

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 February 2017 newsletter!

As we kick off 2017, we would first like to say a huge THANK YOU to our volunteers and members who helped with, and contributed to, our hugely successful 2016 fund raising campaign. We met our fund raising target for the year and are now well into planning for our 2017 programs. A big THANKS to all those that donated to our organization - we are truly appreciative!

We are extremely excited about our programs that we are planning for 2017. We will continue with many of our standard programs, while also rolling out a new **Wilderness Interpretive Guide** pilot program. Read below for more details!

As always, reach out to us with any questions, comments, or ideas regarding how we can best help achieve our mission of helping to "preserve and protect the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas."

Keep it wild!

Wilderness Research Grants: Applications are now open!

The IPWA is offering three, \$1,000 research grants in 2017. These grants are in memory of University of Colorado geography student **David Paddon**, who did research in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and died in a climbing accident therein May 1990, and of **Joyce Gellhorn**, a passionate alpine and sub-alpine ecologist, enthusiastic educator, and long-time Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance Board member. IPWA Board Member Daryl Ogden is managing this program again for us this year. For more information (either on the research grant application process, or if you are interested in helping to select potential research grant recipients), please contact Daryl Ogden at the email link below:



[Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness Research Grants](#)

(Photo at right of Board member Daryl Ogden flanked by

Wilderness Ranger Internships: Applications now open!

The IPWA will be providing two Wilderness Ranger Internships during the summer of 2017. Jim Merryman (IPWA Board member) will be managing this program for us this year so a huge THANK YOU to Jim! For more information on this program, please contact Jim Merryman at the email link below:

[IPWA Wilderness Ranger Internships](#)

(Photo at right of Zoe Briggs and Alex Clinton, 2016 wilderness ranger interns, on top of St. Vrain Mountain and at Jasper Lake)



Wilderness Winter Patrols: A great season so far!

Now in our 3rd year, we are having a great season of IPWA winter patrols. This year we doubled the number of winter patrollers on the trail and have already performed more than a dozen hikes in both the Brainard Lake Recreation Area and the James Peak Wilderness. Winter Patrollers held educate the public on the importance of wilderness preservation, removed downed trees (when possible!), and act as a presence of the USFS from November through the start of our summer patrol season. A big thank you to IPWA Board member Andy Gup for managing this program for us!

(Photo at right of IPWA Winter Patrol volunteers Yonah Cohen, and Charlie Ames)



Wilderness Interpreter Guide Program: A new pilot program in 2017!

We are thrilled to announce that the IPWA, in partnering with both the USFS and American Land & Leisure (the concessionaire for the Brainard Lake Recreation Area - BLRA), will be creating a Wilderness Interpreter Guide Program this summer! The goal of this pilot program is to increase the knowledge of a select group of IPWA volunteers to be able to:



* lead guided and structured hikes for members of the public in the BRLA (outside of wilderness areas),

* present on wilderness issues to local schools and other organizations,

* provide the select group of volunteers with additional resources to be able to speak to and advocate for wilderness preservation and protection.

Be on the lookout for more information! A huge thank you to IPWA Board members Daryl Ogden and Yonah Cohen for driving this pilot project forward!



Upcoming IPWA Events

Saturday April 1

Returning Summer Volunteer and New Volunteer Registration Opens

We will be opening up registration for returning volunteers, along with accepting a limited number of new volunteers, starting on April 1, 2017. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

Thursday April 13

IPWA Wilderness Lecture Series with Jeff Minton

Location TBD

We are excited to announce that Jeff Minton (Professor, University of Colorado) will be speaking on the critically important topic of public land protection. We are still working on the location for this event (and final date), so we will keep you posted.

Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23

Advanced Wilderness First Aid Training

USFS Office in Boulder CO

This year the IPWA will be coordinating with Front Range CPR to offer a two day advanced wilderness first aid training session. While not required for our summer patrol volunteers, a two-day wilderness certificate is required for our winter patrol volunteers. So, if you are already an IPWA summer patrol volunteer and would like to get wilderness first aid training, or you are potentially interested in performing winter patrols for our 2017/2018 winter patrol season, please sign up. Space is limited so sign up today!

Saturday May 22

Colorado Public Lands Day Celebration

Event & Location TBD

Colorado is the first state in the nation to designate a specific state holiday in celebration of our public lands. The event will be the 3rd Saturday of each May and celebrations are currently being planned across the state. The IPWA is an active member of the statewide steering committee body coordinating the celebration of this event. Please be on the lookout for additional information and help celebrate and support our public lands!

Saturday June 3

IPWA Summer Patrol Training Day

USFS Office, Boulder CO

Our annual IPWA summer patrol training will take place on Saturday June 3. We are well

into the planning for this event and are looking forward to another great year of putting volunteers out on the trails!

Saturday & Sunday June 24 and 25 IPWA/USFS Cross Cut Saw Training and Certification

USFS Office, Boulder CO

We are pleased to announce that the USFS in partnering with the IPWA will be conducting a two-day cross cut saw certification training session. The session will be focused on learning how to appropriately and safely use cross cuts saw. IPWA volunteers who are interested in becoming winter patrol volunteers (and who have first aid certification) will be eligible to attend this training session. More details to come!

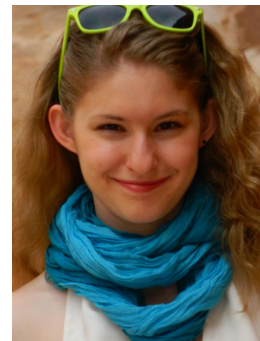
Membership Corner: "Why I am a member of the IPWA"

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.

Alex C:

"I joined the IPWA because I witnessed firsthand as a Wilderness Ranger Intern how much work they do, and how badly that work is needed. I believe it's important to protect our natural resources for future generations, and to educate the public about how fragile the great outdoors can be: the IPWA strives to do that and so much more, and I wanted to help."



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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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