



The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

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## COVID-19 and Colorado Mountain Club Programming

Per the state CMC office: *effective Monday, March 16, 2020 all official CMC gatherings, including events, trips, and schools are postponed for the time being.* [Update page.](#)

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## Pikes Peak Group Anniversary Party

Save the date! May 3, 5:00–8:00 p.m. (Maybe...)

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## Trip Leader Trail Status

Greeting Trip Leaders, I hope this finds you well. Personally, I just finished the PPG's High Altitude Mountaineering School (HAMS). A huge "thank you" to Greg Long, Mike Teger, and all the other volunteer instructors. Remember, it's never too late to improve and develop as a mountaineer. With that in mind, did you know about the [CMC Leadership Project](#)? This is a statewide program to invest in our volunteer trip leaders and school instructors. Trip leaders and instructors take our nearly 6,500 members on over 3,000 outings annually and teach 3,286 members in our schools. Our volunteers create a community of responsible outdoor enthusiasts in Colorado. The CMC Leadership Project provides opportunities for training and skill development to support and appreciate our volunteer leadership, and promote volunteerism at the CMC. The Leadership Project has scholarships to support continued education and training for CMC trip leaders and instructors. On another note, I hope that you've had the opportunity to enjoy Colorado this winter. Our PPG Chair and fellow trip leader, Kristen Buckland, certainly has taken advantage of the outdoors. She recently led a backcountry ski trip to the San Juans. Here's what she had to say about the trip:

"A group of six CMCers and two guests ventured south to the San Juan Mountains for an amazing weekend of hut-based backcountry skiing. Leading ski trips like these is always enjoyable for me because of both the added safety, and the camaraderie. Backcountry skiing in avalanche terrain is of course dangerous, but when you have multiple partners you increase your level of safety. Reading avalanche terrain is easier with others to collaborate with as everyone provides multiple perspectives. In the unlikely event of an avalanche, we had a large number of people able to rescue a buried skier as well. Most importantly though, these trips are just more fun with CMC members. Sharing the stoke and excitement of skiing beautiful terrain and powder snow with your friends makes a trip even better than going alone. After skiing a 2,000' run of bottomless powder on the last day, I turned and saw huge smiles from everyone in the group. These are the moments that make skiing with others special. On the trip we had a great mix of new club members and longtime friends who I've skied with for years. A lasting, long-term friendship with climbing/skiing partners in the club is the main reason I keep leading trips like these." Thank you Kristen and all of you for leading such awesome trips.

See you in the mountains, David

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## Welcome New Members!

Jim Benkovich

Justin Davis

Jonathan Deffenbaugh

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Sona Grovenstein

Lydia McConnell

David Mccray

Jonathan Monticelli

Laura O'Connor

Jennifer Peterson

Matt Reger

Garrett Tanner

Hans van Huijkelom



## 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

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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

## ReFUND Colorado



ReFUND Colorado is a new initiative for the CMC to help raise money during tax season. You can select to have a portion of or all of your Colorado State Tax refund donated to any Colorado nonprofit – like the CMC! Here's how it works:

- Decide how much of your state income tax refund to donate.
- Enter Colorado Mountain Club and our registration number 2002300313 in the Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund line on your state tax return – or give this info to your tax preparer when you share your tax documents.



# The PPG in Pictures

Chautauqua – Palmer Lake Loop



L–R: Dan Gaskill, Andy Lyon (leader), Steve Fuhrman, Missy Starks, and Stuart Klein  
Photo credit Dean Waits

## Conservation Corner

### Trail Stewardship

We are still planning for an active year of trail stewardship! This is a great way to “give back” to the trails we hike, and a lot of fun as well!

This year we will again be partnering with RMFI, Friends of the Peak, and others for a weekend of work on the new trail being built from the Craggs to Devils Playground. This will be on August 29 and 30.

We also expect to be able to return to Lovell Gulch to reroute a couple of sections of trail. Watch this space for workdays, most likely on July 11 and August 15!

### Trail Crew Leader Training

If you have experience working on trail projects – with CMC or others – and would like to train up to become a crew leader, RMFI’s annual training is May 1-3. You can sign up [here](#).



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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