



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Pictures

BMS - Wilderness Fundamentals



The last Wild Fun class of 2021 enjoyed a field day exploring the ten essentials, Leave No Trace Principles, and other key components of safe trip planning for fun and safe outdoor adventures. Next classes are in 2022.

PPG New Member Orientation



L-R: Pam Trittin, Claire Coudray, Deena Bennett, and Zephyr Smith. Photo by Dean Waits.

Lost Creek - Shafthouse Overlook



Missy Starks and Carol Schmitz. Photo by Dean Waits.

Cheyenne Canon - Louds Cabin



L-R: Kris Littlejohn, Dean Waits (leader), Pam Trittin, and Missy Starks

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

Welcome New Members!

Karen Berchtold
Sandra Book
Ryan DeBorde
Ann Lang

Steve Lang
Jason Minnich
Robert Shannon
Pam Trittin



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

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 14th of each month.

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



Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG Trip Leader School

Starts October 18

The Pikes Peak Group (PPG) Trip Leader School (TLS) provides a self-paced online curriculum (Google Classroom), a 3-hour online meeting (Zoom), and a 5-hour Leader-In-Training field trip to review important trip leader topics such as trip planning, group dynamics, situational awareness, communication skills, leadership, CMC policies, and leader liability considerations. The TLS is the first step to certification as a CMC Trip Leader. Cost: \$25.

PPG BMS – Land Navigation

Starts October 20

There are two class lectures. 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. Students must participate in a PPG trip where they are afforded the opportunity to practice and demonstrate their land navigation skills. Prerequisite: BMS - Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$25.

PPG ARCPro Introduction to Self-Rescue Class

Starts October 23

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 unpleasant 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 are given the skills, along with practice, 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 at all. 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 - Colorado Rock Climbing class. We encourage all levels of climbers to register—to learn new skills and to brush-up on rusty ones. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

PPG High Altitude Mountaineering School

Starts October 27

HAMS a course designed for those climbers who want to go beyond the 14ers to take on high altitude (15,000' plus) and glaciated mountains. Classroom sessions will take place on Wednesdays 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, and 12/15 and include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions are tentatively scheduled for 1/9, 1/23, 2/12-13, and 2/26-27; they will cover such topics as roped travel, crevasse rescue, climbing alpine ice, and winter camping. A graduation climb of Mt. Rainier will take place at the end of the course. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course. Cost: \$175.

November Pikes Peak Group Trips

Newlin Creek Trail - Dogs are welcome!

Saturday, 11/6/2021

Easy A

Leader: John Gray, 719-369-3163, johnphoneman@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7, Elevation Gain 2100, Driving Distance 90. Location: We will meet at the Carl's Jr parking lot in Florence at 9:30am and drive to the trailhead. Details: Newlin Creek Trail is a 6.5 mile out and back trail located near Florence, Colorado that features a waterfall and is rated as moderate. We will hike up to the old sawmill and maybe up a little higher for a peak-a-boo view of the Sangre De Cristo mountains. Well behaved dogs (dog & people friendly) & people (at least dog friendly :) are welcome! There will be multiple shallow creek crossings and poles would be handy. We may socialize afterwards, so bring a chair and your beverage of choice.



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

