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COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB TEAMING UP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

1st Annual Summer of Summits to be Held July 19-August 3, 2008

Colorado Springs, CO – May 21, 2008 – Registration is currently underway for the first annual Summer of Summits 2008, sponsored by the American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter: an internationally recognized organization that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and the Colorado Mountain Club: an organization connecting people with the Colorado mountain experience by focusing on education, recreation, and conservation. This first annual **Summer of Summits 2008** will provide an opportunity for people to raise money as well as spend time outdoors doing what they love. All proceeds from this event will directly support **your** community and **your** environment.

The Summer of Summits is a fundraising event comprised of five to ten person teams motivated by a team captain, who can go on a hike, summit a peak, scale a multi pitch climb, or just go for a walk in the Garden of the Gods. Team members can be any age or skill level with consideration to the particular activity your group will be doing. The registration fee for each participant is \$20.00. All paid registrants will receive water bottles and event t-shirts and receive an invitation to the PPARC/CMC dinner on August 3rd where additional prizes and give-aways will be awarded. **Registration ends July 1st, 2008.** For more information and registration forms contact Pete Elliot at the Pikes Peak Chapter 719-785-2702 or visit www.summerofsummits.org

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Your American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter relies on donations and grants and is not a government agency. Ninety one cents of every dollar is spent on programs and services offered by the Red Cross, including health and safety courses, disaster response and planning, youth services, and international and social services including support for the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. More than 300 volunteers support the Pikes Peak chapter in providing services to over 35,000 people and responding to more than 75 disasters each year. For more information about the Red Cross, contact the Pikes Peak Chapter at 719-785-2711 or visit www.pparc.org or www.redcross.org.

The Pikes Peak Group (PPG) of the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) has approximately 750 members. The CMC provides training which includes mountain oriented first-aid, leadership skills, and High Altitude Mountaineering and Basic Mountaineering Schools. Through over 600 planned trips each year with experienced leaders and instructors, members learn about and enjoy the alpine attractions of this region. Trips are planned to accommodate all age and skill levels; these activities include, hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, rock climbing, cross country and downhill skiing, cycling, and any other out-of-doors activities members are interested in. Conservation and preservation of our natural resources and scenery are a high priority. We believe there is something for everyone. For more information about the Colorado Mountain Club visit www.cmc.org

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