



PPG OUTINGS



All outings participants are required to sign a standard liability waiver. To view this before choosing to participate in an outing, go to <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call (415) 977-5528 for a printed copy

Saturday, July 11, Sunday July 12

9 a.m. Saturday to 4:30 p.m. Sunday

Pikes Peak Beginner Backpack

Join sponsors Pikes Peak Sierra Club, Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, and Wild Connections for a moderate 6-mile, 2-day backpack with elevation gain of 600 feet into Pikes Peak West, one of the CCWCs Wild Ten proposed potential wilderness areas. This backpack will offer basic wilderness skills instruction, including basic backpacking skills such as site selection and minimum impact camping. Participants must have or rent basic backpacking gear. If interest warrants, a pre-trip meeting may be arranged to discuss gear and logistics. For more information or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or jlock@datawest.net.

Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26th

7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Erosion Control and Restoration Project

Join members of the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group and Rocky Mountain Field Institute for a workday on Pikes Peak to complete stream restoration work on Ski Creek near the Glen Cove Inn. The creek has been highly impacted by stormwater off the Pikes Peak Highway causing extensive erosion and bank instability along a 1900' stretch. The project will involve building rock check dams, laying protective matting and reseeding damaged areas. Because of the altitude (10,000') the work is considered moderate to strenuous. The outing will involve a short walk of less than a 1/4 mile, sometimes over steep terrain, to the work site. Tools and instruction will be provided. Participants should wear work clothes, footwear suitable for hiking, and should bring sunscreen, raingear, lunch, and water. Maximum participant limit 12, minimum age 16. For further information, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or jlock@datawest.net

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fly-fishing in Beaver Creek Proposed Wilderness

Angler Brian Judd specializes in fishing streams of the Wild Ten areas. He will guide us and provide tips and informal instruction as we visit West Beaver Creek to fish and hike a moderate five miles with 500-foot elevation gain. Fly-fishing gear, shoes with good traction, and Colorado fishing license with habitat stamp are required. Waders are optional. Learn about the wilderness future of this and other nearby natural areas on this trip sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Wild Connections, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. Contact Brian at 719-598-8285 with equipment questions. For more information and to register, contact co-leader John Stansfield, at 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5 PM, August 1.

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9

7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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See description for July 25 and 26 for details.

Momentum for Wilderness Building in Central Colorado

by John Stansfield, Wilderness Chair

A coalition of conservation groups have renewed efforts to end a 16-year drought in new wilderness creation in central Colorado. Pikes Peak Group of Sierra Club and its conservation partners Wild Connections and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition planned and conducted a wilderness planning retreat in Colorado Springs in January attended by 22 individuals with representation from 12 national, state, and regional organizations which share a primary interest in wilderness designation for central and south central Colorado. The outcomes from the planning retreat herald an increased need for regional wilderness advocacy from Sierra Club and the other organizations in 2009 and beyond.

At the retreat, a consensus developed in favor of a draft legislative option, tentatively called the America the Beautiful Wilderness package. The package includes a number of the low-elevation areas in CCWC's existing Wild Ten wilderness proposal and potentially others. However, before any option becomes legislatively viable, detailed planning and a variety of on-the-ground activities, especially building public support, will be needed to assure success of any legislation.

For info or to help out, contact John Stansfield at 303-660-5849; or Michael Rogers: Michael@wildconnections.org.