Pikes Peak Group Annual Dinner - November 21st

Jim Davidson Presents: Resilience!



Jim Davidson is an accomplished climber and inspirational speaker who shares lessons gained from a lifetime of mountain adventures. Since 1982, he has climbed across the United States and been on high-altitude expeditions to Alaska, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico, Nepal, and Tibet. Formerly an environmental geologist with his own consulting firm, Jim is now a professional speaker with Speaking of Adventure. Jim lives in Colorado with his two adventurous kids and his very tolerant wife.

During his thirty years of high-altitude climbs, he has seen numerous rescues and dramatic survival situations. He has training in wilderness first aid, avalanche safety, and vertical rescue. Jim has also volunteered to rescue other hikers and climbers on numerous occasions and has been commended twice by the U.S. National Park Service for leadership and personal sacrifice on mountain rescues.

He self-rescued from eighty feet deep inside a glacial crevasse while attempting liberty ridge, which inspired *The Ledge*, a National Outdoor book award winner. In June 1992, best friends Jim Davidson and Mike Price stood atop Washington's Mount Rainier, celebrating what they hoped would be the first of many milestones in their lives as passionate mountaineers. Then their triumph turned tragic when a cave-in plunged them deep inside a glacial crevasse—the pitch-black, ice-walled hell of every climber's nightmares.

An avid adventurer since youth, Davidson was a seasoned climber at the time of the Rainier ascent. But the harrowing



free fall left him challenged by nature's grandeur at its most unforgiving. Trapped on a narrow frozen shelf, deep below daylight, he desperately battled crumbling ice, snow that threatened to bury him alive, and crippling fear the inescapable chasm below-all the while struggling to save his fatally injured friend. Finally, alone, with little equipment and rapidly dwindling hope, he confronted a fateful

choice: the certainty of a slow, lonely death or the near impossibility of an agonizing climb for life. A story of heart-stopping adventure, heartfelt friendship, fleeting mortality, and implacable nature, *The Ledge* chronicles the elation and grief, dizzying heights and punishing depths, of a journey to hard-won wisdom.

Jim will also talk about his experiences in the devastating earthquake turned avalanche while attempting to summit Mt Everest last year. He will give you a first-hand account of the destruction and chaos that ensued and the acts of compassion and selfless service that allowed Nepal to overcome the horrible tragedy.

The Pikes Peak Group's annual dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. at The Warehouse restaurant, 25 West Cimarron St.

Seating is limited and we expect a large turnout.

Register online at www.cmc.org.

If you are unable to register online, please register with Roger Kilkoyne, 719-323-3740, before October 31st.

Pikes Peak Group Annual Awards

To Be Presented at the Annual Dinner



Each year the Awards Committee considers the entire group membership for candidates for the awards presented at the Annual Dinner (coming next month!). It takes into account the time, effort, and longevity of service of the members in determining who is the most deserving of these awards. First some background on the awards so you may have a better understanding of the awardees' achievements and commitment to the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club...

Service Awards | Behind the scenes are Committee Chairs who take care of the Monthly Programs, Education, Safety and Leadership, Outings, Publicity, Newsletter, SESI, Membership, Treasurer, and numerous other functions performed by At-Large representatives. Each of these positions is really a part-time job, and the individuals who volunteer to staff these positions deserve every bit of

recognition and thanks that we can deliver. They are the oil that keeps the Group running. There are no restrictions or limitations on who can be considered for Service Awards. These can come from the list of Committee Chairs, but can also include outstanding trip leaders, instructors, or individuals who make unique contributions to the Group.

Spencer Swanger Trip Leader Award | Spencer spent many years giving back to the Pikes Peak group and was a prodigious trip leader. Trip leaders give their expertise and time planning and organizing trips so other members may expand their own comfort range in the mountains and make their experiences in the mountains both safe and fun.

Dick Eustice Conservation Excellence Award | Dick is an honorary member of the Pikes Peak Group having served many years in the capacity of the organizer for trail maintenance on the Palmer-Red Rocks Loop Trail. This trail is sometimes known as the Section 16 trail. Dick sometimes toiled alone if he could not find willing volunteers but he was consistent in his effort until a heart attack restricted the activities that he loved. He was true to the ideals of the Colorado Mountain Club in Conservation.

Robert Ormes Award | The Ormes Award is named after a distinguished member of the Pikes Peak Group. Robert was the education chair for the Group for many years and left a legacy of Colorado Mountaineering for his successors and students to follow. His mountain guides and maps are still the basis of our trails and outings today. Many people have followed in his footsteps and achieved much because of his pioneering efforts. The highest award of the Group is only given for distinguished service to the Pikes Peak Group.

If you would like to nominate someone for one of these awards, or if there has been a member who has recently passed who has been active in our Pikes Peak Group and you would like them recognized for their valued contributions, please contact Roger Kilkoyne, 719-323-3740.



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

Welcome New PPG Members!

James Adams Laura Janca David Kuenzli Dave Myhre Brianne Pierson Elaine Smith Jim Smith
David Stanton
Galen Steele Jr
Laura Winters
Gabriel Wood





Along Willow Creek Trail (Mt Pisgah in the background) en route to Dome Rock L-R: Anne, Mary, Tom, Dave, Sherry, Gene and Brian; Led by Tom and Mary

PPCA and CMC Join Forces



The Pikes Peak Climbers Alliance is a climbing education and advocacy group and 501c3 non-profit based in Colorado Springs, and its mission is to promote sustainable climbing, foster education, and protect the resources of the Pikes Peak region. One of our larger current projects is the adoption of Shelf Road climbing area, as resources and money for this increasingly popular crag have been more difficult to obtain. Our vision is to get more climbers involved in the caretaking of our local crags from the South Platte to Shelf to right here in our city parks, representing all aspects of climbing from ice to bouldering to rock and alpine. Through stewardship, education, fixed hardware management and access advocacy, climbers in our community now have a voice for changes that will promote safety, sustainability, and the protection of our valuable climbing resources. The PPCA is proud to be a

partner of the CMC along with other local land management, environmental, and educational organizations. For more information, upcoming opportunities, or to get involved, please visit pikespeakclimbersalliance.org or email pikespeakclimbersalliance@gmail.com.

CMC Council Member Profile

JOE CARBERRY



Joe and the Middle Teton

What is your role in the CMC?

No official role, but I do help where I can with BMS and other training opportunities.

What CMC activities do you teach?

I help with BMS and on occasion HAMS. If there is need I try to lend a hand. Currently working with Scott Kime, Tom Mulcahy, and Kristen Buckland to develop an advanced crevasse rescue clinic for the PPG.

How long have you been a member?

Joined in 2008. Took all of BMS (at that time) and went into HAMS following that. CMC PPG group opened a whole new world for me and makes me kick myself I did not join in 1995 when we moved to Colorado Springs.

What is your career?

I'm an engineer for Boeing. I lead a small team that helps the Air Force operate the Boeing-built GPS satellites. I'm the Maytag repairman of GPS satellites.

Favorite outdoor activities?

I love being outside, preferably without a heavy pack. Think I enjoy all types of climbing: snow/rock/ice/alpine.

What is your favorite local hike or local crag?

I'm partial to the area above the Incline. Eric Swab introduced me to the history of the Incline and of the Fremont Experimental forest several years ago. The unique and rich history of that area brings me back again and again.

What's your #1 best camp food?

Starbucks Via coffee. Never begin even a midnight alpine start without a cup of coffee.

What is your worst experience camping or climbing, where everything that could go wrong did?

Fletcher Peak attempt many years ago. Late May with about the worst *winter* conditions I can remember. Storm moved in which took visibility down to tens of feet. Wind knocking team members over. So cold that the batteries in two of the teams three GPS receivers died. I was very close to suggesting we dig a snow cave and wait out storm. But, the storm waned and we got down safely.

What is your dream hike or dream climb?

Currently planning on climbing the Matterhorn with my son John in the summer of 2016.

What piece of gear have you been drooling over but can't justify buying?

Anything super light. As I get older a heavy pack takes away the fun of an adventure. Trading ounces for dollars is sounding more appealing every day.

Where are places you want to hike, or climbs you want to do this summer?

Recovering from a broken ankle in February sort of reset my summer plans, but we were still able to climb the Grand Teton in late July and I'll see what the later summer holds.

What outdoor activity are you just plain bad at, no matter how many times you try?

I'm kind of dangerous on a mountain bike and volleyball; really bad at volleyball.

You have a free month to go anywhere in the world and hike or climb. Where would you go?

I'd like to eventually go to Patagonia to tour and climb.

Best CMC trip you've been on?

Any of Bill Brown's. He's a good man and a great leader. He introduced me to CMC many years ago and I will always be in his debt.

2015 Education Program a Huge Success

By Eric Hunter

We have had yet another wonderful year of education programs in the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. I want to take a moment to reflect on the success of this year's programs. In case you missed it, or were there, but have forgotten it, we have had another very eventful delivery of our ever-increasing number of winter and summer skills courses.



To start with, we have completed another round of Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) with several students going on to HAMS or other adventures. In our winter specific courses, we have successfully delivered Skate Skiing, Snowshoeing, Introduction to Backcountry Skiing, Winter Wilderness Survival, Avalanche Level 1, and Technical Ice Climbing. These courses have helped many club members gain skills to become more efficient and much safer while traveling in the backcountry during winter conditions.



In our summer specific courses, we have successfully delivered Introduction to Mountain Biking Basics, Introduction to Desert Trekking and Canyoneering, and the Advanced Rock courses. Again, many have been able to enjoy new skills in new terrain as a result of these courses.



As the course list is large, and the student list even larger, I will not list the students' names here. However, I do want to say congratulations to all of those who have managed to complete any of these education programs. I know first hand the skills you have learned and how much of an impact these skills have on our enjoyment of the summer and winter

wilderness. I hope you have had a chance to get out and continue to build on the skills you have learned by participating in as many trips as possible.

I also want to say a huge Thank You! to all of the instructors who have volunteered their time to make these courses as successful as they have been. Without this large group of volunteers, these courses would not exist. If you really got something out of any of the classes, be sure to let your instructors know, and be sure to tell others. If you see the large list of



courses and excellent skills of the instructors listed above and think you would like to be a part of it, keep an eye on the monthly newsletter and online course registration. We have already opened our courses for 2016 online. We hope we can share our experience, skills, and safety with you.

(Clockwise from upper left, photos courtesy Jackie Crouch, Kim Wetzel, Tony Eichstadt, and Grant Wilson)

PPG Classes

Pikes Peak Group HAMS

Starts October 28, 2015

The Pikes Peak Group High Altitude Mountaineering School will start in October. This is 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 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 12/2, and 12/9, and include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions will be CMC trips conducted in January and February. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course. Contact Greg Long to verify pre-requisites and receive a passcode.

Pikes Peak Hut to Hut Clinic December 3, 201

Colorado has many huts which offer warm, cozy environments for those cold winter nights. Knowing how to reserve a hut space and how to get there are key to a successful hut trip. In one evening session, which is free and open to everyone, you will learn about the principles, processes, planning, and particulars of a hut trip. There will also be an **optional** day trip to a hut on December 5 for those who want to get that first-hand experience of winter navigation and seeing what the inside of a typical hut looks like. Although we will not spend the night at the hut, your experience on this trip will prepare you for that future hut adventure. For details, please contact Paul Schoell.

Skate Ski Clinic December 5, 2015

Learn the basics of this wonderful Nordic Center sport seen in the Winter Olympics. It is incredibly aerobic and can take years to master. However, one session can show you the basics. To quote the instructor, "Balance is key!" This clinic is great for those new to the sport or those who are just beginning to build their skills to the intermediate level. This year's lesson will be a half day of either beginner or intermediate field lessons. The clinic is free, however there is a small fee for your Nordic pass and rentals if you need them. For details and to sign up, please contact Denise and Dan Snow at 719-687-9576.

Snowshoe and Backcountry Ski Class

Starts January 4, 2016

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry-level techniques for either or both of these sports. Snowshoeing is the entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity in the winter schedule. BC skiing is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse. Both are a wonderful way of beating the ever-rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There are two classroom sessions and one field session for the snowshoe class and two classroom and three field sessions for the BC Ski class. The cost is \$20 for the snowshoe class and \$60 for BC Ski class. There are rental costs if you don't own the gear and a trail pass for one day at a Nordic Center for the BC Ski class. The snowshoe classroom dates are 04 and 06 Jan, and the field date is 09 Jan. The BC Ski classroom dates are 04 and 07 Jan, and the field dates are 10, 17, and 24 Jan. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. For class details, please contact Eric Hunter.

Avalanche Level 1 Class Starts January 26, 2016

This is the level of avalanche training now required for HAMS and BMS students. This is also a great level of knowledge for those who have only completed Introduction to Avalanches in the past. This course will teach you about proper gear, proper route selection, and making safe decisions by providing an understanding of terrain, snow pack, weather, and triggers. You will practice evaluating terrain, doing a beacon search, probing and digging for a "victim," and digging evaluation pits. This is the course to make all the other winter activities safer. Classroom dates are 26 and 28 Jan. The field sessions are 30 and 31 Jan. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For class details, please contact Eric Hunter.

Technical Ice Climbing School (TICS)

Starts January 27, 2016

Have you been ice climbing easy routes for a few seasons since your BMS Ice Climbing module and wondered what's next? Have you seen some of the annual Ouray Festival clips and wondered about mixed routes or leading? Have you thought you just don't possibly own enough gear yet and want to get even more? Here is your chance. Come to Ouray for an event sure to improve you ice climbing skills as well as adding to your skills with leading and anchor building knowledge. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 27 Jan. The weekend Ouray trip is 06-07 Feb. All field session are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$175. For class details and to sign up, please contact Grant Wilson.

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Ice Climbing

Starts February 1, 2016

This is the continuation of the 2015 BMS series. Completing this course will be the completion of BMS certification for many students this year. Congratulations! This course has a pre-requisite of BMS Rock Climbing or proven skills similar to those provided by that class. Classroom dates are 01 and 03 Feb. The field session is 07 Feb. There will be an optional extra trip to Ouray on 13-15 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$70. Going on the optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses. For class details and to sign up, please contact Dave Anderson.

PPG Classes (continued)

Intermediate Ice Climbing School

Starts February 8, 2016

Have you only completed BMS Ice and are not quite ready for TICS yet? Have you wanted to improve your skills before taking an advanced class and just need more time on the ice with supervision and direction while developing what you have already learned? Come to this class to improve your ice climbing skills to a level making you ready for an advanced class. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 08 Feb. The weekend Ouray trip is 13-14 Feb. All field session are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For class details and to sign up, please contact Kristen Buckland.

Winter Wilderness Survival Skills Class

Starts February 24, 2016

So now you have learned from the other classes how to get out and play in the winter wilderness, but what do you do if you get stuck out there for the night? This course will discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend a night in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. We will build several types of winter shelters and you will have the chance to spend the night in them using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. The classroom session is on 24 Feb. The overnight is 27-28 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$40. For class details, please contact Eric Hunter.

Conservation Corner



Lovell Gulch – Day 3

Lovell Gulch

When you get a chance, hike or bike the Lovell Gulch Trail near Woodland Park. Your Pikes Peak Group and community volunteers have re-routed almost 1000 feet of trail near the upper trailhead to bypass an area that was full of roots. Keep an eye on this space for 2016 work dates as we continue to partner with the National Forest on this project. Contact Tom Mowle if you'd like to be added to the stewardship mailing list.

Cañon City

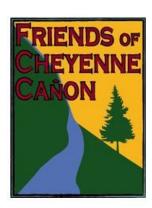
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public comments on the draft Environmental Assessment for the proposal to develop trails and a trailhead south of Cañon City. The document and associated maps can be found on the BLM website. The public comment period ends November 1, 2015. To submit a comment, please contact Kalem Lenard at 719-269-8538 or email comments to rgfo_comments@blm.gov.

Palmer Lake

October 24 will be the last opportunity this year to help Palmer Lake eradicate noxious weeds and other invasive plants from town, and the nearby National Forest around the reservoirs. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Palmer Lake town hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Contact Phyllis Head for more information.

Call for Board Members

Do you love North
Cheyenne Cañon, and
want to get more
involved in the park?
The Friends of
Cheyenne Cañon seeks
people with a passion
for the cañon to help
uphold our mission: to
preserve, protect, and
enhance the park.



Interested in learning more about board membership? Email friendsofcheyennecanon@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon visit www.cheyennecanon.org.

November PPG Trips

Raspberry Mountain Saturday, 11/7/2015 Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7+. Details: Leave Red Rocks Safeway at 9:00 a.m. Contact leader at least one week ahead of trip for signup and

details.

Sesame Canyon, Tenney Crags, Bear Creek Loop Saturday, 11/14/2015 Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, ehunter67@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 3000. Location: Bear Creek, Colorado Springs, CO. Details: This is a great local trip merging several major and secondary trails, culminating in a great overlook seldom seen. We will hike from the Caretaker Shack up Bear Creek to Sesame Canyon past a frozen falls and on to Cap'n Jacks. From there we will take a secondary trail to the Buckskin Cutoff and continue on Cap'n Jacks to Bear Creek. We will continue up Bear Creek to another secondary trail up the drainage to Tenney Crags. We will return by coming down Bear Creek.

Pancake Rocks Saturday, 11/14/2015 Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7+. Details: Leave Red Rocks Safeway at 9:00 a.m. Contact leader at least one week ahead of trip for signup and details.

Catamount Trail from Lovell Gulch Saturday, 11/21/2015 Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7+. Details: Leave Red Rocks Safeway at 9:00 a.m. Call Christie at 719-243-1821 at least one week ahead of trip for signup and details.

Crystal Reservoir from Green Mountain FallsSaturday, 11/28/2015
Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7+. Details: Leave Red Rocks Safeway at 9:00 a.m. Contact leader at least one week ahead of trip for signup and details.





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



Advanced Avalanche Education Opportunity

AIARE Level 2

If you desire to know more about snow science, go beyond avalanche education in AIARE Level 1, and travel on snowshoes, then this class is for you.

Taught by Markus Beck, Alpine World Ascents owner and lead guide, exclusively for those who travel on snowshoes, AIARE Level 2 is offered December 16 and 17 and December 21 and 22. Lectures at Empire Town Hall Community Room. Field Sessions at Berthoud Pass.

Minimum of 4 students/maximum of 6 students. Fee \$495.

Contact: Linda Lawson, (303) 793-0144 or lkl14er@comcast.net.



Mt Princeton 2016



FEBRUARY 26-28, 2016

This is an annual weekend of ski, snowshoe, swim, soak, party, and dining adventure at the Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop CO, near the ghost town of St Elmo.

It includes two nights' lodging at the resort, dinner on Friday and Saturday, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, two complimentary drinks (wine, beer, or soft drink) on Friday night, all the swimming you can get in on the three days, as well as an informal get-together Saturday after dinner. Both Saturday and Sunday, after breakfast, Colorado Mountain Club leaders will offer trips for all levels of ability. The cost is \$235 for double occupancy and \$340 for single occupancy. Non-CMC members pay \$10 more. This is a fun event, attended by members from several CMC groups.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Gertrud (Getty) Nuhn, (719) 473-8868, or Becky Zenthoefer, (719) 633-1367.

Come See Us at Chasing Shadows



Come visit the Pikes Peak Group's booth for some free swag during the Warren Miller Chasing Shadows showing on November 21st at the Pikes Peak Center.

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:

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.