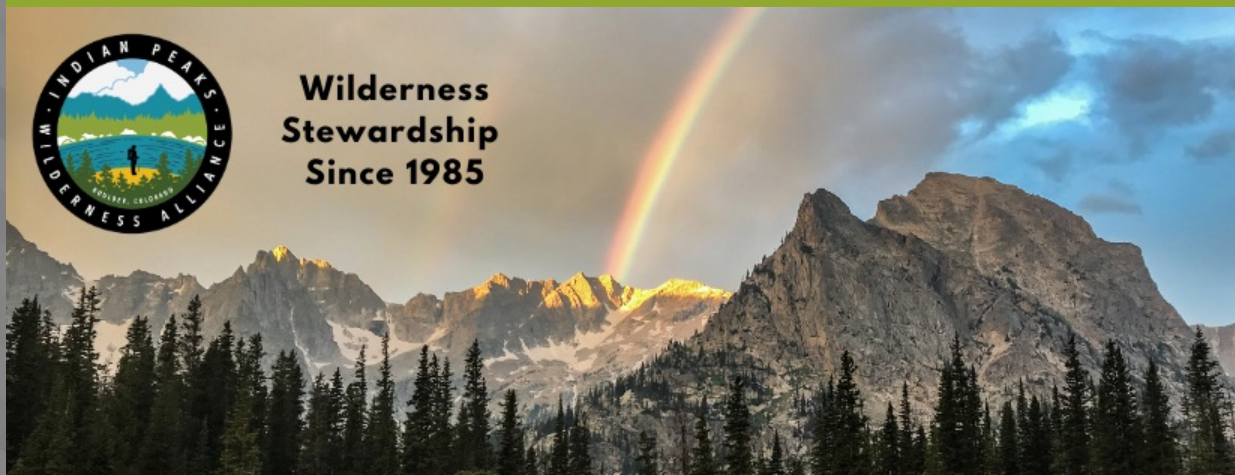




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October 2023 Newsletter

IPWA News

Join Us for a Hike with Fjallraven!

Date: Saturday, October 14th

Location: Brainard Lake Recreation Area

The IPWA Outreach Committee is thrilled to announce our upcoming day hike in partnership with Fjallraven Boulder!

This is an exclusive Fjallraven event, and IPWA volunteers are going to be a crucial part of it. We'll be leading three groups of hikers from Brainard to various destinations, all while sharing valuable insights about Wilderness, the IPWA, and Leave No Trace principles.

We're also looking for a "home base" dispatcher at the Winter Lot. Your role will be to coordinate radio traffic and engage with visitors, providing essential information about the gate closure happening the following day and any pending winter regulation changes.

Reach out to Peter Fellenz at pjfellenz@gmail.com to express your interest and get all the details you need.

Connecting With CU Students

Our recent event at the CU Volunteer Fair was an incredible opportunity to engage with CU students. Throughout the event, we had continuous conversations with these students, and their interest in joining our newsletter mailing list was truly remarkable.

While this may not immediately translate into a significant pool of potential volunteers for 2024, it was a valuable chance for us to educate and advocate for wilderness

conservation. We were able to guide these students in the right direction for their own exploration and appreciation of the outdoors.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this event a success. Your efforts in spreading awareness and knowledge about the wilderness are greatly appreciated.



IPWA Book Club

If you're passionate about wilderness, nature, and conservation, we invite you to join our informal book group. Our goal is to dive into both fiction and non-fiction works that touch on these themes, offering a deeper understanding of the world around us.

Our book choices will include works by renowned authors such as Aldo Leopold, Wallace Stegner, Terry Tempest Williams, Timothy Egan, Edward Abbey, and E.O. Wilson, among others.

For the month of October, we've selected *The Unforeseen Wilderness: Kentucky's Red River Gorge* by Wendell Berry as our reading. We'll come together to discuss this captivating book on **October 25th from 3 - 5 pm**. Please note that the exact location is still to be determined in the Boulder area.

As we aim to keep these gatherings intimate and engaging, there's a maximum capacity of 8 participants. To secure your spot, kindly RSVP to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org by October 6th.

Don't miss this chance to connect with fellow wilderness enthusiasts and explore the beauty of the natural world through literature. We look forward to sharing this enriching experience with you!

Fjallraven Store Event

Despite the chilly rain, the store event with Fjallraven was a great success, with approximately 20 dedicated attendees who braved the weather to come together.

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Serge Goldberg, who walked away with a coveted IPWA water bottle, and Alex Hall, the lucky recipient of a \$250 gift certificate from Fjallraven! One of the highlights of the gathering was the exclusive 30% discount on merchandise that all attendees enjoyed.

A special shout-out goes to Greg Sakowicz for facilitating this gathering and making it possible. We're also incredibly grateful to Fjallraven for their generous support in hosting this event. Your commitment to our cause and the wilderness is truly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this gathering a memorable one. Stay

tuned for more exciting events and opportunities to connect with the IPWA community in the future!



Program Updates

End of Summer Statistics

And just like that, our summer season for 2023 has come to a close! Here's a quick look at just a few of our volunteers' accomplishments this season:

- Patrols: 341
- Miles Hiked: 2,439
- Hours Volunteered: 1,817
- Fire Rings Removed: 99
- Overnight Trips: 10
- # of Dogs on Leash: 4,908 of 5,359 (92%)

As always, thank you to our amazing volunteers who put in the time and effort to help our Wilderness areas! We couldn't complete our mission without you.



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