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# Pikes Pique

## The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

### Pikes Peak Group Program – May 16

#### Scott Holmberg presents: *Whitewater Adventure*

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on May 16<sup>th</sup> for our monthly program at the Mountain Chalet, 226 N. Tejon St.



Scott Holmberg has been president of the Pikes Peak Whitewater Club off and on for several years. Established in 1975, the Pikes Peak Whitewater Club is a kayak-oriented whitewater club based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A few of its founding members are still paddling with them today.

The club fosters an enthusiastic group of paddlers and is the place to meet others who enjoy kayaking and exploring Colorado's exciting whitewater rivers. They like sharing hidden river gems, camping areas, adventure destinations, and of course, stories. They'll be paddling and playing somewhere, in something—canoe, kayak, raft, or ducky.



Scott retired from the US Army and has over 34 years of federal service in and out of uniform. He is a Level IV American Canoe Association (ACA) Instructor in Whitewater Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard, Swiftwater Rescue, and also a PADI Rescue Diver where he teaches at Underwater Connection Kayak, SUP, SCUBA and Swim. He also teaches kayaking in the Outdoor Leadership Program at Pikes Peak Community College. He has paddled and rowed privately many western rivers, including the Salmon, Rouge, Grand Canyon, and Green in Utah.



In July he will complete his fourth trip down the Grand Canyon with his wife and six others on a private trip.

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## Welcome New PPG Members!

Michael Archuleta	Hannah Kinderwater
Chris Bushong	Randy Martin
Yasar Ergun	John Shackelford
Stephanie Hallam	Miles Teger
Sandy Hammond	Crystal Teger



## Barr Camp Hike – 4/8/2017



The hike to Barr Camp included both the Pikes Peak and several Denver BMS students participating to obtain their 'C' hike rating. Bottom left: Jennifer Girdler (Den), Erin Bernier (PPG), Alexandra Oren (Den). Top Left: Clint Schneider (PPG), Donna Gail Schneider (PPG-Leader), Ron Dirlam (Den), Braydn Girdler (Den), Dean Waits (PPG), Larry Post (Den-Instructor). Not shown: Jeanne Rund.

## Leaderfest – April 26

### CALLING ALL PPG INSTRUCTORS AND TRIP LEADERS!

Our semi-annual appreciation meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. at Old Chicago, 4110 N Academy Blvd. In addition to the usual good food, drink, and camaraderie, Eric Hunter will be our guest speaker. Eric is the Education & Training Chair on the PPG Council and the most prolific trip leader in the PPG. Eric will give us insight regarding the trips he leads. We are sure he will inspire and motivate other trip leaders. So, come hear and ask questions. Please sign up on the [CMC web site](#) by April 19, so we will know how many people to expect. For additional information, contact [Britt Jones](#), PPG Outings Chair, 719-661-4777.

## Upcoming PPG Classes

### 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.

### 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.

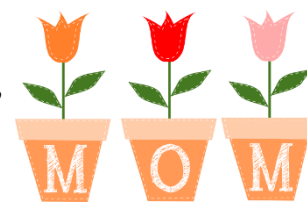
### PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Colorado Rock Climbing

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.



To register for classes or trips,  
go to [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org)



## May PPG Trips

### Mystery Hike

Saturday, 5/6/2017

Moderate A

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, [Christie80905@gmail.com](mailto:Christie80905@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 4.5, Elevation Gain 400. Details: Needed: 5 to 6 adventuresome hikers. Local hike, 4-5 miles, 300-500 feet elevation gain, maximum 4 hours long starting at 8:30. Contact Leader at least two days prior to the trip.

## May PPG Trips (continued)

### Carcass Canyon / Five Points Gulch

Sunday, 5/7/2017

Difficult BII

Leader: Thomas Mowle, 719-216-3932, [tommowle@yahoo.com](mailto:tommowle@yahoo.com)

Trail Mileage 7.5, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 150. Location: Arkansas Canyon, east of Texas Creek. Details: This trip is largely off trail, and partly exploratory. It will involve non-technical pour-off climbs, traversing desert-ish terrain including cryptobiotic soil, and working through brush and boulders in a narrow canyon. Some rock climbing or desert canyoneering experience is desirable; if you are not comfortable climbing, this is not a good trip for you. This trip is a "U" of adjacent canyons with a 2-mile car shuttle along US 50, so we want to take two cars to shuttle between the mouths. We will start up Carcass Canyon, a slot canyon opposite Hindman Gulch. 2.5 miles up a very narrow canyon will get us to a high point with a panoramic view of the northern Sangres. We will then traverse about a mile to the rim of Five Point Gulch. This may be the exploratory aspect if I seek out a different route down than last year. Once down 500', the rest is benign: about four miles along a little used track down an often wide, sometimes narrow canyon. Be prepared for some water in either canyon. If for some reason Carcass proves impassible this year, we will bail out to Five Points up and back. No pets.

### Boudoir Couloir Snow Climb

Saturday, 5/13/2017

Difficult III

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 2400. Location: Meet in Colorado Springs. Details: This is a couloir climb intended for those who have recently completed the Pikes Peak Group BMS Snow Climb course. All others will be placed on the waitlist. Boudoir Couloir is on Horseshoe Mountain just south of Mt Sherman near Fairplay, CO. All 10 Essentials, crampons, alpine axe, helmet, and avalanche beacon/probe/shovel are required. Avalanche Level 1 completion required. Nat Geo Map 110. Class III, 9/2,400'. Register with leader.

### Spruce Mountain

Saturday, 5/13/2017

Easy A

Leader: Y Mason, [youdew@aol.com](mailto:youdew@aol.com)

Trail Mileage 5.5, Elevation Gain 750. Location: Spruce Mountain is just north of Palmer Lake in Douglas County. Details: Specific meetup and hike details will be emailed to registered hikers several days beforehand.

### Mystery Hike

Saturday, 5/13/2017

Moderate A

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, [Christie80905@gmail.com](mailto:Christie80905@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 4.5, Elevation Gain 400. Details: Needed: 5 to 6 adventuresome hikers. Local hike, 4-5 miles, 300-500 feet elevation gain, maximum 4 hours long starting at 8:30. Contact leader at least two days prior to the trip.

### Hopeful Couloir Snow Climb

Saturday, 5/20/2017

Difficult III

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 4700. Location: Meet in Colorado Springs. Details: This is a couloir climb intended for those who have recently completed the Pikes Peak Group BMS Snow Climb course. All others will be placed on the waitlist. Hopeful Couloir is on Mount Hope just west of Twin Lakes. All 10 Essentials, crampons, alpine axe, helmet, and avalanche beacon/probe/shovel are required. Avalanche Level 1 completion required. Nat Geo Map 127. Class III, 8/4,700'. Register with leader.

### PPG New Member Orientation Hike at RRCOS

Saturday, 5/20/2017

Easy A

Leader: Dean Waits, 281-352-2236, [dwaits24@gmail.com](mailto:dwaits24@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 3, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 10. Location: We will meet at the Red Rock Canyon Open Space (RRCOS) in the back parking lot. Turn south on to the entrance road of RRCOS off of HWY 24 (Ridge Road just west of 31st Street) and then go through the little roundabout toward the parking lots. At the stop sign, *do not* take a right into the main parking lot, but go straight through (east) and head to the back parking lot. Details: We will go for a short (3-mile) hike in the Red Rock Canyon Open Space and then meet at the Gazebo to review the PPG New Member Orientation materials and answer questions. Guests are welcome, so bring a friend. We should be complete by 11:30ish.

### Grand Gulch Backpack

Thursday, 5/25/2017

Difficult D

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 35, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 950. Location: Grand Gulch, UT. Details: Come enjoy an extended backpack trip through this Ancestral Puebloan cliff ruins and rock art canyon of the Cedar Mesa area of Utah. We will see some of the best-preserved ruins and rock art as well as enjoy an incredible canyon adventure. We will backpack into Bullet Canyon to Bullet Junction on day 1. We will day hike down Grand Gulch and back to Bullet Junction on day 2. We will backpack up Grand Gulch to Todie Canyon on day 3. We will backpack up Grand Gulch and out Kane Gulch on day 4. We will car camp in or near Natural Bridges NM before and after the backpack. There is a non-refundable, required \$25 fee to reserve your spot due by 18 May. Priority will be given to those who have completed the Pikes Peak Group Canyoneering Course. Nat Geo Map 706. 950 mi. 35/1,500'. Register with leader.

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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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The deadline for submissions is the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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