



PIKES PEAK GROUP
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TIMBERLINES

Upcoming General Meetings:

General meetings are held at the community room of the Gay and Lesbian Center,
315 E. Costilla Street, Colorado Springs, 80903

Tuesdays:

July and August: No general meetings...go outside and play or join us on a hike! See you in September!

September 9th, 6:30 p.m.: *Wine and Cheese Meeting* We invite members new and seasoned alike to join us for our first meeting of the Fall. Along with a speaker, we'll have a silent auction, including tickets to the Lavender Film Festival! We hope to see you there and share stories of our summer adventures.

Upcoming Conservation and ExCom Meetings:

Tuesdays:

August 19, 6:30 p.m.

September 16, 6:30 p.m.

These are our monthly "business" meetings, held at Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Caramillo St. in Colorado Springs. All members are welcome. Conservation Committee begins at 6:30 and ExCom at approximately 7:30.

Upcoming Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition Meetings:

Thursdays. Next meeting, July 14th

Optional potluck supper 6-6:30 p.m. Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com

**CCWC meetings are held at Beidleman Environmental Center,
740 W. Caramillo St., Colorado Springs, 80903**

RICHARD LOUV TO SPEAK AT PIKES PEAK CENTER

by Carol Stansfield, Education Chair

Parents, grandparents, and teachers are becoming increasingly concerned: our children are spending less and less time outdoors, exploring the natural world. Nature is perceived by many children as unsafe, uncomfortable, and uninteresting. Alienation from nature is contributing to growing rates of obesity and depression in young people, and denying them one of the great joys of childhood. And those of us who care deeply about our beautiful but beleaguered planet can't help but wonder: will our children care for and defend the earth if they have never spent time in wild places?

In *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, author Richard Louv explores the emotional, educational, and environmental impacts of our children's alienation from nature. He also suggests some solutions. Most involve simply providing more opportunities for children to explore the natural world on their own terms. A new, expanded edition of this landmark book has just been published. It is highly recommended to anyone who has children, works with children, or cares about the future of our planet.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY:

Richard Louv will be speaking at Pikes Peak Center on Friday evening, October 3, as part of a special "No Child Left Inside" weekend for the entire Pikes Peak region. Tickets will be \$7.00 for educators, \$5.00 for students, and \$10.00 for the general public. For more details, contact Carol Stansfield at jorcstan@juno.com or 303 660-5849.

For more information about Richard Louv, see the Pikes Peak Group website.