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Welcome to our March 2019 newsletter!

Keep It Wild!

IPWA News

2019 Summer Patrol Applications Open Soon!

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Summer Patrol Training Date

Applications for our 2019 Summer Patrol season will open in early April. We will send an email to everyone.

Also, mark your calendars for the Summer Patrol Training Day on **Saturday, June 8th**. Remember, this is a **mandatory** training. More details to come!



Volunteer Opportunity: IPWA Fundraising Coordinator

The IPWA is looking for a part time Fundraising Coordinator to lead our fundraising programs. Duties include:

- Implementing existing fundraising events to raise funds
- Explore and help implement new funding sources such as grants, community events and corporate partnerships.

Volunteer Retention Survey

The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) in partnership with Dr. Rebecca Niemiec, an Assistant Professor at Colorado State University, is conducting a research study on best practices for enhancing retention rates and working with volunteers among wilderness stewardship organizations. For this study, both volunteers and agency liaisons will be surveyed to understand how to enhance volunteer retention and satisfaction.

We hope you take the short online survey below about your experience in a wilderness stewardship organization. Please complete the survey before the end of April. We will be sure to share the preliminary results (available around June) and the final report published in October. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rebecca Niemiec directly at Rebecca.niemiec@colostate.edu or 310-569-0703. Thank you ahead of time for participating!

To participate in this survey, please click [here](#).



Outdoor Gear Donations for "Teach the Teachers" Participants

As many of you know, we have implemented the pilot program of "Teach the Teacher" in partnership with the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education. This project will help encourage more pre-service teachers in Denver to get out into nature and share their knowledge with their own students. We have done several hikes and many of the students do not have adequate hiking clothes and equipment. IPWA volunteer and UNC instructor Jessica Feld will be collecting any used hiking and outdoor gear to share with them.

A message from Jessica:

"Please let me know if you have any used gear you would like to donate - day packs, hiking shoes, hiking poles, water bottles, rain jackets, etc. Over 55% of the students at the Center are students of color and many are DACA students. Furthermore, many of these students will be the first in their families to graduate from college. This is a great way to help support them! I will gladly pick anything up at your place! I can also get you a donation letter for your taxes. Thanks for your help!! My phone number is 303-817-7602 My email is jessica.feld@colorado.edu

IPWA Program Updates

2019 Trail Crew Dates!

Mark your calendars! We have set several dates for our 2019 Trail Crew projects. Locations are TBA. More details to come!

- **Saturday, June 1st:** National Trails Day through American Hiking Society

- Saturday, July 13th
- Saturday, August 17th
- Saturday, September 28th: National Public Lands Day



2018 "Teach the Teachers" Recap Video

Participants of last year's "Teach the Teacher" program put together a great recap video of their experience! Check it out below.



U.S. Forest Service News

Boulder County Pet Waste Study

While this news is not coming from the U.S. Forest Service, it does affect National Forests and our Wilderness areas!

Boulder County recently shared the report "Dog Guardians' Perceptions and Behaviors Related to the Disposal of Pet Waste in City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks" (read the full PDF [here](#)).

The bottom line is that dog waste is not natural and has devastating impacts on the environment. State and federal laws require dog owners to pick up their dog waste, so do the right thing and pick up your dog's poop! In the wilderness, this means packing it out with the rest of your trash. Check out our "[Dogs in Wilderness](#)" page for more information, tips on hiking with your dog, and leash rules.



IPWA Upcoming Events

Monday, April 1st
Summer Patrol Applications Open!
More details to come!

Saturday, June 8th
Summer Patrol Training Day
This year's training will be held on the University of Colorado, Boulder campus in the Humanities building. More details to come!

IPWA 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:
Network Family Wellness Center

A big thank you to Network Family Wellness Center and PrAna Boulder for hosting the "Mochas, Muffins, and Yoga" fundraising event last month! We had a great turnout and it was an excellent outreach opportunity. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated!

To learn more about the Network Family Wellness Center, click [here](#).



Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

Click the links below to learn more!

Become a member today for just \$10!

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Volunteer!

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