



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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## Pikes Peak Group Program – 7:00 PM, June 15

Joe Carberry presents: *Personal Locator Beacons and Two-Way Satellite Communication Devices*

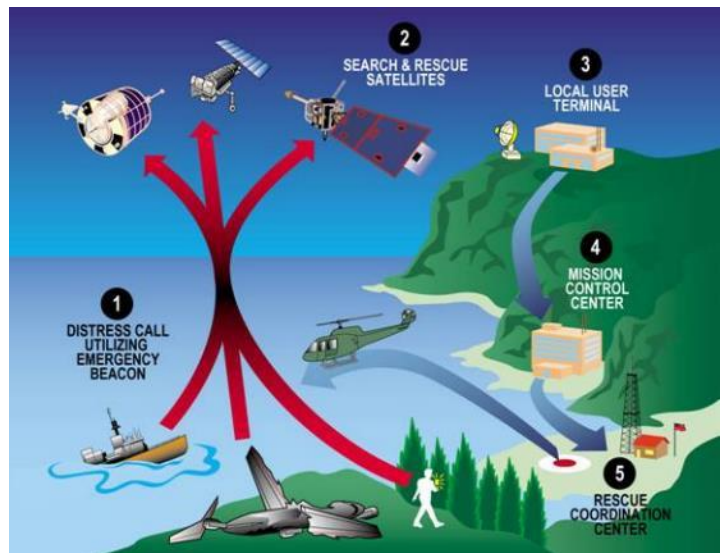


So they are all the same right? Well, no...

Join us for a discussion of the pros and cons of dedicated search and rescue beacons (PLB) versus commercial satellite messaging devices such as Spot, InReach, Bivystick, and Somewear.

Joe Carberry will break down how each of these systems operate, their reliability, and rough cost to purchase and then use.

Joe is an engineer who has been involved in Space Operations (Space Shuttle, GPS, and Military Space) for over thirty years. He has been hiking and climbing in Colorado and beyond for over twenty years and is a CMC trip leader, instructor, and HAMS graduate.



Sign up on the [CMC web site](#) and a Zoom link will be sent to you before showtime.

## New Member Orientation



New Member Orientation on Apr 24. LR: Audrey Burkart, leader, Eileen and Katie Gonzalez, Jennifer Waller, Dawn Rockett, Tim Bontempi, Daniel Hampton, Lee, Waleska, Isabella and Nalani Wilson. Not pictured, Dan Price. Photo by Dean Waits.

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Council? Please contact the Chair.

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## Welcome New Members!

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Crystal Hampton  
Daniel Hampton  
Zaylen Hampton  
Zoen Hampton  
Ian Johnson  
Lisa Johnson  
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Kelcey Vogel  
Jennifer Waller  
Maureen Zegel



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## 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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Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods

Summit Terragraphics

The Custom Foot

The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

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## WFA Is Back

The Pikes Peak Group will teach Wilderness First Aid with adult CPR/AED again. A special hybrid class will be taught in June with the regular fall and spring classes kicking off in October. See the course description in the Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes section.

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# The Pikes Peak Group in Pictures

## Horse Thief Falls Area Tour



L-R: Connor Jacobs, Leader Eric Hunter, and Sue Sikora.  
Photo by Dean Waits.

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## PPG Climb Night at City Rock



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## CMC - PPG Backpack of Bandelier National Monument, NM, 23-26 April



The team backpacking between The Stone Lion Shrine and Yapashi Pueblo on a trail worn into the rocks by Ancestral Puebloans.

Photo by Ryan Goodman.

## Cheyenne Mountain Club Cabin



Group shot at cabin on rocks: Megan Rieger, Dawn Rockett, Angie Case, Eric Hunter, Cheryl Bleakley, Jennifer Waller, Jen Schmidt, Julie Haverluk at the Cheyenne Mtn Club cabin. Photo by Dean Waits.



# Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

## **PPG BMS - Wilderness Fundamentals**

Starts June 7

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction of important skills and back country 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. The class lecture via Zoom 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. The mandatory field session explores the lecture concepts during an actual outing and gives students a chance to further address any questions or concerns while meeting new hiking friends and sharing ideas about gear, snacks, and hiking spots. 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: \$35 for PPG members, \$45 for all others.

## **PPG ARCPro Traditional Lead Climbing Class**

Starts June 12

In this class, students will be introduced to the principles and techniques of placing gear on a "traditional" rock climb. This class builds upon many of the concepts and skills taught in the PPG ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors Class. By the end of the final field session, students will perform "mock" trad leads—backed up by a top-rope belay. Students will be evaluated for their gear placements and their understanding of key principles of how to ensure safety while leading a traditional climb. Prerequisites: Successful completion of BMS Rock Climbing, the Sport Leading Class and the PPG ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors class, or equivalent skills and approval from ARC Program directors. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

## **PPG BMS - Intro to Backpacking**

Starts June 14

Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors—whether as a means to get to a distant location from the trailhead to enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or as the main goal itself (hiking a long trail like the Colorado Trail). Carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat, sleep, stay dry, treat injuries, stay found, cook food, treat water, and enjoy yourself may be intimidating, but taken one step at a time, is very manageable. This class focuses on the basics in a lecture/discussion format and concludes with an overnight backpacking trip to put our new knowledge into action. Safety and fun are key elements of this class. Prerequisites: PPG BMS Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation. Cost: Free. Open only to CMC members.

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

Starts June 17

This 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. Three evenings of Zoom classroom presentations are followed by an outside field day consisting of hands-on training and realistic scenarios on a variety of medical situations that may be encountered in the backcountry and wilderness areas including CPR, where calling 911 is not an option. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The zoom sessions are on Thursday 17 June, Monday 21 June, and Thursday 24 June from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The field day is on 26 June from 8:30am to 5:00pm with a break for lunch. You will receive your WFA with adult CPR/AED certification card emailed to you upon satisfactory course completion. Cost: \$100 for Leaders, \$115 for PPG members, \$130 for all others.

## **PPG ARCPro Basic Climbing Anchors**

Starts July 17

This class is for those who have taken an introductory rock climbing class and want to learn how to set up their own top-rope and sport anchors. We will teach climbing anchor fundamentals that can also be applied to traditional rock, snow and ice anchors. Prerequisite: Registrants should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing, or have the equivalent basic rock climbing skills. Leading skills are not necessary. Cost: \$25 for Leaders, \$45 for all others.

## **PPG GPS Basics Class**

Starts July 26

GPS Basics offers students who already own handheld GPS receivers the opportunity to learn more about how GPS works, how to plan an adventure online, how to move that information to a GPS receiver, and how to use the GPS to help with route finding, trip progress, reporting locations in an emergency, and capturing key data for a trip report to share with others. Key terms we will explore: Global Positioning System, satellites, waypoints, routes, tracks, importing, exporting, .gpx files, WAAS, Caltopo, BaseCamp, trip computer, GLONASS, Geocaching, coordinates, UTM, position, velocity, circle of error, satellite geometry, and others. Prerequisites: CMC Land Navigation and handheld GPS. Cost: Free.



## PPG ARCPro Multipitch Concepts Class

Starts July 31

Students will learn techniques applicable to climbing multipitch routes, including: preparation, anchors, belaying, cleaning gear, belay transitions, descending, and climbing with a 3-person team. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying, rappelling, and climbing communication. Leading skills are not absolutely necessary, but it is recommended that participants in this class take the ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors Class and Traditional Lead Climbing Class prior to this class, as students may practice placing trad gear and building trad anchors in this class. However, this class will be beneficial to anyone looking to climb multipitch routes- to include leaders and followers. Exact class content and student practice sessions will be tailored to the individual student's skill level and goals. Contact the leaders if you have questions regarding your suitability for this class. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

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## June Pikes Peak Group Trips

### Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 6/3/2021 Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto:rdk9689@hotmail.com)

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 4:30pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use your gear.

### Art Scavenger Hunt

Friday, 6/4/2021

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

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 20. Location: Meeting place will be revealed when sign-up is completed. Details: Join us for the Art Scavenger Hunt Downtown. Prizes are available. Estimate 2 hours in length.

### PPG MTB Ride in Cheyenne Canon Single Track Chutes Trail No-drop ride

Wednesday, 6/9/2021 Moderate

Leader: Charles Cromwell, 858-395-5986, [cromwellc@comcast.net](mailto:cromwellc@comcast.net)

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1500-2000, Driving Distance Varies; trailhead SW Colorado Springs. Location: Meet at Stratton Open Space East Trailhead at 5:30 pm, 1504 Ridgeway Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Details: Mid-week cross training MTB ride to warm up for a weekend hike or climb with the club. This is a no-drop ride recommended for both beginner and experienced MTB riders. Time and interest permitting we can review some basic single track MTB skills prior to the ride; neutral/ready/attack riding positions; proper braking; rider position; bike body separation, etc. Helpful if you are comfortable on single track with some moderate elevation gain and intermediate (blue) MTB trails. 10-15 Miles and ride should require no longer than 1 1/2 to 2 hours with a couple breaks. Average speed 6-7 mph for total trip is desired. Primary trails for ride include: Chamberlain / Chamberlain Connector / Ladders / Gold Camp / Spring Creek / Columbine / Chutes (specific trails ridden will be adjusted based on experience level of riders.) Reference [mountain bike project](#) for details on specific trails and overview of riding area. MTB setup recommended: Full Suspension XC or Enduro; drop post is also very helpful. However, if experienced a front suspension only is very doable if you normally ride with this setup.

### Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 6/10/2021 Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto:rdk9689@hotmail.com)

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 4:30pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use your gear.

### 20 Mile MTB Cheyenne Canon / RRCOS Single Track Buckhorn & 666 Trail

Saturday, 6/12/2021 Difficult

Leader: Charles Cromwell, 858-395-5986, [cromwellc@comcast.net](mailto:cromwellc@comcast.net)

Trail Mileage 20, Elevation Gain 3200, Driving Distance Varies; trailhead SW Colorado Springs. Location: Meet at Stratton Open Space East Trailhead at 5pm, 1504 Ridgeway Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Details: Ride recommended for semi-experienced MTB riders interested in a more challenging ride with elevation. You should be comfortable on single track;

some prolonged elevation gain; intermediate (blue) and advanced (black) MTB trails. Approximately 20-25 Miles (group adjusted) and ride should require no longer than 4 hours with a couple breaks. Average speed 6-7 mi/h for total trip is desired. Primary trails for ride include: Chamberlain / Chamberlain Connector / Ladders / Gold Camp / Spring Creek / Columbine / Captain Jacks / Chutes / Buckhorn / Trail 666 / Red Rocks Canyon Open Space (RRCOS) (specific trails ridden will be adjusted based on experience level of riders.) Reference [mountain bike project](#) for details on specific trails and overview of riding area. MTB setup recommended: Full Suspension XC or Enduro; drop post also recommended. However, if experienced a front suspension only is doable if you normally ride with this setup.

#### **Thursday After Work Climb**

Thursday, 6/17/2021 Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto:rdk9689@hotmail.com)

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 4:30pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use your gear.

#### **Light & Fast: Democrat/Lincoln/Cameron/Bross Ultralight Gear Option**

Friday, 6/18/2021 Difficult C

Leader: Charles Cromwell, 858-395-5986, [cromwellc@comcast.net](mailto:cromwellc@comcast.net)

Trail Mileage 7.5, Elevation Gain 3700, Driving Distance Varies. Location: Mosquito Range. 14ers: Mt. Democrat, Mt. Cameron, Mt. Lincoln, Mt. Bross. (**Update:** Pending access, alternate option is Mt. Shavano, Tabeguache Peak, Esprit Point.) Meetup/carpooling subject to COVID restrictions; plan to meet at Kite Lake Trailhead vicinity of campground sign / restroom area. Depart from Kite Lake Trailhead 0600. Details: 18 June 2021; Friday to provide a little better option for lighter crowds on this popular route. My plan for this hike and route is to focus on Light and Fast or Ultralight hiking gear to enable a quicker pace than normal on the clockwise route. Our route is Democrat-Cameron-Lincoln and the Bross Peak bypass route. Snow is expected to be on all or at least portions of the route; micro spikes are required and poles are recommended; additional winter gear will be discussed closer to the date of the trip. The goal for "pace" is to complete the DECALIBRON loop in under 5 hours; not extremely fast but a good pace for a group of six that still provides time for breaks. (Weather; trail conditions; number of hikers will all impact our hiking pace.) Ten essentials are still required, but you should dress and plan to move at a quicker pace than normal with some jogging options planned between the following areas of the hike: "Cameron - Lincoln" and "Lincoln - Bross". There will still be breaks for food and water etc., but the overall intent is to test a gear setup that will enable you to move quickly if weather and trail conditions support a faster pace.

#### **Thursday After Work Climb**

Thursday, 6/24/2021 Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto:rdk9689@hotmail.com)

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 4:30pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use your gear.

#### **BPX Backpack - Colorado Trail - Collegiate West Exploratory**

Friday, 6/25/2021 Difficult D

Leader: Mark Silas, 719-748-5223, [mtnshrink@centurylink.net](mailto:mtnshrink@centurylink.net)

Trail Mileage 60, Elevation Gain 12000. Location: Sawatch Range - start at Hancock; finish at Twin Lakes. Details: This is an exploratory trip. I have thru hiked the Colorado Trail, but at that time did the eastern segments in this area. I have done some of the Collegiate West, but not all of it. There is a lot of above tree line hiking on this trip. There is also a lot of elevation gains and losses each day. Day 1: set up car shuttle. Start hike at Hancock; backpack about 11 miles. Day 2: Backpack about 18 miles. Day 3: Backpack about 18 miles. Day 4: Backpack about 13 miles; pick up car(s) left at Hancock; drive home. This trip is for experienced backpackers. This is earlier in the season than is usually recommended. The current snowpack is below average. If the snowpack increases and is too high to allow a safe trip, the trip could get postponed to late July (23-26?) to give the snow more time to melt. On about 6/13, I will do a day hike on part of the trail near Cottonwood Pass to access snow conditions. There is also a stream crossing (Texas Creek) that I want to assess. Notes: Register with leader. If interested, send me an email with details on your recent backpacking experience.

# Backpacking Gear Check

Have you checked out your backpacking gear since you stowed it away last fall? Have some upcoming backpacking trips or climbs but aren't certain if last year's gear remains serviceable?

Join us at Mueller State Park on June 18/19 for a one-night Gear Check. Greg Long, PPG Long Distance backpacker and climber, will share some of his tips and trips along with Dean Waits, PPG Trip Leader and adventurous backpacker.

Details and registration at [cmc.org](http://cmc.org).



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

## PPG GPS Basics Class



### July 26<sup>th</sup> Zoom Class and July 31<sup>st</sup> Field Day

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opportunity to learn more about how GPS works, how to plan an adventure online, how to move that information to a GPS receiver, and how to use the GPS to help with route finding, trip progress, reporting locations in an emergency, and capturing key data for a trip report to share with others. Key topics we will explore: Global Positioning System, satellites, waypoints, routes, tracks, importing, exporting, .gpx files, WAAS, Caltopo, BaseCamp, trip computer, GLONASS, Geocaching, coordinates, UTM, position, velocity, circle of error, satellite geometry, and others...



## 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.

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

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