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Pikes Pique

The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

Pikes Peak Group Annual Dinner – November 10

Guest Speaker: Gerry Roach

We are all already intimately familiar with Gerry through our dog-eared, rain-soaked, note-filled *Colorado Fourteeners*.

Gerry moved to Boulder, Colorado as a lad in 1954, and started climbing rocks and mountains shortly thereafter. Over six decades later, he continues pursuing his mountaineering passion with all the energy he can muster.



In the intervening years, Gerry became a world-class mountaineer. After climbing Mount Everest in 1983, he went on to become the second person to climb the highest peak on each of the seven continents in 1985. He has been on 29 Alaskan expeditions, 10 Andean expeditions and 7 Himalayan expeditions, including first ascents in the kingdom of Bhutan. In 1997, he summited 26,360-foot Gasherbrum II in the Karakorum without supplemental oxygen. In 2000, Gerry became the first person to climb the ten highest peaks in North America, and in 2003 he became the first person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. Gerry is a member of the Colorado Mountain Club, the Highpointers Club, the Sierra Club, and the American Alpine Club.

Closer to home, Gerry has climbed more than 2,000 peaks in Colorado, including all the Fourteeners, which he completed for the first time in 1975. He finished climbing every ranked Thirteener in Colorado in 2010. He finished climbing every



named and ranked peak in the Indian Peaks Wilderness and Rocky Mountain National Park in 2001. He has also climbed every peak in the Colorado counties of Boulder, Gilpin and Clear Creek, and every named peak in Jefferson County. He completed visits to all 64 Colorado counties in 2001, and became the tenth person to achieve this feat. He is also a member of the coveted Highpointers' Double Century Club for visiting more than 250 county summits nationwide, and he has done all 50 of the US State Summits. In 2004, Gerry completed the 99 classic desert peaks on the Sierra Club's fabled Desert Peaks List. Pursuing another venue, Gerry has visited the highpoints of 55 of the 59 US National Parks.

I could go on, but I'm trying to keep this to one page!

The Pikes Peak Group's annual dinner will be held on November 10th at 6:00 p.m. at The Warehouse restaurant, 25 West Cimarron St, Colorado Springs. The cost is \$40 for CMC members, \$50 for others.

Seating is limited and we expect a large turnout.

Register online at www.cmc.org by November 3rd.

If you are unable to register online, please contact **Bill Allen**, (719) 660-1339, by November 3rd

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Welcome New Members!

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Ray Gierlach

Michael Merrifield
Traci Palmer
Lisa Powell
James Taylor



Conservation Corner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Pikes Peak Group would like to be engaged while land managers plan the future use of our public spaces. The best volunteer would be someone who knows and cares about the area and has time to regularly attend the public meetings (usually a few times a year).

We particularly need volunteers for the following:

Waldo Canyon: RMFI is coordinating plans for creating trails in the burn area, which will consider more than just re-opening the old trail. 2019 meetings are scheduled for 1/16, 4/17, and 10/23, on the Westside.

Jones Park: El Paso County will soon begin plans for developing trails on its land in Jones Park itself. Meeting dates are TBD, but will most likely be at the Bear Creek Nature Center.

Monument Preserve: We would like to get back in the habit of coordinating with Friends of Monument Preserve, including the Mt Herman and Palmer Lake areas. They meet monthly on Tuesday evenings, and it would be good to have a presence.

If you can volunteer to work with any of these projects, please email [Tom Mowle](#).



Devil's Playground work crew

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Upcoming PPG Classes

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) with CPR/AED in Colorado Springs

Starts October 20

This two-day, eighteen-hour ECSI accredited course presents dynamic instruction devoted to teaching you how to respond to medical emergencies in remote settings where definitive medical care is not readily available. Day one consists of classroom presentations and hands-on training in a variety of medical situations that may be encountered in the backcountry and wilderness areas, including CPR. Day two continues with classroom presentations followed by realistic scenarios in the field that simulate the type of medical situations people face in wilderness settings, when calling 911 is not an option. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The sessions are on 20 October from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and on 21 October from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. A link to your comprehensive e-textbook will be emailed prior to class and a field guide will be distributed during the first session. You will receive your WFA with adult CPR/AED certification card emailed to you upon satisfactory course completion. Cost: \$90 for Pikes Peak Group members, \$80 for leaders, \$95 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Introduction to Self-Rescue

Starts October 27

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 Intro to Self-Rescue Class, you will learn tips and techniques to deal with unexpected 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! The Self-Rescue Class offered by Pikes Peak Group is a key element of our Advanced Rock Climbing Program. Students learn the skills to deal with many of the situations that can occur in a climbing scenario. This class does not deal with any of the medical components and implications of an injury-based rescue; that is far beyond the scope of the program. This class teaches participants the safety components and transitions that can assist a climbing team to extricate themselves from a number of situations. Prerequisites: Your climbing experience does not need to be extensive. In fact, we recommend that even rookie climbers begin their career with this knowledge. Participants should have basic rock climbing knowledge and skills, such as those gained by taking our BMS Rock Climbing class. We encourage all levels of climbers to register – to learn new skills and to brush up on rusty ones. Cost: \$95.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts November 26

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction to important skills and backcountry knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outing in the great outdoors—away from civilization and all it provides. Class lecture covers the fundamentals of choosing back country gear (the Ten Essentials), trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, Leave No Trace (LNT) conservation practices, mountain weather, safety, emergency planning protocol (what to do when things go wrong), and a case study of a recent, Colorado wilderness accident. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other PPG courses and will provide participants with a copy of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* that will be referenced in other courses! Make sure you have this one under your belt. Cost: \$45 for Pikes Peak Group members, \$55 for all others.

Pikes Peak Snowshoe Basics Class

Starts January 8

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for this entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity in the winter schedule. This is also a wonderful way of beating the ever rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There will be two classroom sessions in Colorado Springs on 08 and 09 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p and one field session on 12 Jan all day. A general fitness level to go on a full day snowshoe trip is required for the field session. The first classroom is the same as the BC Ski class. The target audience is someone new to snowshoeing. Cost: \$25 for PPG members and leaders and \$35 for all others. There are also rental costs from local gear shops if you don't own the gear.

Pikes Peak Intro to Backcountry Skiing Class

Starts January 8

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for backcountry skiing. BC skiing is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse, and it is still a wonderful way of beating the ever rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There will be two classroom and three field sessions for the BC Ski class. BC Ski classroom dates are 08 and 10 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p in Colorado Springs, and the field dates are 13, 20, and 27 Jan all day. A general fitness level to go on a full day ski trip with a lot of practice time is required for the field sessions. The first classroom is the same as the snowshoe class. The focus of this course is on learning efficient balance and weight transfer to manage an efficient kick and glide, so the target audience is beginner backcountry skiers. Cost: \$75 for PPG members and leaders and \$90 for all others. There are also rental costs from local gear shops if you don't own the gear and a trail pass for one day at a Nordic Center.



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



Adventure Travel

SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE – SKI THE ALPS



The Haute Route from Chamonix, France to Zermatt, Switzerland is perhaps the world's most famous ski tour. Starting from the shadow of Mont Blanc, the route traverses from mountain hut to mountain hut through the high Alps to the picturesque village of Zermatt, beneath the imposing Matterhorn. This "High Level Road", pioneered in the mid-1800's by the British Alpine Club as a walking tour, was first skied in the early 1900's—and while many ski touring routes have since had the French moniker "Haute Route" (High Road) applied to them, our intended route remains the original classic. The tour offers 5 days of everything you'd expect in a world-renown high-mountain ski tour: steep ascents, imposing glaciers, jaw-dropping scenery, and big ski descents! With tough climbs, steep, technical descents, and crossings of crevassed glacier terrain, this tour requires participants to be skilled skiers/mountaineers and be in great physical condition; experience with ski touring gear, ropes and harnesses, crampons, and ice axes is needed. The trip itinerary includes a warm-up day of skiing in the Chamonix area before starting the route, and an additional day for sightseeing or additional skiing in Zermatt at the end. [Find out more.](#)

Member Discounts

New! [Gearonimo](#), 1401 South 8th St, is now offering a 5% discount on all store items, except consignments, to CMC members (be sure to bring your CMC membership card). Check out their new and used gear.

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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.