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December 2020 Newsletter

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IPWA News



Thank You for Supporting Us on Colorado Gives Day!

Thank you to everyone who supported us last week for Colorado Gives Day! Your support will help us continue our mission to protect and preserve the Indian Peaks Wilderness for generations to come.
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End of Year Message From Our Board Chair

All,

While 2020 was a difficult year, the tremendous effort and enthusiasm of our IPWA volunteers and members (**you!**) greatly helped us navigate the changes safely and successfully. The IPWA Board and I are filled with optimism for the coming year. With a vaccine on the horizon and the success of summer and winter patrols thus far, we have started planning for 2021.

Over the winter we will be updating our strategic plan, developing training for returning and new volunteers, and evaluating some new tools for registration and activity reporting. In addition, the IPWA will be working with the Boulder Ranger District to update our

knowledge and programs as needed to stay current with USFS rules, regulations and procedures.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for being a part of IPWA!

Wishing you and your family a relaxing, healthy and joyful Holiday Season!

Kelly Prendergast
Board Chair



IPWA Used Outdoor Clothing & Gear Drive - Thank You!

The used outdoor clothing and gear drive to benefit student teachers at the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education was a huge success!

A note from Jessica Feld, IPWA Volunteer and Professor:

"Thank you IPWA Volunteers and Members to all of you who have collected gear and clothing and put on my front porch for future teachers in Denver! Thank you for all your generous donations and support. It has been so fun to open my door and meet some of you or find a wonderful donation pile on my porch! All these items will be handed out in December and January to students at University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education in Denver at the Lowry Center. There are over 140 students enrolled in this program to get their undergraduate degree and a teaching certificate. Having some donated outdoor gear and clothing will help these students to get outdoors more! Many do not have the extra funds available now to buy a backpack, hiking shoes, or other outdoor gear and clothing. Thank you for supporting our future teachers to get outdoors."

Furthermore, a note from Roseanne Fulton, Director - Center for Urban Education:

"Thank you so much for all your generous donations for our teacher candidates at the UNC Center for Urban Education in Denver. Jessica has told me about all the amazing items that you have donated. I know that our students will be so excited about getting these items and sharing them with their families. These donations will make a big difference as many of our students are working and earning a college degree at the same time. 38% of our students are parents, too. Knowing that there are people out there who want to support future teachers means a lot to all of our students. More than 90% of our teacher candidates are 1st generation college students and 70% are people of color. On behalf of all of them, THANKS so much."

If you have time to review our website, it includes a short video with some of our students' voices:

<https://www.unco.edu/cebs/urban-education/>

Past Note Cards Now Available For Purchase

Looking for a holiday gift? Our beautiful IPWA Note Cards from prior years (2016 through 2019) are now for sale! We have a limited supply so get them while they last.

Cost: \$20 plus \$5 shipping or pick up in Louisville and Erie. To order, send a request to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org and include:

- The card packet year requested
- Your name
- Mailing address or pickup location
- Preferred method of payment (check or PayPal)

[View Available Note Cards Here](#)



New on the Blog! "The Mighty American Pika"

For sheer adorableness, nothing compares to the pika. Where do pikas call home? What do they do all day? What challenges are they facing, and how can we help? And what's up with those whistles? Learn more about this popular furry friend on our blog!

[Read More!](#)

This article was originally published in the December 2020 [Eagle Post 55](#) Newsletter of the Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance - www.eaglesummitwilderness.org.



Program Updates

Winter Patrols Are Now Underway!

Headed up to snowshoe or ski in the Indian Peaks this winter? Be sure to check our winter trail conditions!

A big thank you to our winter patrol volunteers, who undergo additional classroom time and Wilderness First Aid Training. In the winter, we work alongside Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol. We are proud to have patrollers who are qualified to work with public safety agencies, such as Rocky Mountain Rescue, that can provide an additional level of service to those who visit and enjoy the IPW and JPW twelve months a year.

As visitations have significantly increased in the winter and spring, our patrollers often encounter just as many people as they would in the summer. Their service is much appreciated!

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)



Community Corner

The Community Corner is meant to highlight our wonderful supporters that help the IPWA accomplish all that we do! We couldn't do it without you!

Community Corner Highlight:

Boulder Book Store

Each year during the holiday season, the Boulder Book Store has graciously hosted a gift wrapping fundraiser for the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance. This year brought extra challenges, but the Boulder Book Store came up with creative solutions to allow our fundraiser to continue during COVID. Thank you to both the Boulder Book Store and to our volunteers who have signed up to gift wrap this year!

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

Click the links below to learn more!

**Become a member today for just
\$10!**

Donate!

Volunteer!

Be sure to like and follow us on social media!

