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Pikes Peak Group Monthly Program – January 19th

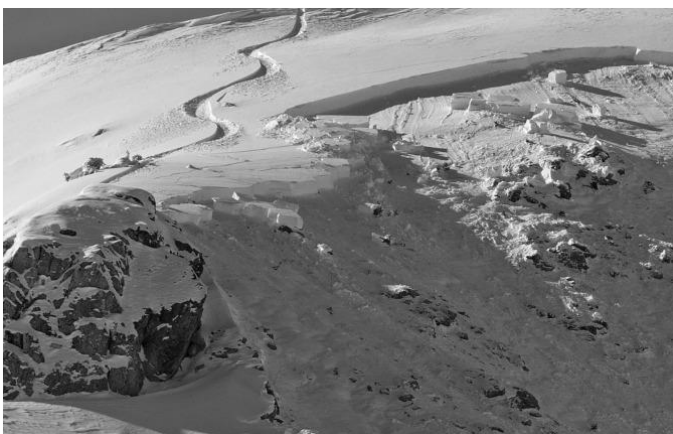
Ethan Davis Presents: *Avalanche Awareness*

Please join us at 6:30 on January 19th for our monthly program at the Mountain Chalet, 226 N. Tejon St. Ethan Davis from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center will be giving a public presentation on Avalanche Awareness.



**Colorado Avalanche
Information Center**

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) is a program within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Executive Director's Office. The program is a partnership between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the Friends of the CAIC (FoCAIC), a 501c3 group. The mission of the CAIC is to provide avalanche information and education, promote research for the protection of life and property, and the enhancement of the state's economy.



Since 1950, avalanches have killed more people in Colorado than any other natural hazard, and in the United States, Colorado accounts for one-third of all avalanche deaths. The Colorado Avalanche Warning Center began issuing public avalanche forecasts in 1973 as part of a research program in

the USDA-Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. The program moved out of the federal government and into the Colorado state government, becoming part of the Department of Natural Resources in 1983. The CAIC joined the Colorado Department of Transportation's highway safety program in 1993. The Friends of the CAIC (a 501c3 group) formed in 2007 to promote avalanche safety in Colorado and to support the recreation program of the CAIC. If you plan on going into the backcountry, you should strongly consider giving to this very good cause!



As a reminder, one week after this presentation Eric Hunter will be conducting a very thorough and professional Avalanche Level One Course. Each year Eric attends workshops to hone his skills and receive any updates. The course offered by our own Pikes Peak Group will save you hundreds of dollars over a course done by a guiding service. It is recommended you take the Avalanche Level One course every couple of years to refresh your knowledge and to learn about any changes that may have occurred. Please sign up at cmc.org soon, as space in this course goes very quickly.

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Welcome New PPG Members!

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Kassidi Gilgenast
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Eddie Mack
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Kendra Peterson
Miles Peterson
Scott Thompson
Zachary Van Winkle
Josh Wright



New Member Orientation Hike – Red Rock Canyon Open Space – Oct 31

Volunteers Needed!

2016 Basic Mountaineering School (BMS)

We are looking for new Instructors and/or Class Leaders for the 2016 PPG BMS, a series of introductory classes on the following topics:

- Wilderness Fundamentals – March 9, 10, 16, & 19
- Wilderness Land Navigation – March 30, April 6 & 9
- Wilderness Backpacking – June 8, 15, 18 & 19
- Alpine Snow Mountaineering – April 26, 28, 30 & May 1
- Rock Climbing – May 19, 25, 28 & 29
- Ice Climbing – February 1, 3, 6/7

If you have completed most or all of these classes in the past or if you have relevant experience and would like to share your knowledge and experience with new participants in any of these classes, we'd like to hear from you. This is a great way to give back to our club. All of these classes are very inexpensive to the students because we have outstanding experienced mountaineers in the PPG that volunteer their time to make these classes extremely valuable to the students each year. Please consider helping out with these classes in 2016. Thank you!!

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PPG Classes

Pikes Peak Hut to Hut Clinic

December 3, 2015

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 your 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](#).

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](#).

PPG Classes (continued)

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](#).

CMC Trip Photos



Columbine – Mays Peak Loop (Y Mason, Leader)



Cameron's Cone (Donna Gail Schneider, Leader)



Sentinel Point (Rondi Burgess, Leader)



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Conservation Corner

Changes to Barr Trail/Incline Parking

Earlier this month, the City of Manitou Springs announced some changes to parking at and near the Barr Trail and Incline Trailheads. These changes are described as effective through April 2, 2016, though it is not clear what happens after that. This summary is based on public information, and thus may not be fully accurate:

Parking at the Barr Trail lot is now \$10/day, with a \$5 validation coupon available at Barr Camp. The lot is open only from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Parking on Ruxton and Winter Street near the trailhead is \$5/hour, and is also allowed only from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Parking in the Residential Parking Permit area, which is Ruxton below Spring, as well as Spring, Pilot Knob, Bluff, Brook, Montcalm, Capitol Hill, Fairview, and Ruxton above the trailhead, is \$5/hr and is allowed only from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. No weekend parking in this area without a permit.

Outside these hours, legal parking would be in paid lots, at Memorial Park, or by Old Man's Trail. Being dropped off/picked up would also be an option.

Illegal parking has a \$35 fine according to a City brochure.

Mt Princeton 2016

How great it is to be a Colorado Mountain Club member: we can hike, ice climb, climb 14ers, mountain bike, snowshoe, backcountry and downhill ski, explore, and travel. Heck, given all of the weekly and monthly trips and events listed on the CMC Website, each of us could be "out there" pretty much every day of the week!



Having said this, you should consider signing up for the Pikes Peak Group sponsored Annual Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort Weekend February 26–28, 2016. A weekend filled with multiple opportunities to spend hours in the Sawatch Range backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking, followed by soaking to your heart's and body's content in the resort's cascading thermal pools, exercise pool, relaxation pool, and in Chalk Creek, my favorite! Also, for an additional fee you may make arrangements with the resort to take advantage of any of multiple spa services during your stay.

Since 2002, PPG's very own Getty Nuhn—who was initially assisted by Diane Pugh and now Becky Zenthoefer—has been organizing and planning this event for CMC members, and although Getty admits that she has been making this annual trek to Mount Princeton Hot Springs since the mid 1990s, she continues to enjoy offering this special one-of-a-kind event to all CMC Members and their guests.

This reasonably priced weekend includes a shared or single room (for a few extra dollars), two drinks (choice of beer, wine, or soft drink) on Friday evening during the Welcome Reception, two delicious dinner buffets, two wonderful and fulfilling breakfast buffets, and all the soaking time in the pools or creek that you can embrace. To top that off, on both Saturday and Sunday mornings our PPG Leaders generously offer to lead snowshoeing excursions (this year we enjoyed two-three feet plus of snow!), backcountry skiing, and hiking.

The next enjoyable and relaxing weekend at Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort will be posted for signup on the CMC Website this October. Why not join the many CMC Members who "save the date" to enjoy great food, good company, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, hiking, soaking, and swimming each year? You too will look forward to returning for this event year after year.

(See page 9 for more details.)

Thanks, CMC and SAR

I joined the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) in March of 2015, shortly after moving to Colorado. My niece and nephew who are former members, encouraged me to join.

I was very excited to take the Basic Mountaineering Backpacking class and to strike out on my overnight with the group. Our overnight was in the Lost Creek Wilderness Area, starting at the Goose Creek Trailhead. The hike was beautiful to say the least. I felt like I was doing well with my pack, elevation and the pace of the hike, but something went horribly wrong with me after reaching camp. I became nauseated and started vomiting and became extremely hot without perspiring. Mike Erickson, our trip leader, then made the decision to abort the trip and to get me out of there. His leadership skills are top notch. While someone stayed with me creek side to cool me down, Mike gave everyone an assignment to break camp. Once that happened, Mike and two other group members began to walk out with me. The plan was for me to hike out as far as I could to meet the Alpine Search and Rescue (SAR). Once I got as far as I could go, Glenn Barr, another member of our group activated his SPOT. Mike then had Glenn and Joy Cipoletti leave to call Glenn's family so that they would know that he was safe. A ranger from the park arrived to let us know that SAR had received our coordinates, but SAR was several hours away.

The Alpine SAR from Evergreen, CO came to my rescue. What an amazing team! Twelve of them came to my aid. After an initial assessment of my vital signs and history, we set off for the parking area at the Goose Creek TH, where an ambulance was waiting. They took turns, six at a time, carrying me on a wheeled stretcher.

I have no idea how many miles they carried me, but it felt like a great distance. They were very patient with me as they had to stop numerous times for me to vomit or to readjust my position. It was dark and the trail was rough but they never became upset with me. If you've never been on a stretcher, it's not the most comfortable ride. I was extremely grateful for their care and concern to make me as comfortable as possible. They saved my life. I was taken to Pike's Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park and transferred the next day to Penrose in Colorado Springs for a work-up, then discharged.

My point in writing this is to acknowledge the Alpine SAR and all SAR teams for their dedication to this most valuable service. I also want to praise CMC for the training of their trip leaders and for all the classes offered to its members. SAR is all volunteer and there is no charge for their services. I encourage everyone to make a donation to the SAR of your choice. I also designated Alpine SAR on my Amazon Smile Account.

Hope to see you on the trail soon.

Claudia Lyon

Royal Arch Loop of the Grand Canyon

The Destination: Grand Canyon Royal Arch Loop via Pt Huitzil. The Plan: Bob Hostetler, Dean Waits, Tim Tan from PA, and Rick Seney from FL were to meet in Tusuyan, Az on Oct 8. Hopefully drive 30 miles of possibly impassable dirt road due to rain, camp on the canyons edge and be ready for a pre-sunrise departure Oct 9.

Dean checked with the GC Backcountry Information Center on road conditions. It rained Oct 6 and on the 7th a ranger turned around due to mud. For the four, the road was passable and in another way the rain a blessing as it filled several slick rock canyon holes with needed water thru the 7 day/49 mile trip.

A vehicle was parked at the South Bass TH which was to be the trail exit and another parked at the Old Pasture Ranger Station about 3 ½ miles away for the starting point. Pt Huitzil is a very interesting area on the Royal Arch Canyon. On a 195 degree heading from the Ranger Station, it's virtually thru a "rabbit hole" in the top of a rock at the canyons edge; then shinny down a 15-ft long vertical log wedged between the rocks. It's commonly referred to as the "Anasazi Log". It's worn slick and smooth but evidence of other broken ones are there too. Once below the log, follow a cairned route down a series of ledges to the canyon floor. An exciting venture to say the least.



Camp was set up near the first water and all eyes later were on the sky; with the Milky Way, all stars and constellations visible in the clear skies, only to be preceded by the most beautiful explosive red sunset due to ever lasting contrails.

Next day was a continuation of climbing along ledges, up and down in the drainage sometimes using webbing to lower packs. Stopped before reaching the Royal Arch by a slippery ledge so night two was a camp deep in the narrow canyon.

Day 3's plan was to climb out of the canyon and trek across to Toltec Beach where we would camp for two nights. There was one more challenge between those two sites: a downclimb and 20-ft rappel. Each member was belayed down the treacherous vertical wall and upon reaching Toltec Beach, camp was set up

along the reddish brown colored Colorado. Water was drawn in plastic buckets, alum added, and next morning clear water was purified for our day's trip to Elves Chasm.



L-R: Dean Waits, Rick Seney, Tim Tan, Bob Hostetler

Elves Chasm is a virtual must see for river rafters and hikers. It's spring fed from above the Royal Arch and has a crystal clear travertine waterfall into an inviting pool of very cold water as several members found out. So many visitors have frequented this area over time the otherwise sharp edged limestone rocks along the path are worn smooth. No doubt very early civilizations would frequent such a water source.

After two days on Toltec Beach we headed up and after a long day we camped along the Tonto Trail; arising the next morning for Copper Canyon. Climbing down the canyon bed reaching some of WW Bass' trails built over 100 years earlier and wind down the steep canyon walls. Bass was a miner in the early 1900's and later turned to being one of the first tour guides into the canyon. He would use these trails to lead his mules out of the canyon, laden with his prized ores. Hiking on them I could only imagine that sight, sound, and feeling.

We soon found one of his former camp sites littered with old stove parts, frying pans, broken china and a Desert Bighorn Sheep skull probably placed there in more recent years. His abandoned copper mine was located by the tailings; it had been closed off by the Park Service.

Remainder of the day was spent along the Tonto Trail going to Bass Canyon and entrance on to the South Bass Trail. So another night spent on the slick rock and the next day as it always is on the last day, some sadness your leaving such a wonderful place but enjoyment you've seen so many amazing things in such an amazing canyon. And all this was with such a marvelous group of people who were for the most part, strangers but became a real team.

Upon arriving back at South Bass TH, the high fives and photos finally were complete and the long drive back to civilization for ice cream, pizza and cold beer.

December PPG Trips

Beginner Skate Skiing Clinic

Saturday, 12/5/2015

Ski

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Location: The Frisco Nordic center in Frisco. Details: This is a beginning skate ski class. It is recommended that you have prior experience roller skating, downhill skiing, or Nordic skiing. You must use specialized skate ski equipment that you can rent at the Nordic Center. Plan to meet in the Nordic Center at 9:00 a.m. The instruction will take place in the morning, then you will have the afternoon to practice what you learned.

Barr Trail to the Incline Connector Trail

Saturday, 12/5/2015

Moderate B

Leader: Y Mason, you dew@aol.com

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 2000. Location: The Barr Trailhead is just past the Cog Railway Depot. Details: We will hike Barr Trail and past the Incline Bailout with the goal of reaching the Incline Connector Trail. Please be prepared by bringing the Ten Essentials, microspikes, hiking poles, snacks, water, and anything else that will provide you with comfort and joy! Meet up specifics will be emailed to participants a few days before the hike. Plan on departing from the trailhead NLT 9:15 a.m.

Intermediate Skate Skiing Clinic

Saturday, 12/5/2015

Ski

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Location: The Frisco Nordic center in Frisco. Details: This is an intermediate skate ski class. You must have previous experience skate skiing to take this class and be aware that this is an aerobic sport. Instruction will be in the afternoon and equipment can be rented at the Nordic center. Plan on meeting at the Nordic Center at 1:00 p.m.

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Saturday, 12/12/2015

Moderate B

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, sheindk@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1900, Driving Distance 40. Location: We'll meet at Safeway Southgate on South Nevada and Cheyenne Road in the parking lot at 8:30 am. Please look for my vehicle in the southwest corner of the lot. We'll carpool and drive down to Cheyenne Mountain State Park. **Please note:** there will be a fee per car to enter Cheyenne Mountain State Park. I already have a State Park Pass. If we have more than one car, members will need to pay \$7 per vehicle. Details: We'll try to hike between 10 and 12 miles. Possible trails include, but are not limited to: Coyote Run, Soaring Kestrel, Bobcat Way, Blackmer Loop, Cougar's Shadow, Zook Loop, Sundance, Talon, and North and South Talon. Please do bring adequate water and food. Also, remember to be prepared for the weather.

Barr Camp Overnight Lodge Camping with Meals

Saturday, 12/12/2015

Moderate C

Leader: Dean Waits, 719-445-0263, dwaits24@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 13, Elevation Gain 3700, Driving Distance 7. Location: Meet at the Red Rocks Safeway at 3275 W Colorado Ave in Old Colorado City at 10 a.m. to form car pools to go to Barr TH. There's a \$5/day per car fee at Barr TH parking lot to be divided between participants. Details: We will hike Barr Trail to Barr Camp on the flanks of Pikes Peak. This is half the way to the summit of Pikes Peak. We will overnight at Barr Camp in a dormitory setting. Dinner and breakfast are included in the reservation cost as well as bed. You must carry your sleeping bag, water purification, and other necessities. The cost is approximately \$36 per person for inside cabin. There are also outdoor Lean-To's or you may bring your tent for cheaper rates. Special dietary needs cannot be accommodated. After you have registered online at cmc.org, please open the Reservations Form in [this link](#) and make your Barr Camp reservation directly. Please copy me or send me an email to let me know you have paid and received confirmation. You are *not* signed up for this trip until (1) you sign up at cmc.org, (2) send Barr Camp a reservation form, (3) receive confirmation from Barr Camp, and (4) pay Barr Camp by credit card. On the reservation form, note that you are with CMC Group. I cannot reserve the entire lodge, so space may become limited as time draws closer to the trip. This is open reservation and the public is free to reserve our date as well. Sign up *early* to be sure you get on the trip. Even though we have significant elevation gain, this is a very good trail. Steep at the bottom and more moderate as we approach camp. We will spend a leisure Sunday morning at Barr Camp and return to the TH by early afternoon. More details to be sent to participants later.



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



December PPG Trips (continued)

Intermediate Downhill Ski Breckenridge

Thursday, 12/17/2015

Ski

Leader: Donna Gail Schneider, 719-685-4700, donnagail@mesanetworks.net

Location: Breckenridge, CO, Peak 7. Details: Let's get a jump on the ski season and spend the day skiing together in Breckenridge. This is an intermediate level ski event. We will be skiing blue and groomed blacks, picking runs that may have moguls on the side for those who want more challenging terrain. You will need to purchase a lift ticket if you don't already have a season pass or possibly get a discounted ticket from another participant who can give up a buddy pass. You will need to arrive earlier than 9:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time to purchase a ticket and meet the group at 9:30 a.m. Prices are posted on the resort's website. The leader will already be in Breckenridge, staying at the Timber Lodge on Peak 7 so we will meet on Peak 7. Exact area TBA later. If you plan to attend this event and want to carpool, I will send a list of participants before the event so arrangements can be made. If you carpool, please ask your driver how much they need to charge you for gas and make sure you bring \$\$ to cover that expense. This event starts in Breckenridge, Peak 7 and will be officially over on a per individual basis as each skier is done skiing for the day. Please be prepared to provide the leader with your cell phone number and a current emergency contact and their phone number as well as any medical conditions of concern that will be held in confidence. If you would like to ski Vail the day before (12/16), let me know and we will see who wants to add a second "unofficial" CMC ski day. If we ski Vail on Wednesday, I will need a ride from Timber Lodge as I will not have a vehicle with me.

Snowshoe Clinic Field Trip

Saturday, 1/9/2016

Moderate B

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

Location: Pikes Peak Region. Details: This snowshoe field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. During this trip you will have the opportunity to practice out in the field, swap snowshoes to figure out differences between models, and ask questions about gear and winter trips.

BC Ski Nordic Center Practice

Sunday, 1/10/2016

Moderate I

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

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 200, Driving Distance 260. Location: Breckenridge Nordic Center. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. The first of three field sessions, this trip will focus on balance and weight transfer with tracked skis at a Nordic Center by demonstrating and practicing drills. If time permits, we will begin progressing to low hills both up and down.

BC Ski Turquoise Lake Practice

Sunday, 1/17/2016

Moderate II

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

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 300. Location: Turquoise Lake, CO. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions and the Nordic field session with the Pikes Peak Group. The second of three field sessions, this trip will focus on endurance with efficient kick and glide on a packed road. If time permits, we will also continue to build hill skills both up and down.

BC Ski Bemrose Ski Circus Practice

Sunday, 1/24/2016

Moderate II

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

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 1800, Driving Distance 200. Location: Bemrose Creek, CO. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions and the two prior field sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. The third of three field sessions, this trip will focus on endurance and technique on a packed trail. We will spend a lot of time building skills for harder hills in tighter turns.

Downhill Ski

Friday, 1/29/2016

Moderate

Leader: Carol Schmitz, 719-339-4851, cmarieschmitz@gmail.com

Location: Carpool with vehicles that can carry skis will be departing at 6:00 a.m. from Red Rocks Safeway. Skiers living outside the Colorado Springs metro area can meet us at the Peak 9 base at 8:30–8:40 a.m. Details: We'll ski Breckenridge on Friday. Intermediate and advanced skiers only. Please let me know if you have a vehicle that can carry skis. Lunch on the mountain is planned; you're welcome to bring your own or enjoy the daily entrees. Notes: Breckenridge is known for being windy so dress appropriately to stay warm. Chemical hand and toe warmers might come in handy if you need them. Please let me know if you are able to drive and can carry skis.



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December PPG Trips (continued)

PPG Avalanche Level 1 Field Practice

Saturday, 1/30/2016

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 5, Elevation Gain 400, Driving Distance 200. Details: This two-day field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. This two-day trip will focus on avalanche evaluation, safe travel skills, and team rescue skills. We will be returning to town between the two field sessions.

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 Zenthoef](#), (719) 633-1367.



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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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The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

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