

Pikes Pique



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Beaver Creek Wilderness Area Hike



L-R: John Gray (leader), Richard Legault, Natalia Gray, Marsha Littau, Richard Trillet, and Mark Yeadon (co-lead). Not pictured are Lori Spaulding, Christine Eidmann, and Dean Waits (photographer).

Lovell Gulch Snowshoe



L-R: Dean Waits, Christie Lee (leader), and Richard Trillet.

Ascending Hike to Barr Camp



L-R: Touqeer Ahmad (leader), Brian Caldwell, Sangita Panday, Deborah Klein, Ron Pausa, and Abbie Gentry.

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

Welcome New Members!

Conner Borkowski

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Spencer Mcshane

Nathan Olds

Justin Rivard

Stefanny Zambrano



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 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

Got Gear?

For many years the Pikes Peak Group has maintained equipment and gear for our numerous classes. This ranges from climbing gear (ropes, helmets, harnesses) to avalanche safety equipment (beacons, probes, shovels) to ice climbing gear (crampons, ice axes). Our goal is to make sure students taking our classes have the proper safety equipment, and are not required to purchase such expensive gear themselves when trying a sport for the first time. As you can imagine, this equipment needs to be repaired or replaced regularly to maintain the proper level of safety.

Recently PPG member Dave Anderson donated his unused trad climbing gear to the PPG gear collection. A very big thank you goes out to him as this donation saved us from a costly purchase. If you have any unused gear, please consider donating it to the PPG. Reach out to [Kristen Buckland](#) to coordinate a pickup or if you have any questions.



More PPG Photos

Hike to Shaft House



The plan was carefully constructed by LIT Scott Baugher. Scott is a new member to the CMC and eager to get hiking. The plan led us to view Harmonica Arch, then to a few cabins and shaft house. The history behind the shaft house is an attempt to grow the water supply to the front range. The plan was to dam an underground river and build a reservoir to store water and transport it to Denver. Scott led us, and taught us. He conducted a great trip, even though the caterers, Scott says, never made it by helicopter to the cabins to set up lunch as promised. On the way home we stopped at Paradox Brewing for some delicious food, beverages and discussion.

PPG Annual Meeting and Dinner



Thanks to the 50+ members who joined us at the Alexander Public House for a night of fun, food, and socializing. We enjoyed an update on the PPG's accomplishments, a look at next year, a fun raffle event of "seasoned" outdoor adventuring gear, and an opportunity to recognize the incredible contributions of our volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a memorable night: Dean Waits, Christie Lee, Mark and Teri Yeadon, Chris Kaplan, Greg Long, and Joe Petsche.

Upcoming PPG Classes

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

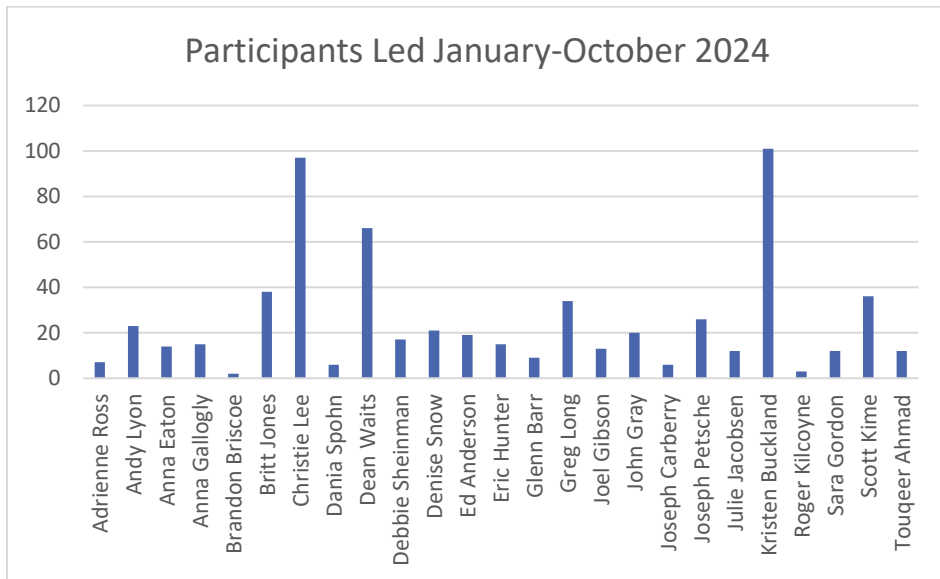
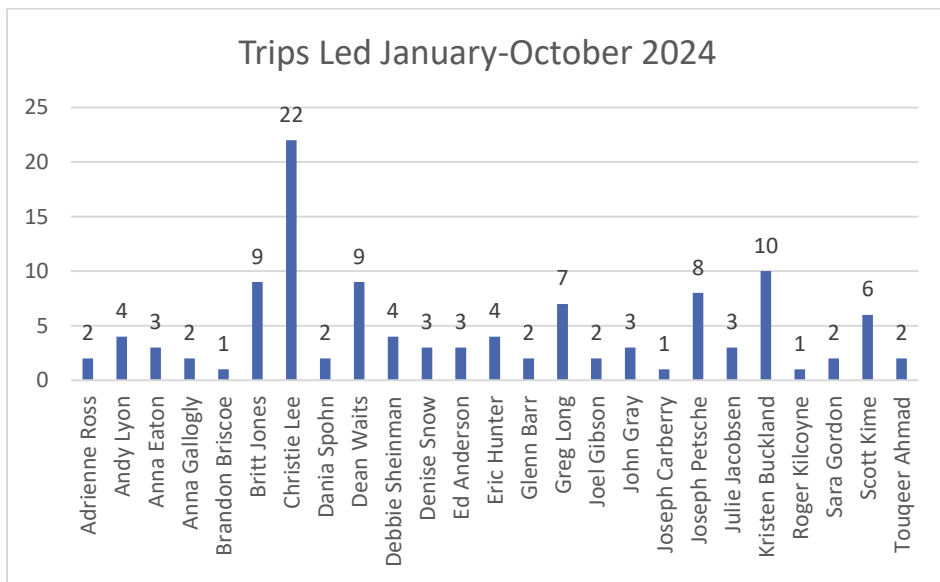
Tue, Jan 14, 2025 - Sun, Jan 19, 2025

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.

Trip Leader Stats

As 2024 draws to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of our incredible trip leaders. Your dedication and passion have brought adventure, community, and growth to CMC members throughout the year. From snowy winter treks to summer summit bids and the vibrant hikes of fall, your commitment has helped create memorable experiences for everyone involved. Whether you led a single trip or many, your efforts have been invaluable.

And the year isn't over yet! We encourage you to keep the momentum going and consider leading a few more trips before the calendar flips. The joy of the outdoors is even more special as we wrap up the year together. Look at your numbers, you might be a few participants away from the rebate towards your membership fees. Thank you once again for all you do. We look forward to seeing you on the trail!



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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.