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Welcome to our September 2018 newsletter!

Our Summer Patrol season may be wrapping up soon, but we have had a very busy month! Read about our new and improved logo, our trail project summary, upcoming events and more below!

Keep It Wild!

I. IPWA News

Introducing Our New & Improved IPWA Logo!

We are so excited to introduce our new logo! Designed by **John Coleman Design**, this new logo gives the IPWA a fresh and updated look that captures the spirit of our organization.

We hope you love it as much as we do! Be on the look out for new stickers and apparel!



2018 Photo Contest: Now Accepting Submissions!

As a reminder, we are now accepting submissions for the photo contest from now until September 28th!

The IPWA Board will review submissions and winners will be announced in early October.

The IPWA will use the selected photos to create note cards to sell for fundraising purposes, as well as for gifts and marketing. All of this goes towards increasing financial support for the IPWA (a 100% volunteer based organization).

Please read below for contest rules and submission instructions:

Rules

- The photo contest is open to IPWA members, volunteers, and interns only.
- Each individual may submit no more than 2 photos.
- Photos may not include individuals (landscape & flora/fauna only).
- The IPWA Board shall be the sole arbitrators of the winning photos and number of winners.
- There shall be no payments made to volunteers/members submitting photos.
- By submitting your photos, you allow the IPWA to use them as the Board deems appropriate.
- Submissions do not have any copyright protection.

Submission Instructions

- Please email photo submissions to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org.
- Photos must be in a .jpeg format.
- The photograph must include the following information with each photograph submitted:
 - Photographer's name
 - Location of the photo
 - Date taken
 - Why the photo showcases the Wilderness characteristics of the IP/JP Wilderness areas.

**Please have all submissions completed by
Friday, Saturday 28, 2018.**

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Mark your calendars! Our Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will be on Sunday, October 14th!

Time and location TBA. More details to come.



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! Please let me know if you have other ideas of whom else I could contact for possible donations of outdoor gear! 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"

II. IPWA Program Updates

Upcoming Trail Projects

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 29th 8 AM - 2 PM

Celebrate National Public Lands Day by giving back to our trails!

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...you just have to be willing to get dirty and have some fun!

Tree Clearing

Saturday, October 13th

The Wilderness Restoration Crew is planning a tree clearing project at Brainard Lake! Please be sure to bring anything you would need for a day trip, including warm clothing and rain gear. We will supply the tools...you just have to be willing to spend a Fall day surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the Indian Peaks!

If you'd like to participate on these projects or be added to our Trail Crew email list, please send an email to IPWATrailCrew@gmail.com.

Banner Day for End of Season Trail Host Day

IPWA volunteers and trail users were treated to peak fall color and great weather at the September 15th James Peak Trail Host Day!

Many hikers, backpackers, anglers, and a few bow hunters came up to enjoy the Wilderness. Volunteers Sallie Greenwood, Donna Seaman, Sara Michl and Kelly Prendergast did a great job providing educational information to the many visitors who stopped by the table. Great work, ladies!



A Successful (And Wet!) August Trail Project

On Saturday, August 18th 4 IPWA volunteers braved the weather and did trail work on the South Boulder Creek Trail. Despite the rain, the volunteers were able to:

- Clean & clear 4 rock water bar ditches.
- Build a rock water bar to help redirect water from a seep on a wet section of trail.
- Scree the trail around the water bar to help focus hiker traffic and improve water flow from the seep.

Thank you for braving the weather to help improve our trails!



Final "Teach the Teacher" Event

We had our 4th and final Teach the Teacher hike at the Brainard Lake Recreation Area (BLRA) on Sunday, September 16th.

Three students from UNC were able to attend, hiking up to Lake Isabelle. It was a beautiful day and the students got a lot out of the hike. We are now officially done with the hiking portion of this pilot program this year! Daryl Ogden did an excellent job, as always, in pulling together content for the hike and relating the importance of natural biodiversity to public land issues and the importance of wilderness preservation.

Keep an eye out for the summary report of the program pilot year coming out soon!



III. USFS News

USFS Seasonal Campground Closures

- Meeker Park Campground is the first to close on September 3.
- Kelly Dahl, Rainbow Lakes, Pawnee and Olive Ridge are scheduled to close on September 23.
- Camp Dick and Peaceful Valley are scheduled to close on November 18.



IV. IPWA Upcoming Events

Summer Patrol Season Ends

Sunday, September 30th

National Public Lands Day Trail Project

Saturday, September 29th

Tree Clearing Project

Saturday, October 13th

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Sunday, October 14th

Location TBA. More details to come!

November

Winter Patrol Training

Date and location TBA. More details to come!

V. 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: Chris Bianco - CarbonLogic, Inc

"We support the IPWA because of the great education and trail updates that they provide. I have been recreating in the Indian Peaks for the last 26 years and I consider it my home away from home. Now our kids are old enough to start hiking in the Wilderness and make their own memories. Providing some IT services is the least we can do to give back to the community. We're proud to sponsor such a great group!"

Thank you to Chris and CarbonLogic for supporting the IPWA!
(Chris's daughter, Kate, enjoys the Wilderness below).



Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

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Volunteer!

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