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February 2023 Newsletter

IPWA News

Important 2023 Training Dates

Snow might still be on the ground, but we're already thinking ahead to our 2023 summer patrolling season! Save these important dates for your calendar.

New Volunteers:

- **April 15th - April 30th:** Applications open for new volunteers.
- **June 3rd:** 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 6th - March 27th:** Registration opens for returning volunteers.
- **May 15th:** Online training opens for returning volunteers.

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

Community Outreach Committee

What if you could take your passion for wilderness to our local community?

A newly formed committee is planning to further the IPWA mission of preserving and

protecting the IPW and JPW by partnering with other community organizations. Our goal is to raise awareness of our organization, promote diversity, and educate others on safe and responsible wilderness recreation. We hope to share our enthusiasm for the wilderness with others and allow them to understand proper planning before they even get on the trail.

We're looking to expand our committee and/or be able to recruit others to join us for future activities. We think that this can be fun for us and for the new partners we expect to make! To get involved or just learn more, contact Committee Lead, Peter Fellenz, at pjfellenz@gmail.com.



Paddon/Gellhorn 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.

Learn more about the IPWA research grant program [here](#).

Awards:

Three IPWA Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness grants are available for up to \$2,000 each. **Applications are due by March 12th** 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 Fiona Garvin, 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!

IPWA Recruitment Announcement

Calling all IPWA volunteers! We currently have a key administrative position that must be filled this year. 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.

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.

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.

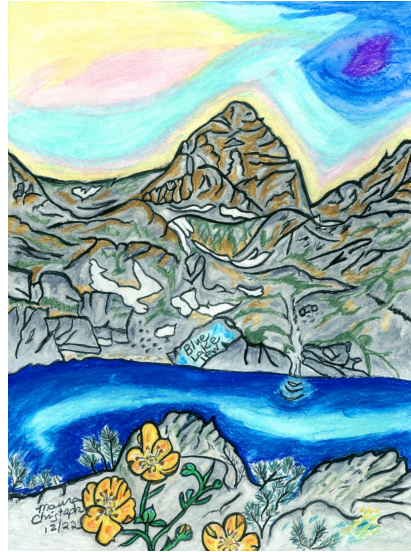
To learn more about these positions or to apply, please email us hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org.

Wilderness Reflections

Hiking in the wilderness recharges and inspires us all in different ways. One of our longtime IPWA patrollers/supporters, Maura Christoph, shared this stunning watercolor of Blue Lake that she painted.

If you have stood or sat on the east shore of Blue Lake and pondered the view, no doubt you will recognize this amazing view. How does wilderness refresh and inspire you?

Please share your thoughts, artwork or words about wilderness with us any time at hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org to be featured in the newsletter!



Artwork by Maura Christoph.

Program Updates

Winter Patrol Update

As always, our winter patrollers have been hard at work this month! They have completed 78 patrols so far, with 485 miles hiked and 337 volunteer hours logged.

Wow! Thank you. to everyone who has contributed to these amazing stats!

[Check Trail Conditions Here](#)



Crosscut Sawyer Training: May 19 - 21

We are looking for patrollers 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. Removing these trees helps to preserve the wilderness and support Leave No Trace principles.

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 (8 hours). This is free through MSU.
- One Zoom call (evening) and two days of practical and 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.

The 2023 Crosscut Sawyer training is May 19-21. 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!



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