



The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

James Peak



Christie (leader), Jim, Annamari, and Chris.

Sheep Mountain



Eight miles of bushwhacking and route finding for a successful climb. Nathan, Daisy, Christie (leader), and Don.

A-Frame Trash Cleanup



Thanks go out to Mark Silas and Dan and Elizabeth Sweeney for removing the trash from the A-Frame. This is an annual chore as users do not always remove trash and personal items.

Pikes Peak Ascent A-Frame Team



Front: Denise and Jennifer; back: Tim, Jeff, Harper, and Dean.

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

Welcome New Members!

Rachel DiMassimo

Michelle Ford

Joshua Fry

Julie Moore

Tim Vanderhoof



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



The Pikes Peak Group's Annual Dinner (for PPG members and their guests only) is a time to connect and socialize, but also includes dinner, a cash bar, our annual volunteer rewards, Trip Leader recognition, and an update from the PPG Council. We are charging a nominal fee of \$22.50 to limit "no-shows" and the overall cost to the

PPG. Dinner attire: Colorado Casual. Join us November 2nd from 5-9pm at [The Public House at The Alexander](#), 3104 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 for Prime Rib Buffet with a Vegetarian/Vegan Bolognese option.

Registration closes October 22nd at 7pm. Sorry—no late registrations.




Another PPG Photo

Red Rock Canyon



Front L–R: Tricia Thomsen and Andy Lyon; back L–R: Bryan Scott, Deb Riecke, Susan Walker, Sangita Panday, and Melissa Chudyk.



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

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.](#)

Upcoming PPG Classes

Basic Alpine Climbing

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 - Sat, Nov 9, 2024

This course is the first course in the Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) curriculum. Basic Alpine Climbing consists of a set of skills that fill a gap between on or off-trail hiking and technical climbing. Skills include assessing hazards and decision making, traditional scrambling techniques, assessing and choosing off-trail routes in alpine/scrambling terrain. The PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals Course is the prerequisite for this course. Students must have earned the "Wilderness Fundamentals course" badge or an equivalent Wilderness Trekking School badge to be able to register for this course. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$145 for all others.

Intro to Snowshoeing

Thu, Jan 2, 2025 - Sat, Jan 4, 2025

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and beginner level techniques for this entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity on the winter schedule. This is also a wonderful way of beating the ever rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$145 for all others.

PPG - Avalanche Terrain Avoidance

Thu, Jan 9, 2025 - Sat, Jan 11, 2025

The Avalanche Terrain Avoidance course provides information to trip and course leaders to help them distinguish and avoid avalanche prone terrain. Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$135 for all others.

PPG AIARE 1

Tue, Jan 14, 2025 - Sun, Jan 19, 2025

AIARE Level 1 is a 24-hour course focusing on avalanche hazard management by using the AIARE Decision Making Framework designed to give you a proven approach in planning, executing, and reviewing your backcountry ski, snowshoe, mountaineering, and other snow adventures involving travel in avalanche terrain. Topics include building trip catalogs, tracking the season, observing and understanding the changes in the snowpack, recognizing avalanche terrain and travel options, improving your situational awareness while in the field, and evaluating the day's decisions when finished. Cost: \$445. CMC members only.

Conservation Corner

Did you know that autumn is one of the best times to get involved with your local conservation efforts? After the heavy foot traffic of summer, our trails and open spaces need some care and attention before winter sets in. Autumn offers a perfect opportunity to volunteer for outdoor conservation work, and here's why:

1. **Comfortable Weather:** With cooler, more moderate temperatures, autumn provides a much more enjoyable climate for outdoor activities than the heat of summer or the freezing chill of winter. Volunteers can work longer and more comfortably without the risk of overheating or extreme cold.
2. **Essential Seasonal Maintenance:** Fall is the ideal season to prepare natural spaces for the upcoming winter. Volunteers can assist with clearing trails, removing fallen leaves and debris, and preparing parks and nature reserves for the off-season. This work is crucial for maintaining accessibility and protecting the environment year-round.
3. **Perfect Planting and Restoration Conditions:** Autumn's cooler weather reduces water stress on plants, while the soil remains warm enough to promote root growth. This makes it an excellent time for planting trees and shrubs, as well as for habitat restoration projects like reforestation.
4. **Invasive Species Control:** During autumn, native plants are going dormant, making invasive species more visible and easier to manage. It's an optimal time to tackle weed removal and control non-native species before they spread seeds.
5. **Supporting Wildlife Conservation:** Fall is a critical period for many animals preparing for the winter months. Volunteers can help by restoring habitats, creating shelters, and ensuring migration routes are free from interference, directly contributing to the protection of local wildlife.
6. **Building Community Connections:** The sense of community is strong in autumn, with many people gathering for seasonal activities. Conservation volunteering during this time not only supports environmental efforts but also strengthens bonds within the community, fostering a shared commitment to preserving natural spaces.

If you're ready to make a difference this autumn, explore volunteer opportunities with some of our outstanding conservation partners in the region. Together, we can ensure our trails and open spaces are well-maintained and ready to thrive through the winter and beyond.

[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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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.