

*We do not inherit the Wilderness from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.*



## **Volunteers, Members, and Friends of the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas**

Welcome to our July 2018 newsletter!

We are now almost 8 months into the year and a lot is going on! In this month's newsletter we will provide a quick update on planning activities, along with updates on our program work. We have a lot planned for 2018 and want to thank all of you for your wonderful support of our organization.

### **Keep It Wild!**

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## **I. IPWA News**

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### **A Big Thank You to Mentors!**

We'd like to give a big shoutout to our wonderful mentors, who volunteered their time to help train our new volunteers! This is absolutely critical to ensure that our organization & volunteers can continue to carry out our mission.



P.S. Have any great photos from your mentor hike? We'd love to see them! Please send photos to [hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org](mailto:hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org) or to our Facebook page.



### **Thank You, Trail Hosts!**

Another big thank you to our wonderful Trail Hosts, who hosted a very successful event near Moffat Tunnel last week!

Interested in learning more? Please contact Kelly at [kelly.prendergast@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.prendergast@gmail.com) for more information.



### **Successful First "Teach the Teachers" Event**

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Last month the IPWA kicked off our 'Teach the Teachers' program at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal with 10 students from the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education!



The students learned about who the IPWA is and what we do, what public lands are and why we should all care, and the varying & unique ecological life zones in our state and why we need to protect them. The presentation was followed by a tour of the refuge to get a first hand look of the grasslands life zone and their importance to our world.



Thank you to everyone involved who made this a great event!

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## Annual IPWA Summer Pot Luck!

Join us on Thursday, July 26th at 6 PM for our Annual Summer Pot Luck!



This event is open to both volunteers & members and will be a great way to connect & share stories from the trails!

More details to come, so stay tuned!

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## Photo Contest Reminder

Don't forget! We are hosting another photo contest this year, so be sure to bring your camera on your hikes!



We will be collecting submissions at the end of the season - stay tuned for submission instructions!

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# II. IPWA Wilderness Program Updates

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## Upcoming Trail Projects

Mark your calendars! The Wilderness Restoration crew is planning another trail project for Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>! As a reminder, a trail project can count as one of your 4 patrol hikes!

This project will be held on the South Boulder Creek Trail (out of the East Portal Trailhead). Please be sure to bring anything you would need for a day trip - we will supply the tools.



If you'd like to be added to our Trail Crew email list, please

send an email to [IPWATrailCrew@gmail.com](mailto:IPWATrailCrew@gmail.com).

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## Wilderness Ranger Interns At Work

Our Wilderness Ranger Interns, Nate & Lucas, have been hard at work this season!

So far they have completed 6 patrols, as well as 3 trail projects for the U.S. Forest Service and the IPWA.

Keep a look out for them on the trails this season, and be sure to say hello!



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## III. USFS News

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### Brainard Road Now Open!

Read more details about the Brainard Lake Recreation Area here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/arp/recareal?recid=28182>



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## IV. NATIONAL WILDERNESS NEWS

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### Volunteer Ranger Earns Forest Service Award for Work in Ventana Wilderness

Volunteers like you make a huge difference! Read this uplifting story here:

<http://www.montereyherald.com/social-affairs/20180702/volunteer-ranger-earns-forest-service-award-for-work-in-ventana-wilderness>



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## V. IPWA Upcoming Events

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**Saturday, July 21st**  
**Trail Project**  
*South Boulder Creek Trail*

**Thursday July 26**  
**IPWA Mid-Season Potluck**

Pencil in our annual mid-season potluck party of IPWA Volunteers and Members. This is always a fun event! More details to come soon.

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## VI. IPWA Membership Corner: "Why I Am A Member Of The IPWA"

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In 2016, the IPWA introduced a "Friends" of the Indian Peaks membership category. For just a \$10 tax deductible donation, individuals (separate from our patrol volunteers) can become a member of our organization and help us achieve our mission! "Friends" receive an IPWA sticker, a copy of our annual report, and most importantly the knowledge that their contributions are helping to promote wilderness preservation!

With each newsletter, we will focus on one individual who decided that they wanted to be a member of the IPWA and why - so that all of our readers can hear of the importance of wilderness preservation and protection.

### Why I am a member: Donna S.

"I have been volunteering with IPWA for 7 years. I do enjoy the wilderness, as well as meeting and helping people to share our great lands. I have mentored 4 great women, who are now also awesome volunteers. I sincerely want the wilderness to be there for my grandchildren and their grandchildren."



[Become a member today for just \\$10.00!](#)

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## Thank you!

As always, reach out to us with any questions, comments, or thoughts on how we can make our organization an even better one! As a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization (we have NO paid staff positions!), we rely on volunteers, members of the public, local businesses, and grants for 100% of our funding needs. Any financial assistance is greatly appreciated!

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