



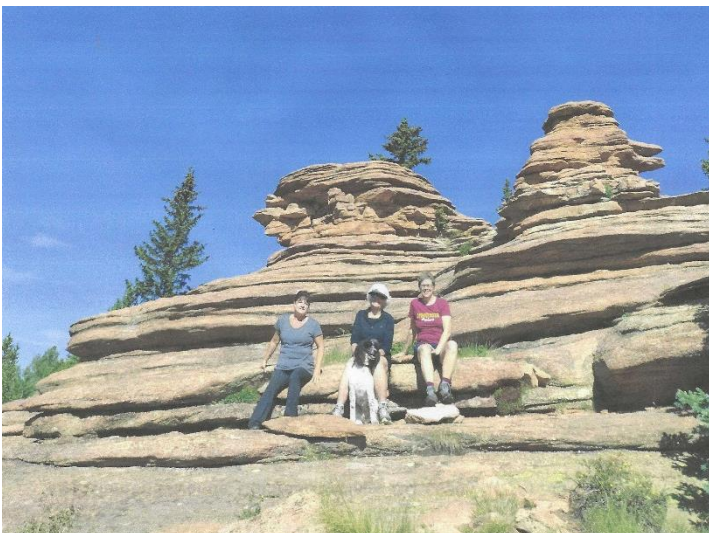
The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Garden of the Gods Loop Hike



L-R: Helen Pscholka, Ute Szilard, Richard Trillet, Andy Lyon, Julie Garcia, Joselyn Sanchez, and Touqeer Ahmad (leader and photographer).

Pancake Rocks



Tracy, Christie (leader), Daisy, and Kitty.

Rock Climb – Red Rock Canyon Open Space



Sara Gordon climbing and Greg Long being lowered. Greer Rising photographer. Perfect way to start the July 4th holiday—outdoors, rock climbing in perfect weather with some great people.

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

Welcome New Members!

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Robert Clarke

Jorge Delgado

John Marion Greenfield

Julie Greenfield

Eileen Krauth

Geoff Moore

Cyndee Pelt

Jetta Phillips

Carrie Pressett



Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits

Ajax Bike and Sport

American Mountaineering Museum

Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm)

Battle Mountain Brewing Company

Bentgate

Breckenridge Nordic Center

City Rock

Friction Labs

Frisco Nordic Center

Gearonimo

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

Save the Date



The PPG's Annual Member Dinner and Volunteer Recognition Celebration will be held Nov 2, 5:30-8:00pm at The Public House at The Alexander, 3104 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. Plan to join us for a fun-filled evening of food and

fellowship as we confirm our new Council Members, recognize our fantastic volunteers, and share a year's worth of adventuring memories with CMC friends—old and new. Registration opens in October.





WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER & RECERT



Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Course in Colorado Springs November 9-10th

This WFA course teaches students the skills to anticipate risks and hazards, identify medical, traumatic, and environmental problems, recognize life-threatening issues, initiate basic care, and deliver a cohesive report. The curriculum forces students to think creatively, adapt to ever changing situations, and learn valuable leadership, decision making, and communication skills. [Read all the details and register.](#)

The CMC is excited to announce our upcoming Wilderness First Responder (WFR) and Wilderness Responder Recertification (WFR-R) classes, designed to equip you with essential skills for handling medical emergencies in remote settings. These courses are perfect for outdoor professionals, guides, and recreationalists seeking to enhance their wilderness medical expertise.

Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Course

- Dates: August 15-25, 2024, April 25-May 4, 2025
- Location: American Mountaineering Center, Golden, CO
- Instructor: Raquel Sapp with over 15 years of experience

Course Highlights:

- Comprehensive 80-hour training covering patient assessment, trauma management, environmental emergencies, and more.
- Combination of classroom instruction and hands-on scenarios.
- Certification valid for three years upon successful completion.

Cost:

- \$700 for CMC members
- \$800 for non-members

[Register Here](#)

Wilderness Responder Recertification (WFR-R) Course

- Dates: September 13-15, 2024
- Location: American Mountaineering Center, Golden, CO
- Instructor: Raquel Sapp, WFR Instructor with extensive field experience

Course Highlights:

- Intensive 24-hour refresher course to update your skills and knowledge.
- Focus on the latest protocols and best practices in wilderness medicine.
- Certification renewal valid for three years upon successful completion.

Cost:

- \$300 for CMC members
- \$350 for non-members

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your wilderness medical skills and ensure you're prepared for any backcountry emergency.

[Register Here](#)

Potpourri

Stay Informed to Avoid Wildfires While Hiking



Planning is a key part of responsible hiking and safe enjoyment of the outdoors (and a Leave No Trace Principal). A new reality is the possibility of wildfire impacts in your planned destination and looking ahead and being informed helps you make good decisions. A handy internet resource is the [Colorado Wildfire and Smoke Map](#) which lets you track the latest wildfire and smoke information with data that is updated hourly based upon input from several incident and intelligence sources.

Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX)



Colorado Trail Explorer
Colorado's Official Trail Map

Discover and explore Colorado's unique trail experiences with the Colorado Trail Explorer. Available for free, COTREX offers the most comprehensive trail map available for the state and is built atop data from over 230 trail managers.

View trails by allowed uses on the map, browse featured routes, download offline maps, record trips and notes in the field, complete challenges to earn badges, and share your experiences with the community. COTREX is your gateway into Colorado's magnificent outdoors.

- Browse or search to find trails and Feature Routes that match your activities or interests.
- Change activity type to dynamically filter trails on the map.
- **New Fire Alert Feature** - daily wildfire and prescribed burn updates from trusted sources to help you stay safe.

You can view the web version at trails.colorado.gov. Or, you can search COTREX in the [Google Play Store](#) and [Apple Store](#) for the mobile app.

[Learn more here.](#)

Volunteer for the Pikes Peak Ascent & Marathon



The [Pikes Peak Ascent](#) is especially in need of volunteers for transporting volunteers and supplies to and from various mountain locations, and to shuttle runners from the summit to Glen Cove. There are other volunteer opportunities in both the Ascent and the [Marathon](#).

Volunteers Needed

A Pikes Peak Adaptive Summit on August 24/25 needs volunteers. We specifically need volunteers, with their own independent logistics, to park at the summit of Pikes, hike down, and assist us on the summit (from somewhere between Barr camp and the final pitches) on August 25th. We could also use additional help (again independent logistics) to get us up to Barr camp on Saturday the 24th.

[Event details.](#)

Another Photo



Casey, Christie (leader), Megan, Clara, Laura, Bob, and Jetta with Wheeler Peak in the background.

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

ARC Pro Sport Lead Climbing

Sat, Aug 24, 2024 - Sun, Aug 25, 2024

This class will teach participants the skills needed to safely lead sport climbs on their own, including basic leading technique, setting up a top-rope anchor, cleaning the anchor and rappelling or lowering down, advanced lead belaying, bailing off a route, climbing movement, and falling practice. It is taught over 2 full field days at a climbing crag. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 - Sat, Sep 21, 2024

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. 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 a good foundation of the basics before expanding your outdoor skillset. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$90 for all others.

PPG WTS - Land Navigation

Wed, Oct 9, 2024 - Sat, Oct 19, 2024

The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Trekking School Student" badge to be able to register for this course. This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) curriculum. This course may also be a prerequisite for trips or other schools. Cost: \$30 for PPG members, \$60 for all others.

ARC Pro Introduction to Self-Rescue

Sat, Oct 12, 2024 - Sun, Oct 13, 2024

Students will learn a variety of self-rescue techniques applicable to climbing in the single-pitch environment. Skills will include rope ascension, getting hands-free while belaying, taking over a belay, counterbalance rappelling, using a technical ledge for a load transfer, and passing a knot while rappelling. Students should be able to independently perform a climber pick-off, escape a belay and pass a knot on rappel after completion of the class. The class consists of two full field days at a rock-climbing crag, with outdoor discussion, demonstrations and practice with instructor feedback/supervision. This class is applicable to climbers of all levels and is the prerequisite for the Intermediate Self-Rescue class, which covers multipitch rescue techniques. Registrants should have basic rock-climbing skills to include safety checks, top rope belaying and rappelling. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

Pikes Peak Group Volunteer Awards

Nominations are now open for the Pikes Peak Group Volunteer Awards.

Each year the Pikes Peak Group seeks to recognize the many volunteers and members who give their time to improve the outdoor community in the Pikes Peak region. Many in our group invest time in conservation and education. Others inspire and motivate our members to achieve new goals in our outdoor endeavors. Some help others find community by leading trips. The Pikes Peak Group is held up by the many hands of people who are dedicated to helping others find their own spirit of adventure.

We are now receiving nominations for the following awards:

- Outstanding Service Awards
- Dick Eustice Conservation Excellence Award
- Spencer Swanger Trip Leader Award
- Robert M Ormes Distinguished Service Award

Nominees must be active Pikes Peak Group members. For a description of each award and criteria, and to nominate someone, please visit the [nomination form](#).

Nominations will be received until **September 15, 2024**.

Conservation Corner

Target Shooting on Pike National Forest

The US Forest Service is proposing changes on how target shooting is managed within the Pike National Forest. Due to increased visitation and shooting activities, the risks to public safety have increased as well. The Forest Service has proposed three alternatives to the current situation. This proposal identifies specific locations to be developed as designated shooting ranges and outlines strategies for managing target shooting in the future. Three alternatives are currently under consideration, and public input is encouraged. A final decision is expected by January 1, 2025. There are several meetings for the public to learn more about these projects.

Meetings:

- **Virtual Meeting:** A virtual meeting will be held on August 14, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The meeting link is available on the Meeting Notices page of the website below.
- **In-Person Meetings:**
 - August 13, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Teller County Sheriff's Office, 11400 Hwy 24, Divide, CO.
 - August 15, in Denver (details to be announced).

[Review the alternatives and submit comments](#) until 9/4/2024.

Stewardship Opportunities

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with one of the many conversation groups in the area, check out their sites and calendars, they have plenty of opportunities to get out and support local stewardship efforts.

[Trails and Open Space Coalition](#)

[Friends of the Peak](#)

[Rocky Mountain Field Institute](#)

[The Colorado Trail Foundation](#)



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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Members:

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

Non-members:

- Text: \$3 per line, \$15 minimum
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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.