

The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

# Pikes Peak Group Program – March 19

#### Susan Joy Paul Presents: Hiking Waterfalls in Colorado

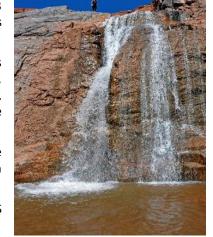


Colorado isn't known only as the Rocky Mountain State—it's also the *Headwaters State* and the *Mother of Rivers*. Our twisted topography and wealth of waterways combine to create spectacular waterfalls from Colorado Springs to Estes Park; Glenwood, to Steamboat, to Pagosa Springs; and Grand Junction to Ouray.

Susan Joy Paul has visited more than 100 Colorado waterfalls. In her book *Hiking Waterfalls in Colorado* published by Falcon Guides, she details the routes of 83 hikes from trailhead to waterfall, some to single waterfalls and other hikes to multiple falls.

Her slideshow presentation showcases her favorite falls around the state and includes hikes in the Front Range, the Northern Rockies, Central Rockies, the San Luis Valley, and Western and Southwest Colorado. She will also have books on hand to sign and sell, check or cash.

The spring thaw is coming. Come on out and discover the best hikes to the most wonderful, "waterful" places in Colorado!



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Please join us for Susan's presentation at 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Pikes Peak Group!



THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB Annette Badgley, Editor, 1321 E. 12th Ave. Phone York 737

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#### "The Pikes Peak Branch of the Colorado Mountain Club"

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

### **Your PPG Council**

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

## Welcome New Members!

Michael Alfaro Jack Boyczuk Maria Boyczuk Mitchell Boyczuk Patricia Boyczuk Shawn Finley Deborah Johnson Ryan Joyner Dominique Naccarato Amanda OHara Elise Raney Elizabeth Sirles Chad Smith Kathy Sparrow Sarah Stowell Steve Stowell Marisa Watson



# **Trip Leader Trail Status**

Trip Leaders,

January was a great month for PPG trips. You safely led 13 hike, climb, ski, and snowshoe trips within Colorado. This month I'd like to highlight Hoot Gibson's annual winter camp and climb of Mt Elbert. Hoot has been leading this trip annually for several years. I asked him what he likes about trip leading and he said,

Like most trip leaders, I really like exploring new places and climbing new mountains. But when I'm leading a trip, I want to go somewhere I know well to minimize surprises and make sure I have firsthand knowledge of the skills and fitness level required of the trip participants. That's a bit of a conflict for me. However, I've found the annual Martin Luther King Weekend Mount Elbert Overnight trip to be a fun and challenging outing that never gets old (or easy). While our avalanche-safe winter route is nearly the same every year, the changing weather and snow conditions make it a different trip each year. But what I like most about this trip is seeing old friends and making new ones. Every year I meet new climbers, young and young at heart, who actually enjoy hauling a heavy pack up a few thousand feet, camping on snow in single-digit temperatures, and battling the winds and weather to reach Colorado's summit. I am always amazed there are so many hearty mountaineers in the CMC!

I hope each of you have similar, inspiring reasons for leading trips into the mountains. Last month, I talked about offering a trip leader incentive plan for this year. I want to thank the couple of trip leaders who wrote me and provided me feedback. I have proposed a trip leader incentive plan to our PPG council. We're still discussing and deciding on the details, but you can expect a multi-part program. One portion will reward leaders who lead an established number of participants per year. The other portion will reward trip leaders with tiered swag based upon cumulative number of participants. I have decided to focus on number of participants rather than number of trips because our club should focus on its members and their desires. People join CMC to obtain skills education and to safely recreate outdoors. My goal is to increase trip participation by ten percent each year; therefore, emphasizing trip participation will allow us to determine whether our incentive program is working. Thanks again and I'm looking forward to hearing about your 2019 trip plans.

See you in the mountains,

David Kuenzli

### The Beginning of the Pikes Peak Group

#### From the June, 1919 Edition of the Trail and Timberline

#### The Pikes Peak Branch of the Colorado Mountain Club

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Some months ago a little group of mountain enthusiasts in Colorado Springs formed a club, their object being to do for the Pikes Peak region just those things which the Colorado Mountain Club has been endeavoring to do for the state at large. Two or three Colorado Mountain Club members were included in this little group at Colorado Springs, and largely through their efforts a discussion of the uniting of the two organizations came about.

When knowledge of the formation of the new organization came to the Colorado Mountain Club Board they at once took action looking toward affiliation of the two clubs, and appointed a committee of three to take the matter up with the Colorado Springs club. After some preliminary discussion between Mr. Lloyd Shaw, the moving spirit of the Cheyenne Mountain Club, and C. M. C. officers, a meeting was arranged for Tuesday night, May 6th, in Colorado Springs, and at this meeting the union of the two clubs was effected. James G. Rogers. Henry F. Brooks, Robert B. Rockwell, and George C. Barnard represented the Colorado Mountain Club, while the Cheyenne Mountain Club was represented by James E. Fuller, its President; Manly D. Ormes, Vice-President; Lloyd Shaw, Manager; Pearl B. Turner, Secretary; William Jackson, Jr., Treasurer; and Edward R. Warren, Kenneth Hartley, Wilbelm Schmidt, and Frank A. Perkins, Directors. It was a pleasure indeed for the C. M. C. officers to find that in the minds of the directors of the Colorado Springs organization were the same ambitions and ideals for the future of a great state-wide mountaincering and conservation organization in Colorado as have for years been

Briefly, the organization will be about as follows:

cherished in the minds of our own membership.

The club at Colorado Springs will be known as the Pikes Peak Branch of the Colorado Mountain Club. Its present members will automatically become members of the C. M. C. with full privileges. The Pikes Peak Branch will elect its own local officers, and, for the present, at least, two-thirds of its membership dues, which are \$3.00 per year, will remain in the hands of their local treasurer to be spent in local activities. One-third will be paid into the central treasury to defray their share of the cost of publication and other general expense. Beginning with January, 1920, the Pikes Peak Branch will have representation on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Mountain Club proportionate to its numerical membership. The Board of Directors at Colorado Springs will at once appoint members to represent their branch on the following committees: Membership, Nature Protection, Program, Annual Camp, Mountaineering Data, Legislative, and Publishing.

All publications of the Colorado Mountain Club, except notices of local lectures, will be sent direct to members of the Colorado Springs Branch. They will join with the C. M. C. in the conducting of the Annual Outing each year.

As applications for membership are passed by the local board they will be certified to the C. M. C. secretary and regular membership cards issued.

When the local walk schedule of the Pikes Peak Branch is published an outline of their trips will be furnished each member of the Colorado Mountain Club, so that those who desire may avail themselves of this opportunity of tecoming better acquainted with the many interesting trips in the Pikes Peak region. In future years it is probable that the local walk schedule of both branches will be published in the same book.

The Pikes Peak Branch will conduct its own local walks, joining, however, with the main organization in such trips as are planned for the Pikes Peak region or vicinity. The final working out of details for the amalgamation of the two clubs has been left in the hands of a joint committee. From the present indications, it seems likely that the Colorado Springs Branch will have at least one hundred members before the close of 1919, and if the main organization continues to grow as it has in the past few months, the Colorado Mountain Club may very probably move into fourth place numerically among the great mountaineering clubs of the United States.

As stated in the beginning, the Colorado Mountain Club is acquiring many valuable members through the Pikes Peak Branch. By way of introduction a few words regarding their directors may not be out of place here. Mr. Lloyd Shaw is a young man of vision and determination, and has a knowledge of the outdoor sciences coupled with a great zeal for mountaineering which makes us wish we could use him in two cities at once. Colorado Springs has done well in making him manager of its branch. Mr. James E. Fuller, biologist and enthusiastic mountaineer, brings to us valuable experience and executive ability. Mr. Edward R. Warren, author and scientist, formerly Curator of the Museum at Colorado College, is well known to most of us. We have always needed him as an active member of the C. M. C. He has helped us many times in the past. and we are glad to welcome him into our official family. Mr. Kenneth Hartley has stirred up admiration and envy in our minds with his wonderful photographs of both mountain scenery and flowers, and particularly with his remarkable work in the coloring of lantern slides. Mr. Manly D. Ormes, Librarian of Colorado College, has done an excellent work in compiling a very reliable guide book with trail map of the Pikes Peak Region. He is a man of breadth of thought and purpose. Mr. Frank A. Perkins has the reputation in Colorado Springs of "getting things done," and we don't know a better recommendation than that for a Mountain Club director. Mr. Wilhelm Schmidt as a student at Vienna had a wide experience in Alpine Club work; he has done a large amount of high climbing in the Colorado Rockies and is a proven leader. Mr. William Jackson, Jr. has for several years been a valued member of our club; he has escaped arduous club duties only by virtue of his distance from headquarters. Miss Turner, also a member of the C. M. C., is an experienced and tireless mountaineer. She is an enthusiastic and able worker and will prove valuable to the Pikes Peak Branch.

C. M. C. officers feel that this announcement of affiliation with the mountain lovers and enthusiasts of the Pikes Feak region is one of the best pieces of news we have had for our membership in many years. We believe that the personnel of the Colorado Springs officers assures that city of an organization that will give public service of a high character. The location is ideal, and the population of the Pikes Peak region is sufficient to guarantee a strong and healthy membership. We shall watch the growth and development of the Pikes Peak Branch with very great interest, and every officer of the C. M. C. hopes that Colorado Springs members will feel as the years go by that their association with us is one of mutual benefit.

Mr. Lloyd Shaw of the Pikes Peak Branch was in Denver about the middle of May and many of our members had the pleasure of meeting him. We hope his is the first of many visits from our fellow members of Colorado Springs.

### **Member Discounts**

- Adventure Medical Kits Ajax Bike and Sport American Mountaineering Museum Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm) Bentgate Breckenridge Nordic Center City Rock Friction Labs Frisco Nordic Center Gearonimo
- Gold Camp Brewing Golden Bike Shop Ken's Anglers Lumiere Telluride Moosejaw Mountain Chalet Mountain Equipment Recyclers Mountainsmith ProMotive.com R&W Rope
- ROCK'n & JAM'n Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods Summit Terragraphics The Custom Foot The Mountaineers Books The Trailhead TrailRunner Magazine Vagabond Ranch Huts Wilderness Exchange Unlimited



### **The PPG in Photos**



Red Rock Canyon Open Space through Sect 16 hike L-R: Lynne Downs, Diane Sebastian, Tom Koschak, Donna Brockman (leader), Fran Mattivi, Denise Trent, Dean Waits, Monica Shattuck, Alan Bridges, and Rudy the Dog Photo credit Yolanda Mason



CMC Strategic Planning Meeting L-R: Betty Katondo, Glenn Barr, Donna Gail Schneider, Erik Lambert (facilitator), Mike Cromwell, and Rick Keetch



Cheyenne Mountain State Park hike L-R: Marissa Starks, Lisa Dailey, Christie Lee (leader), Alan Malone





Barr Camp and Pikes Peak hike

Front row L-R: Glenn Barr, Will Cramer, Audrey Burkart, Chris Mattingly, Lauren Shockey; back row: Barbara Newsome, Robyn Etzel, Paige Mino, Rick Howell, Roger Wendell, Karl Ford, Monica Shattuck, and Dean Waits (leader)

**Putney Gulch snowshoe hike** L-R: Kim Wetzel, Garry Zieske, Monica Clinesmith, Julie Haverluk, Eric Hunter (leader), Julie Kiley, Carl Reddick, and Richard Legault

Photo credit Dean Waits



Kenosha Pass snowshoe hike

# **Upcoming PPG Classes**

#### **Pikes Peak Winter Wilderness Survival Skills**

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**

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.

#### **PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Land Navigation**

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**

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**

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

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

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.

#### Starts February 20

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#### Starts April 13

Starts April 4

#### Starts April 27

#### February 27

# **March PPG Trips**

### Crosscountry Ski Boreas Pass Road

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

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 260. Location: Boreas Pass Rd, Breckenridge TH. Details: For those who recently completed the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Backcountry Ski Course, this is a great progression to continue to build your skills. This is a moderate out and back ski into the Boreas Pass Road area from Breckenridge side TH. We will stay to the main road following the old railroad bed as far as Bakers Tank and play on the side slopes before returning via the same route. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will be acceptable. We will avoid avalanche terrain. Nat Geo Map 109. Register with leader.

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#### Raspberry Mtn

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 70. Details: Call or email leader.

#### Culturally Modified Tree Walkabout

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

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 100, Driving Distance 30. Location: Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Dr, Colorado Springs. From I-25 take Exit 158 on to Baptist Rd and go east, 3.6 miles to Roller Coaster Rd, turn right (going south) for 1 mile then turn right on to Stella Dr for 0.3 miles to Fox Run Park entrance. Turn right into park then shortly a left and then a right turn and park near the small lake and restroom. Details: We will go for a hike with John Anderson, noted author of two books about Ute Indian Prayer Trees. We will be looking and discussing various types of modified trees. Dress for the weather. Bring water and snacks. Leader will advise more details as hike gets closer.

Saturday, 3/9/2019

#### BC Ski Fooses Creek

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

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 2000, Driving Distance 240. Location: Monarch Pass, CO. Details: For those who recently completed the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Backcountry Ski Course, this is a great progression to continue to build your skills. This is a moderate out and back ski into the North Fooses Creek Road near Monarch Pass. We will stay to the main road following the power line as far as everyone can go, have lunch, then return by the same route. We may explore some of the side roads along the way and find a play hill near our end point. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will be better. Avalanche gear and training are required. Nat Geo Map 130. Register with leader.

#### Cross Country Ski Leadville Mineral Belt Trail Saturday, 3/16/2019

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

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 250. Location: Leadville, CO. Details: For those who recently completed the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Backcountry Ski Course, this is a great progression to continue to build your skills. Cross country, classic, backcountry, or skate this wonderful tour around the Historic Leadville Mining District. We will follow the groomed trail on a one-way car shuttle from the Evans Gulch TH to the Colorado Mountain College TH. The one way distance is about 8 miles, but we will likely add some side trails and back and forth for the faster (skate) skiers. Many historic sites are noted along the route. We will avoid avalanche terrain. Map. Nat Geo Map 109. Register with leader.

Saturday, 3/16/2019

#### **BMS Land Nav Field Day Lovell Gulch**

#### Leader: David Kuenzli, 813-465-4716, navsareneverlost@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 50. Location: Lovell Gulch Trailhead. Details: Field session for 2019 PPG BMS Land Nav A. Students will be split into teams accompanied by instructors. There will be 6 to 7 waypoints to locate. The objective of the day will be to navigate from waypoint to waypoint, using a map and compass. Various techniques for navigating will be used throughout the day. Each student will be given the responsibility of choosing the technique used to reach a waypoint. Students will be expected to be prepared for an all-day hike in non-optimal weather. You will need to have a day-pack, enough food and drink for the day, carry the 10 Essentials, and wear appropriate clothing. Students should be prepared for changing and possibly inclement weather conditions. Maps will be provided for use in the field, but you will need to have your own compass. Use of a GPS is not allowed. Your instructor will have one for backup.





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



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# March PPG Trips (continued)

#### BC Ski South Fork Lake Creek Road

### k Road Saturday, 3/23/2019

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

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1600, Driving Distance 260. Location: South Fork Lake Creek Road TH, near Buena Vista, CO. Details: For those who recently completed the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Backcountry Ski Course, this is a great progression to continue to build your skills. This is a moderate out and back ski into South Fork Lake Creek Road near La Plata Peak. We will stay to the main road following the creek as far as everyone can go, have lunch, then return by the same route. We may explore some of the side roads along the way and find a play hill near our end point. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will be better. Avalanche gear and training are required. Nat Geo Map 127. Register with leader.

#### Nordic Ski Gold Run Nordic Center

#### Saturday, 3/30/2019

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

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 240. Location: Gold Run Nordic Center, Breckenridge, CO. Details: For those who recently completed the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Backcountry Ski Course, this is a great progression to continue to build your skills. 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. 280mi. Register with leader.

### **Conservation Corner**

#### Jones Park and Waldo Canyon Planning

The County's planning for Jones Park recreation is moving quickly: they hope to propose a plan by April, for approval in May. Please take their survey by 2/22, and advocate for trails that might someday (with Forest Service approval) restore access to Tenney Crags and the surrounding peaks. Learn more about the planning here.

Planning for Waldo Canyon is also underway. The latest understanding is that the area will remain non-motorized, and that the old trailhead on US24 will remain closed. Learn more about the planning here, and attend the next public meeting, April 17 from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Westside Community Center gym, 1628 W Bijou St, CS.

#### Find Your Fourteener Project Fundraiser 3/13

CMC is a partner to the National Forest Foundation's Find Your Fourteener Project; we expect to participate in more work on Pikes Peak later this summer. To prepare for the season, they and RFMI are hosting a fundraiser March 13 from 6-8 PM at the Pioneers Museum. Plan on joining the fun!

#### **Recreational Shooting Survey**

The Southern Shooting Partnership also has a survey up, querying how much people's recreational experiences are affected by recreational shooting on public lands. Please provide any concerns you have with that activity, including whatever constraints it places on your own experiences.

#### Crew Leader Training

If you have been participating in stewardship projects and would like to train up to be a crew leader, the 8<sup>th</sup> annual RMFI and Friends of the Peak training will be April 26-28. Applications are here; let Tom Mowle know if you would like the PPG to consider reimbursing the \$25 fee after you complete the training and the follow-up apprentice sessions.

#### 2019 Trail Stewardship Schedule

Give back and have a great time on one of these trail maintenance days:

- 5/18: Ice Cave Creek w/Denver Group
- TBD: Trail 715 w/Friends of Monument Preserve
- TBD: Devils Playground w/RMFI & FYF



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### **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Calling All College Students! Earth Corps Field Studies Courses** 



In 2019, Earth Corps students will complete environmental restoration projects in Willow Lake Basin located at the base of Challenger Point and Kit Carson Peak, two iconic 14,000-foot peaks in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and develop key outdoor skills during the program and through their summits of both peaks. The projects entail long hours of very demanding physical labor at altitudes of 11,000-14,000+ feet. Students will learn and practice outdoor leadership, Leave No Trace ethics, backcountry navigation, alpine mountaineering, and risk management skills. More information.



### **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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#### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

Members:

- Text: \$2 per line, \$10 minimum
- Ads: ¼-page \$25, ½-page \$50

Non-members:

- Text: \$3 per line, \$15 minimum
- Ads: ¼-page \$30, ½-page \$60

#### 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  $14^{\text{th}}$  of each month.

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