Welcome to our September 2019 newsletter!

Keep It Wild!

IPWA News

2019 Photo Contest - Now Accepting Submissions!

We are now accepting submissions for the 2019 Photo Contest! The purpose of this event is to engage IPWA volunteers & members in a fun activity to promote to preservation and protection of the IPW & JPW areas - all while increasing financial support for the IPWA (a 100% volunteer based organization).

The IPWA Board will review submissions, and winners will be announced in early October. The IPWA will use the selected photos to create notecards to sell for fundraising purposes, as well as for gifts and marketing. 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. All proceeds from the sale of notecards shall be used by the IPWA for educational purposes, trail projects, patrolling activities and other wilderness advocacy programs and operational expenses.
- By submitting your photos, you allow the IPWA to use them as the Board deems appropriate.
- Submissions do not have any copyright protection.
- Winners will receive a free box of notecards, and their name will be included on the back of each notecard that has their photograph on it.

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 Monday, September 30th.

Winter Patrol Applications Now Open!

We are taking applications for winter patrollers. If you are interested, please contact Andy for more details to make sure you meet the pre-requisites in time: agup2001@msn.com. Winter training will be in early November.

New Private Facebook Group for Volunteers

After receiving some feedback from volunteers who were looking for a way to connect with others, we have created a private Facebook group for IPWA Volunteers. This group is a resource for volunteers to connect, organize patrols, find carpools to events, etc.

If you would like to join this group, click **here**. This group can also be found by visiting our Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance page on Facebook, and clicking the "Groups" tab.

End of Summer Patrols Set for October 1st

As fall and hunting season start up, our summer patrolling season will end on October 1st. Until then, please patrol with caution as certain hunting seasons have already started. For more information, please visit the **Colorado Parks & Wildlife website**.

New on the Blog: Draining of Lake Isabelle

Ever wonder why Lake Isabelle is drained each year? IPWA Volunteer David Hatcher gives us the inside scoop on the blog! Read more **here**.

Interested in contributing to our blog?
Pitch your idea to **hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org**!

Photo by the U.S. Forest Service

Happy Birthday to the Wilderness Act!

On September 3rd, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law. It created the legal definition of wilderness in the United States, and protected 9.1 million acres (37,000 km²) of federal land.

Today the wilderness system contains 111 million acres of lands enjoyed by all Americans. These wilderness lands all exist within our national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges and Bureau of Land Management lands. Today's wilderness system includes:

- More than 750 wilderness areas from coast to coast
- 109,511,966 million acres of protected wilderness
- Wilderness areas in all but six U.S. states

IPWA Program Updates

Trail Project Recap

On August 18th, the IPWA contributed 9 volunteers to the USFS/WRV Mitchell/Blue Lake trail relocation project. The work we did included:

- Removal of an 11 inch diameter tree (blow down) from the trail
- Helped hew and notch the stringer logs for a new bridge across the inlet creek to Mitchell Lake.
- Dug about 110 feet of new trail including setting two rock stagger steps and one

rock step stone.

Thank you to everyone who came out! We hope to see you on our next work trip!

2019 Intern Recap Video

Our 2019 interns, Elisabeth and Marina, recently wrapped up their season with the IPWA. They put together an excellent recap video of their season, so be sure to check out their season highlights!

U.S. Forest Service News

Boulder Ranger District Updates

- Bear activity is still high. Bring bear canisters for dispersed/backcountry camping and use bear lockers at campgrounds. Report all bear interactions to CPW at (303) 291-7227.
- Pawnee Campground is closed. Brainard Lake Recreational Area is open until October 14. “Summer” regulations apply until November 15. Dogs must always be on hand-held leash. Dispersed camping is only allowed north of the South St. Vrain Creek.
- Permits for the IPW are not required after September 15. Permits are required year round for day and overnight trips for organized groups of 8-12 people. Campfires are prohibited in most areas. Other wilderness regulations apply.

For the complete update, click **here**.

IPWA Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 21st

Trailhead Host Day at East Portal Trailhead

If you would like to sign up, please email Tim Bickmore at **tim.bickmore@gmail.com**.

Saturday, September 28th

National Public Lands Day Trail Project

Location and additional details coming soon. To learn more, email us at **ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com**.

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:
Our Trail Crew Volunteers!

Let's face it - trail work is hard work! Our volunteer trail crew has definitely put in a lot of work this summer by improving our existing trails and building new ones!

Thank you to every single person who volunteered their time and energy to take part in our trail crew program!

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

Click the links below to learn more!

Become a member today for just $10!

Donate!

Volunteer!

Be sure to like and follow us on social media!