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March 2022 Newsletter

IPWA News

Important 2022 Summer Patrol Dates

Returning Volunteers:

Thank you to everyone who has already registered! It is exciting to see so many of you returning for the 2022 season.

- **March 31st:** Registration closes - please be sure to register by today! We cannot accept late registrations, so today is your last chance to patrol in 2022!

NOTE: If you no longer wish to volunteer (or want to skip this year) please let us know.

New Volunteers:

- **April 15th:** Applications open for new volunteers.
- **June 4th:** Mandatory in-person training event for new volunteers.

NOTE: If you are interested in becoming a new volunteer, please send an email to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org. If you have already sent us an email expressing your interest, you are on the list!

Additional details to follow soon, so keep an eye on your email!

Outdoor Clothing & Gear Drive

The IPWA will be hosting a used outdoor clothing and gear drive to benefit student teachers at the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education!

Read below for more details.

Wanted: New or used items in clean, usable and working condition

Outdoor clothing: Raincoats, jackets, hiking clothes, hiking shoes, hiking socks or boots

Gear: Tents, sleeping bags, daypacks, and backpacks. Children's hiking clothing, shoes and gear is also needed.

The drive will benefit: Student teachers at the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education (CUE) at the Lowry Center in Denver. 70% of students teachers are students of color and 90% are first generation college students. Most of these college students do not have the extra funds to buy hiking shoes, a day pack or other gear.

View this 5 minute video to learn more about this worthwhile program at <https://www.unco.edu/urbaned>

Items collected will be distributed during a free give away at the Center in April.

Professor Jessica Feld from UNC's Center for Urban Education (CUE) states, "If we can get our future teachers outdoors exploring, they will take their students outside more when they have their own classroom."

Drop off date and times: Anytime until April 24th

Drop off location: 1340 6th Boulder 80302 (on the front porch)

Please email Jessica at jessica.feld@colorado.edu or call 303-817-7602 with questions or to make other arrangements. She is also able to pick up items from your home.

Thank you for helping our future teachers to get outdoors!

IPWA Recruitment Announcement

Calling all IPWA volunteers! We currently have several key administrative positions that must be filled this year. The openings below are key to the health and operations of the IPWA, so we hope you will consider stepping up for one of the positions below.

Wondering "Can I do it?" Yes! We know you can! A year or more of mentoring is available for open positions along with written policies and guidance. Both past and current IPWA volunteers are eligible to apply.

Immediate 2022 Board Openings:

IPWA Board Chair (Board Officer Position)

This position is a year to year term position.

Primary duties include:

- Plans and executes monthly IPWA Board meetings.
- Coordinates with the IPWA program leads and committees to plan and execute annual training, patrolling and fundraising activities.
- Acts as main interface to other partner groups and public (e.g. Forest Service, WRV, CU BRAP, etc.).
- Leads effort to identify annual goals and objectives for IPWA.

Treasurer (Board Officer Position)

This position is a year to year term.

Primary duties include:

- Works with Chair/Vice Chair to prepare annual budget for review and approval.
- Provides monthly financial record update to Board (income, expenses, assets, results vs budget, etc.).
- Manages financial activities.

Fundraising Committee Lead

This position is a year to year term.

Primary duties include:

- Coordinates and assists Fundraising Committee members in completing the IPWA's 3 main fundraising activities: grant proposals, Boulder Bookstore gift wrapping, and the annual fundraising letter.
- Provides related status to IPWA Board via Vice Chair

Summer Patrol Coordinator Assistant

This position is a year to year term.

Primary duties include:

- Assists the IPWA Summer Patrol Coordinator in managing summer patrol activities during the busy summer months.
- Escalating active violations reported in patrol reports in a timely way so that the BRD staff can address them while it's still possible.
- Answer or assist in obtaining answers to volunteer questions that are added to patrol reports.
- Ensure trail condition data provided to the public meets the Forest Service guidelines.
- Help identify wilderness trails that are under-patrolled so the IPWA can provide the best possible coverage during the season.
- Help identify special acts of service performed by volunteers in the field so they can be recognized.

***To learn more about any of these positions, please email us
hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org.***

Program Updates

Winter Patrol Update

Winter patrollers continue to go strong! We have completed over 80 patrols this season, and our patrollers have been a huge help with maintaining the bathrooms and public areas, especially at Brainard Lake.

Spring is just around the corner and as the snow begins to melt our winter patrol reports are integral in preparing for the summer season. We use them to determine summer trail projects needed and direct our resources to keep the trails open and accessible to the growing number of wilderness visitors.

Reminder: Crosscut Sawyer Training class is May 20-22. If you are interested and haven't signed up please send an email to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org.

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)



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