



Pikes Peak OUT!

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Exploring Ecosystems of the Pikes Peak Region

June 18-21, 2024

Pikes Peak OUT! – Outdoor Understanding for Teachers!, formerly known as T.E.N. is a 4-day interdisciplinary conservation & environmental education course for PreK-12 teachers. The OUT! program brings Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Catamount Institute, and other natural resource professionals together with teachers in a coordinated effort to create an interdisciplinary environmental education course. This class incorporates not only science, but math, social studies, P.E., history, reading, and writing as well. The goal of OUT! is to help teachers promote student understanding and appreciation of the natural environment by increasing local field-oriented education opportunities and by providing curriculum that can be used in the classroom.

This year's class, *Exploring Ecosystems of the Pikes Peak Region*, will take teachers from prairies to the mountains. Our sites this year include the Paint Mines, Fountain Creek Nature Center, and Mueller State Park. We will learn about the ecosystems of the places and the flora and fauna found there. See the agenda (opposite side) for sample highlights. We will offer optional overnight tent camping at Mueller on the 20th. *NOTE:* Camping is optional, but participants must stay until the end of the presentations on the 20th and return at 8 am on the 21st.

The majority of the class will take place outdoors. If you DO NOT like being in the outdoors in June, then this class is not for you. It can be hot, muggy, buggy, cold, wet and raining, all in the same day. The OUT! team makes every effort to make this class enjoyable, but we cannot control the weather. Please dress for Colorado's temperamental weather conditions and enjoy the class! This year's class will involve light hiking and optional camping. Please no kids or pets allowed in the class.



The class cost is \$100. If you register by May 15th, the early registration fee is \$75. The deadline to register is June 5th. You may also take the class for 2 credits through Colorado School of Mines for an additional \$105 (paid to CSM the first day of the class). CDE credit is also available. The class is limited to the first 25 teachers.

To register, click this link <https://forms.gle/4nRsHiAAA6Xfd3rPA> or type it in your browser and mail in the non-refundable registration fee (see above).

Registration deadline is June 5th.

Make checks payable to G.A.R.N.A. & mail check to:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 4255 Sinton Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907, Attention: Tracy Predmore

For additional information, email Tracy Predmore – tracy.predmore@state.co.us



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June 18th - Prairie Ecosystem (8:00-4:30) @ Paint Mines (AM) & Homestead Park (PM)

Interpretive Hike @ Paint Mines

Leave No Trace

Black-footed Ferrets & Bison

Project Wild Activities

June 19th - Riparian Ecosystem (8:00-5:00) @ Duckwood Active Use Area (AM) & Fountain Creek Nature Center (PM)

Fish Shocking

Macroinvertebrate Sampling & Water Quality Testing

Stormwater Presentation & Storm Drain Art Project

Aquatic Wild Activities

June 20th - Montane Ecosystem (10:30-10:30) @ Mueller State Park

Pollinator Hike

Macroinvertebrate Sampling & Fly Fishing in the Schools Program

Bear Aware

Star Program - Astronomical Society

Dinner provided & optional tent camping available

*Camping overnight is not required, but attendance for the entire day is required



June 21st (8:00-12:30) @ Mueller State Park

Breathe for Change

Presentations of Final Project

Wrap Up & Evaluations

