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Pikes Peak Group Program – February 19

Stewart Green Presents: A History of Climbing in the Pikes Peak Region

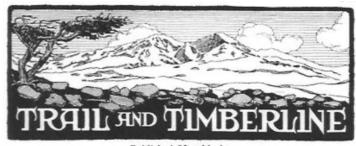


Stewart Green will present a program on the history of climbing in the Pikes Peak region that focuses on ascents of Pikes Peak in the 19th century and the development of rock climbing in the area, particularly at the Garden of the Gods, one of the first established climbing areas in the United States. The program will focus on local climbers, including Albert Ellingwood, Bob Ormes, Harvey Carter, Jimmie Dunn, and others, as well as on current climbing and stewardship issues at local climbing areas.

Stewart Green, a Colorado Springs native, began rock climbing in North Cheyenne Canon in 1963 as a 12-year-old kid and has subsequently climbed all over the world. He is also an adventure travel writer and photographer for Falcon Guides and Globe Pequot Press and has written over 40 books, including Rock Climbing Colorado, Rock Climbing Utah, Rock Climbing New England, Rock Climbing Europe, Best Climbs Rocky Mountain National Park, Best Climbs Moab, Scenic Driving Colorado, Scenic Routes & Byways California's Pacific Coast, and many others. His newest book, released in September 2018, is Rock Art: The Meanings and Myths behind Ancient Ruins in the Southwest and Beyond.

Please note our new venue: the Barrel Room at the Ivywild School Center, 1604 S Cascade Ave. The presentation starts at 6:30. Food and beverages are available, so come early!

Happy 100th Anniversary, Pikes Peak Group!



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"The Pikes Peak Branch of the Colorado Mountain Club"

"Tuesday, May 6th, may well be remembered in the history of the Colorado Mountain Club, for on that date consolidation of the Cheyenne Mountain Club of Colorado Springs with the Colorado Mountain Club was effected, and with the union of the two organizations added strength comes to the state organization, not only numerically but by virtue of the high personnel of the officers, directors, and members of the younger organization."

2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Pikes Peak Group. Watch future issues of the *Pikes Pique* newsletter this year for more stories, history, and artifacts.

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Welcome New Members!

Cristian Barcan
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Valerie Deneau
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Gregg Girtin
Jordan Gold
Kelsey Gubernat
Glenn Hanlon
Ryan Joyner
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Cindy Russell
Jonathan Scher
Jim Siewertsen
Denise Walker
Matt Winzenried
Jessica Winzenried
Rebecca Zitterich





December New Member Orientation

L–R: Matt & Jessica Winzenried, Ed Anderson, Greg Kozloski, Melissa Hanson (guest), Michael Merrifield, Caleb Wanyne (guest), and Ricky Arguello.

Photo credit Dean Waits, leader.

Thanks to Pocket Pals



Thank you to Pocket Pals Trail Maps for donating \$400 to CMC Conservation last month! They have been a great partner for our trail work, especially in the Rampart Range, for several years. Pocket Pals sells great laminated guides that are—

yes—pocket sized: a map of an area on one side and detailed descriptions of the routes on the other. Their maps cover most of the Pikes Peak area, some 14er routes, and Buffalo Creek. They are for sale at most local outfitters and visitor sites, as well as online.

Upcoming PPG Classes

PPG Avalanche Level 1 Starts January 29

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 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 29 and 31 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p. The field session is scheduled for both 02 and 03 Feb 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. 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. Cost: \$175 for PPG members and leaders and \$200 for all others.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Beginner Ice Climbing

Starts February 4

Time to swing some ice! This is the final module in the 2018-2019 BMS series. Completion of this course allows certification in the BMS Alpine Mountaineering track. Congratulations! This course has a prerequisite of BMS - Rock Climbing or similar proven skills. Classroom dates are 4 Feb and 7 Feb. The field session is 10 Feb. There will be an optional overnight trip to Ouray on 15-17 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. Cost: \$70 for PPG members and leaders and \$80 for all others. The optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses.

PPG - Technical Ice Climbing School

Starts February 14

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 group's 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. Cost: \$185 for PPG members and leaders and \$200 for all others. 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 20

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 discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend a day in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. We will build several types of winter shelters and review other winter survival tips and tricks. The course will be over on day one in the field, buy you can stay on your own to spend the night in them using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. Staying overnight will not be a CMC sanctioned trip; you will be on your own. The classroom session is on 20 Feb from 6:00p to 9:30p. The field session is 23 Feb all day. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. A general fitness level to travel on snowshoes, 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. Cost: \$50 for PPG members and leaders and \$65 for all others.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Wilderness Fundamentals

February 27

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 PPG members, \$55 for all others.





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



Upcoming PPG Classes (continued)

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Land Navigation

Starts March 6

There are two class lectures and a field session. 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. The CMC trip 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. Dates: 6 and 13 Mar, 6:30pm-8:45pm, 16 Mar, 8:00am-4:00pm. Cost: \$50. Prerequisite: BMS Wilderness Fundamentals.

PPG ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class

Starts March 20

The Pikes Peak Group Gear and Anchors Class is part of the PPG Advanced Rock Climbing Program and is a prerequisite to the Trad Leading class. 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 placements and anchor safety. They will rappel off of anchors they have built and rigged. Cost: \$95; \$65 for leaders.

PPG Trip Leader Training Starts April 4

This classroom course provides Part 1 of the necessary training and satisfies some of the requirements of becoming a CMC trip leader (for the Pikes Peak Group). Currency in Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED plus Part 2 which is practice trip leading are the other requirements for becoming a trip leader. The classroom sessions are on 4 and 11 April from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please keep the morning of 13 April open for your first practice at leading a trip. Prerequisite: Must have taken BMS Wilderness Fundamentals and BMS Land Navigation or posses equivalent demonstratable knowledge/experience (and be a PPG member for at least one year for PPG trip leader candidates). Cost: \$25 for PPG members, \$30 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Intermediate Self-Rescue Class

Starts April 13

This is our next-level Self-Rescue class for those who have completed the Introduction to Self-Rescue class. We will review the basic skills from the Intro class, then move into more advanced self-rescue skills, including skills applicable to multipitch climbing, such as lowering from a top belay, hauling methods, and multipitch tandem rappels. Prerequisites: Students should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing and Introduction to Self-Rescue, or have equivalent skills. Cost: \$95; \$65 for leaders.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) with CPR/AED

Starts April 27

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 on 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 27 April from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and on 28 April from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Your comprehensive textbook 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 PPG members, \$80 for leaders, \$95 for all others.

February PPG Trips

Barr Camp Overnight and Pikes Peak

Friday, 2/1/2019

Difficult C

Leader: Dean Waits, 281-352-2236, dwaits24@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 26, Elevation Gain 7410, Driving Distance 7. Location: Manitou Springs Shuttle Parking lot located along Manitou Ave; turn on Old Man Trail near Memorial Park. Meet at 9:00am to form car pools. We will carpool to Barr TH; parking is \$5/day which will be split by participants. Details: We will hike Barr Trail to Barr Camp on the flanks of Pikes Peak. 3700 feet elevation gain, 6.5 miles on Friday. 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, or you can hang out in the cabin. 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 the CMC web site, please open the reservation request form on the Barr Camp web page and make your reservation directly. You are *not* signed up for this trip until you are signed up on both the CMC web site and have a reservation at Barr Camp. 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.

February PPG Trips (continued)

PPG Avalanche Level 1 Field Practice

Saturday, 2/2/2019

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 5, Elevation Gain 400, Driving Distance 200. Location: Pikes Peak Region. Details: This two-day field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. The session will focus on avalanche evaluation, safe travel skills, and team rescue skills. We will be returning to town between the two field sessions. Details will be provided in class.

Mt. Princeton Resort Weekend 2019

Friday, 2/15/2019

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Leader: Heidi Paul, asanctuaryspa.salon@gmail.com

Location: Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop, CO near the ghost own of St. Elmo. Details: The Mt. Princeton Resort party weekend for 2019 will take place from February 15 to February 17. This annual weekend of ski, snowshoe, swim, soak, and dining adventure includes two nights lodging at the resort (Friday and Saturday), dinner on Friday and Saturday, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, two complimentary drinks on Friday night (wine, beer, or soft drink), all the swimming and soaking you can get in on three days, as well as an informal get together on Saturday after dinner. On Saturday and Sunday after breakfast, local trips will be sponsored for all levels and abilities. The cost is only \$295 for double occupancy and \$405 for single occupancy (please add \$10 for non-CMC members). This is a fun event, attended by members from several CMC groups. The registration deadline is January 4 and payment by check will be due by January 10. Guests are welcome.

Nordic Ski Breckenridge Nordic Center

Saturday, 2/16/2019

Moderate II

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

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 260. Location: Breckenridge Nordic Center. Details: Did you just complete the Pikes Peak Group Backcountry Ski Class? Are you trying to get back into the winter season and just need some practice before your big hut trip? Come spend the day honing your skate or classic track skiing skills on the groomed trails of this fantastic Nordic Center. Full rentals available at the center. All skill levels welcome. We will avoid avalanche terrain. Nordic Center Map. Register with leader.

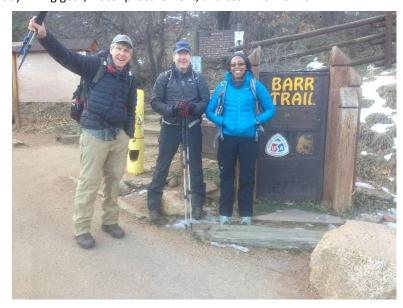
Winter Wilderness Survival Skills Practice

Saturday, 2/23/2019

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 with a focus of staying overnight with just day hiking gear, water procurement, and teamwork skills.



Andy Lyon's trip to Barr Camp with Brett Book and Betty Katondo

Attention Trip Leaders

The Pikes Peak Group Trip Leader Policy states that every trip leader lead at least one PPG trip every two years. Fortunately, several trip leaders lead more trips than that. If you have not led or co-lead a trip in 2018, please do so in 2019, the end of the current two-year period. PPG trips are entered on the CMC website, show at least four participants, and show a "Complete" status.

If you have led trips in 2018, our Outings Chair, David Kuenzli, and Safety & Leadership Chair, Paul Schoell, thank you.

Trip Leader Trail Status

Trip Leaders, my name is David Kuenzli and I'd like first to introduce myself as the new Outings chair. I moved back to Colorado in 2013 and joined the Colorado Mountain Club Pikes Peak Group in 2014 after running into Dean Waits at the Pikes Peak Brewing Company. I've been climbing and hiking in the mountains ever since I came to Colorado to attend college. My favorite outdoor activities are mountaineering, cycling, and hiking with my family. I also teach land navigation, rock scrambling, and alpine snow. Besides instructing those classes, I hope to lead several trips to 14ers this year, including scrambles and couloir climbs. Second, I want to thank Britt Jones for his outstanding work as the Outings chair. Britt is a climbing mentor of mine and I've learned a tremendous amount from his experience and wisdom. Thank you Britt for encouraging trip leaders to plan and provide trips to meet our members' desires. Next, I hope to use this space in the monthly newsletter to communicate to you. "Trail Status" is the place in national forests and parks bulletin boards where we find updates on our favorite trails. I'll use this space to give you notes from our council meetings and provide additional updates and news. Lastly, Glenn Barr recently conducted a survey of PPG trip leaders and members. His results showed that trip leaders desired simple appreciation for their volunteerism. One of the goals of the Colorado Mountain Club is to "furnish and encourage enjoyable, safe, environmentally responsible, human powered recreation activities." Trip leaders are absolutely the key to achieving this goal! Your hard work and dedication in safely leading trips into beautiful Colorado is the foundation of our club. Thank you for what you do! I would like to begin 2019 by offering incentives to trip leaders to lead more trips. Did you know that most of our classes and trips are led by a small, dedicated minority of trip leaders? I know that planning and leading can be challenging. It's not always easy to screen participants and deal with lastminute cancellations. But without your initiative, our club will flounder. Every time I lead a trip, I'm thankful for the opportunity to meet new people who also share the love for our mountains. In this regards, I'd like your feedback in two areas. First, Glenn's study suggests that leaders should plan trips they enjoy leading. Please send me an email with trip opportunities you're interested in leading this year. I'd love to know what you're planning. Second, let me know what kind of incentives you'd appreciate. You can contact me at navsareneverlost@gmail.com anytime. My goal for this month is to develop that incentive plan, including its budget, and present it to the council in February for approval. Once again, thanks for volunteering to be a trip leader. I hope to see you in the mountains soon.

Conservation Corner

Waldo Canyon Planning Meeting - January 16

The first community meeting for re-imagining the Waldo Canyon area will be from 6:00-8:30 PM on 1/16 at the Westside Community Center, 1628 W Bijou.

Please support reopening this area for all forms of non-motorized recreation and encourage the development of official trail links with Cascade, Williams Canyon, and/or Rampart Range Road. Learn more at www.waldocanyonplanning.com. RSVP requested but probably not mandatory.

Also, we are starting to get our stewardship calendar put together for the upcoming season...

Our first project will be to do some routing repair and maintenance on the Ice Cave Creek that we built in 2013-2014. The workday, in collaboration with Denver Group's trails crew, will be May 18. Sign up at cmc.org.

Pikes Pique

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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:

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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.