoe, swim, soak, and dine adventure at the Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop, CO, near the ghost town of St Elmo. It includes two nights' lodging, dinner on Friday and Saturday, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, two complimentary drinks (beer, wine, or soft drink) on Friday night, all the swimming you can get in, as well as an informal get-together Saturday after dinner. On both Saturday and Sunday after breakfast, CMC leaders will lead trips for all levels of ability. The cost is \$265.00 for double occupancy and \$350.00 for single occupancy. Non-CMC members pay \$10.00 more. This is a fun event, attended by members of several mountain club groups. For more information and to sign up, please contact Gertrud (Getty) Nuhn at Hinuhn@Comcast.net or (719) 473-8868 or Becky Zenthoefer at Beckyzee@Comcast.net or (719) 633-1367. We hope to see you there again!

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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:

David Anderson, editor
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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.