



POND Reception
Tuesday
August 20th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Summer Conference
August 20 – 22, 2024



POND Activities
Wednesday
August 21st



What: Colorado Springs Utilities Tour – The Slopes and Waterways of Pikes Peak

When: Wednesday, August 21. Meeting in the Hotel Lobby of the Cheyenne Mountain Resort by 12:30 pm. This event will return to the hotel by approximately 5:15 pm. Due to the COG Railway schedule please do not be late for meeting in the hotel lobby.

Transportation: Transportation will be provided by CSU.

Details: Ride the COG Railway up Pikes Peak and learn about the management of this mighty mountain, the breathtaking and critical water systems that supply Colorado Springs and its careful watershed management. From recreational pursuits to engineering feats, you’ll learn about the great partnerships and hidden gems on America’s mountain.



Tour Agenda included below:

Tour Stop	Stop Notes	Timeline
Start at Cheyenne Mountain Resort	Travel to COG Railroad	12:30-1:00pm
COG Railroad to the Top of Pikes Peak	Arrive at COG Rail; Preview of Trip Up to Pikes Peak Learn about the local CSU systems, watershed focus areas and Hydropower Station on Pikes Peak Speakers: Jeremy Taylor, Watershed Project Manager	1:00-2:15 pm (COG leaves at 1:15pm)
Summit Catwalk Overlook	Travel and Arrive at the Top of Pikes Peak Learn about North Slope and South Slope Collection Systems, Recreation Management, Watershed Restoration and Partnerships Speakers: Jennifer Peterson, USFS Partnership Coordinator Carl Bauer, USFS District Ranger Skyler Rorabaugh, Manager Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain Annie Berlemann, Fountain Creek PM	2:15-3:15 pm
Crystal Reservoir Resurfacing Project	Travel Down the Peak in Vehicles to Crystal Reservoir Learn about aging infrastructure and dam rehabilitation project and the importance of the local system to Colorado Springs Speakers: Preston Swan, North and South Slope Watershed Operator Katie Garrett, Engineer III Water Conveyance	3:15-4:45 pm
Return to Cheyenne Mountain Resort	Drive back to Cheyenne Mountain Resort	4:45-5:15 pm

Sign-up: RSVP for the hike by emailing Stephen Foster at Stephen.foster@wilsonwatergroup.com or sign up at the POND table the day of the event. Since this event has limited attendance, if you RSVP but are unable to attend please let us know ASAP.