

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



## Friends of the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas

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Welcome to the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance (IPWA) membership drive. For just a \$10 tax deductible donation, you can become a member of our organization and help us achieve our mission!

The wilderness areas of the Colorado Front Range – and in particular the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas – are in the top 5 most heavily visited wilderness areas in the United States. Being only 45 minutes west of Denver Colorado, the areas are easily accessible to the residents of the Front Range. Last year alone our wilderness patrol volunteers were in contact with more than **34,000 visitors** just during the summer hiking season! Furthermore, with the Colorado population increasing by over 100,000 new residents a year, these areas have been and will continue to face an ever increasing risk of degradation due to high levels of visitation and utilization. This is where we help!

The IPWA offers a unique service to our community, our members, and our volunteers, as we are the only Colorado Front Range non-profit with a mission of focusing exclusively on preserving and protecting the magnificent Indian Peaks and James Peaks Wilderness Areas. We strongly believe in our core tenet that *'We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.'* As a result, our programs provide information and education on how to preserve and protect the Indian Peaks and James Peak Areas for future generations – leaving a legacy that others can cherish.

Our programs include the following:

- **Wilderness Summer/Winter Patrols** (trained IPWA summer and winter volunteers work as volunteers of the US Forest Service in hiking and patrolling the wilderness areas and providing educational information to visitors),
- **Wilderness Ranger Internships** (the IPWA provides stipends to local college students studying alpine and wilderness related issues during a ten-week summer long program),
- **Wilderness Trail Projects** (the IPWA - in partnering with organizations such as TEENS Inc., Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, etc. - performs trail maintenance and trail restoration work),
- **Wilderness Scholarships** (the IPWA provides Colorado graduate students with research grants who are studying alpine and wilderness related issues),

- **Wilderness Trail HeadHosts** (a new program that we started in 2016, our trail head hosts greet visitors at a variety of Indian Peaks and James Peak wilderness trail heads and provide maps, water, sunscreen, dog leashes, etc. to visitors while educating them on the importance of wilderness protection and preservation),
- **Wilderness Information Specialists** (another new program started in 2016, our wilderness information specialist volunteers help the US Forest Service manage the back country permitting process at the Boulder Ranger District station), and
- **Wilderness Docents** (A new program we will be introducing in 2017, IPWA trained wilderness docents will perform information and educational hikes for groups visiting the wilderness, while also providing campground ranger talks on the importance of wilderness protection and preservation).

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## Be a Champion of the Wilderness - Donate today and receive:

- Our IPWA sticker.
- A copy of our annual IPWA report detailing our work and how your donations are being used.
- ***Most importantly, knowledge that your contribution is supporting our wilderness!***



For more information on our organization, please visit our web site below:

[Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance](#)

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## Why we donate to the IPWA: Kevin C. and Meredith D.

*"We relocated to Colorado to be closer to the mountains and the great outdoors. Thanks to the work of organizations such as the IPWA, we can continue to enjoy all the natural resources this great state has to offer."*



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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 rely on members, volunteers, local businesses, and grants for 100% of our funding needs. We are also a 100% managed volunteer organization with no paid staff positions. All funding we receive goes directly to our programs and operations. Any financial assistance is greatly appreciated!

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