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February 2022 Newsletter

IPWA News

Important 2022 Summer Patrol Dates

Snow might still be on the ground, but we're already thinking ahead to our 2022 summer patrolling season!

Save these important dates for your calendar. More details to come soon!

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!

Returning Volunteers:

- **March 15th:** Registration for returning volunteers opens.
- **May 22nd:** Online training opens for returning volunteers.

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

2022 Sawyer Training: May 20th - 22nd

We are looking for volunteers to join our Crosscut Sawyer team! We are very grateful to

have secured our own training provided through the Forest Service. These classes are highly desired and hard to come by.

What is a crosscut sawyer?

Sawyers are individuals who have completed training and certification from a credentialed instructor to safely plan and execute the cutting and removal of large trees. This is especially important in our wilderness areas where no chainsaws are allowed. Fallen trees on the trail lead to rapid trail degradation and increased social trail build up.

The IPWA currently has 6 certified sawyers that remove these large trees year-round in both the James Peak and Indian Peaks Wilderness. We are looking for motivated volunteers to add to our team!

What are the requirements?

- Active IPWA volunteer with one full summer season patrol completion.
- Current OSHA CPR/First aid certification

What is the time commitment for training?

- The "Crosscut Sawyer" online training course + completed exam (total 8 hours).
- One Zoom call (evening), two days of practical and an exam on a weekend with the certified instructor.

What are the expectations?

Once you have completed the course and received your certification, you will be expected to actively help our sawyer team remove trees throughout the season.
It's hard work but very rewarding!

The 2022 Crosscut Sawyer training is May 20th - 22nd. There are 6 spots remaining for the class.

If you are interested in joining this exciting training experience, please send an email expressing your interest to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org.

We look forward to working with you!



Paddon/Gelhorn Wilderness Research Grants: Now Accepting Applications!

The Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance is offering research grants 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 there in May 1990, and of Joyce Gellhorn, a passionate alpine and sub-alpine ecologist, enthusiastic educator, and long-time Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance Board member.

Awards:

Three IPWA Paddon/Gelhorn Wilderness grants are available for up to \$2,000 each. **Applications are due by March 13th** and awards will be announced by April 10th.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students attending any Colorado university and conducting research with a focus on issues affecting Colorado alpine and sub-alpine environments. The research topic should help provide a better understanding of the ecological environment and/or wise management of the Colorado high country. The grants will be awarded based on the quality and merit of the research proposal as well as the recommendation of the faculty advisor.

In October of the funding year, recipients must submit a three to five minute video (with audio) summarizing research results. Alternatives to the video can be discussed prior to awarding the grant funds.

Application:

Interested applicants should send the following materials to the attention of Daryl Ogden, Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance at hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org:

- **A letter of application:**
 - Indicate your name, local address, phone number, e-mail address, university, college department, current degree program, and the name, phone number, and e-mail of your faculty advisor.
- **A research proposal:**
 - State clearly and concisely, in no more than two pages, the research objectives, study area, overall experimental design, and the potential significance of findings. Tables and figures are discouraged.
 - NOTE: It is essential that the grant request be written in a language understandable by the general public. Reviewers should not have to rely on explanations provided by faculty advisors to understand the concepts and goals contained in the grant application.
- **A proposed budget:**
 - Detail how you would spend the grant award.
- **A letter of support from your faculty advisor**

We look forward to receiving your applications!



Winter Patrol Update

It's February and the snow conditions are great!

Our winter patrollers have completed over 60 patrols this season and continue to do an outstanding job creating a constant presence in the wilderness. We have more patrollers

going out on more patrols this year than ever before and it shows! Our winter patrollers help to inform visitors of wilderness regulations and act as a resource for trail information and route finding. We also work closely with Bryon Mountain Ski Patrol and carry radios for extra communication when it is necessary.

Winter Patrol Tip: Always bring extra layers. We never plan on an injury or accident to occur, but if it does, be prepared because first aid and/or rescue can take a long time. It will get cold! Not only for yourself but if you come across someone injured on the trail.

Stay safe out there!

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)



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