

# **Ute Pass Crickets**

**(Areas around Woodland Park, Colorado Springs, Canon City)**

**May we introduce ourselves!** We may well be the new kids on the block, but the Ute Pass Crickets have a very long history as an RV club and hail from the broad Woodland Park, Colorado Springs, and Canon City areas. In fact, we've been intact as a camping club since 1975. But times change, and we evolve, too. We're happy to become a new chapter of the Colorado Good Sam!

**A little about us:** We are seventeen assorted rigs strong, with a treasured group of seven "Honorary" families, those who have camped with us for years but have retired from the road. We represent all walks of good life: Our group boasts talented painters, carpenters, quilters, story tellers, cooks, bakers, fishermen, dog trainers, crafters, singers, academics, mechanics, engineers, and brave men and women who have fought for our country. (We honored our men and women in uniform by donating over \$350 last year to "The Honor Flight of Colorado".) We camp weekdays, spring through fall, to locations as far away as Montrose and as close as Mountaintale. Every month, we have a different wagon master; we like it that way – a well-rounded distribution of care and share.

**We set aside plenty of time for indoor and outdoor activities throughout the year.** We like starting our camp outs on Sunday afternoons and linger till either Wednesday or Thursday. Sunday appetizers are a special treat with lots of original recipes to kick off a great three/four days of fun, relaxation, and great eating! Old-time outdoor favorites nearly always include beanbag baseball and ladder golf. Inside, it's cards and board games - come sundown. In the off season, we make the rounds of nearby restaurants. We've organized scavenger hunts, genealogy study sessions, craft projects, "In It To Win It" games, candy and card-making workshops, field trips, and brain teasers like this one - See **how well you know Colorful Colorado:**

1. What year was CO admitted to the Union? (a) 1/8/1824; (b) 5/17/1796; (c) 8/1/1876; (d)12/16/1854
2. What is Colorado's nickname? (a)Sunshine State; (b)Garden State; (c)Centennial State; (d)Tea State
3. How many 14'ers do we have? (a) 33; (b) 39; (c)54; (d) 52
4. What is our highest 14'er? (a)Uncompahgre Peak; (b)Mt. Elbert; (c)San Jacinto Peak; (d)San Gorgonio Peak
5. When was Rocky Mountain National Park established? (a) 1915; (b) 1780; (c)1821; (d)1898
6. What does the name "Colorado" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is unique about the 13<sup>th</sup> step of the CO State Capitol building? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What view inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write "America the Beautiful"?

Check out our website for the answers – and to see pictures of our chapter.

We're happy to be onboard with Colorado Good Sam!

<http://coloradogoodsam.org/ute%20pass%20crickets/index.htm>

Patty DesRochers

Secretary/ Historian

Ute Pass Crickets Good Sam