

We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.



IPWA Volunteers:

Welcome to our 2017 Annual Fund Raising Drive and check out our 2017 Photo Award Winners!

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OUR 2017 RESULTS - ONE OF OUR BEST YEARS YET!

Dear IPWA Volunteers:

2017 has been an exciting year! We've achieved quite a bit and could not have done it without your hours of volunteer support, along with the financial support of our volunteers and friends. *As we wrap up 2017, we would like to (1) ask for your financial help to make 2018 an even better year in protecting the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas, and (2) check out the 2017 IPWA photo contest winners photographs below!*

However, let's first look at we have accomplished this past year including:

- Contacting over 35,000 wilderness visitors, removing 100 illegal fire rings and hiking over 3,000 miles via our **Wilderness Summer Patrol Program**,
- Educating two interns as part of our summer **Wilderness Ranger Internship Program**,
- Building a new 'turnpike' on the South Boulder Creek trail in the James Peak Wilderness as part of our **Wilderness Trail Projects Program**,
- Kicking off the fourth year of our **Wilderness Winter Patrol Program** on 11/04/17,
- Providing three Paddon/Gellhorn research grants as part of our **Wilderness Scholarship Program**,
- Increasing wilderness awareness and contacting more than 800 wilderness visitors via our **Wilderness Trail Head Host Program** (held on 3 separate days in 2017!),
- Fully staffing our **Wilderness Information Specialist Program** at the USFS offices in Boulder CO to help manage preparing and distributing wilderness permits,
- Providing the public with trail information via our **Wilderness Trail Conditions** web site, and
- Increasing our **Wilderness Advocacy Program** by reaching out to close to 4,000 followers via social media, our newsletters, and other programs

THE NEED FOR OUR ORGANIZATION

We're looking to build on recent successes from this past year as we plan for our 2018 programs. The wilderness areas of the Colorado Front Range – and in particular the

Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas – are amongst the most heavily visited and utilized wilderness areas in the United States (within the top 5 wilderness areas of visitation in the entire country). By being only 45 minutes outside of Denver, and with the Colorado population increasing by over 100,000 new inhabitants/year, these areas have been and will continue to face an ever increasing risk of degradation due to high levels of visitation.

As you know, the IPWA offers a unique service to our community, our volunteers, and our members as we are the only Colorado Front Range non-profit with a mission of focusing exclusively on preserving and protecting the magnificent Indian Peaks and James Peaks Wilderness Areas. We strongly believe in our core tenet that *'We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.'* As a result, our programs provide information and education on how to preserve and protect the Indian Peaks and James Peak Areas for future generations – leaving a legacy that others can cherish.

OUR 2018 PLANS

In 2018 we are planning on continuing our current programs, along with potentially introducing two new programs. Based on our preliminary budgetary estimates for our 2018 programs and associated expenses, we are looking to raise ~ \$15K via grants, pledges, and donations between now and the end of 2017 to help fund the following:

- **Wilderness Summer/Winter Patrol Programs** (includes uniforms, jackets, equipment rental, etc.)
- **Wilderness Ranger Internship Program** (includes stipends, housing, uniforms, books, etc.).
- **Wilderness Trail Project Program** (includes equipment, storage locker rental, radios, outreach funding to other organizations, working with other partners such as WRV, Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, etc.),
- **Wilderness Scholarship Program** (includes Paddon/Gellhorn research grants),
- **Wilderness Trail Head Host Program** (includes brochures, IPWA handouts, maps, etc.)
- **Wilderness Interpretive Program - new in 2018!** (Includes training programs, books, materials, etc.),
- **Wilderness Trail Conditions** web site (includes redesigning/updating our public facing web site),
- **Wilderness Ranger Staff Augmentation Program - new in 2018!** (Includes partnering with the USFS on staffing assistance in wilderness areas.

To help fund these programs next year, we have a number of different fund raising options that are detailed below.

VOLUNTEER FUND RAISING OPTIONS

Option 1: Donate Tuesday December 5th COLORADO GIVES DAY!

Thanks to our Scott Oetting (IPWA Volunteer, Board Member, and Treasurer) our volunteers and IPWA members/friends can donate via Colorado Gives Day! To donate via COGivesDay, simply click on the link below:



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Bill Bowman

"The Milky Way floats across Caribou Ridge, North and South Arapaho Peaks, Mount Albion, Kiowa Peak, and Navajo Peak. The greenish glow is from "airglow, charged particles in Earth's atmosphere."



Bill Bowman

"Sunset at Red Rock Lake on a beautiful June evening, looking from (l to r) Navajo, Shoshoni, Paiute, Pawnee Peaks, and Mounts Toll and Audobon."

Option 2: Help Enlist New "Friends of the IPWA"!

In 2016, we created a new *"Friends of the IPWA"* donor category and we will continue this category in 2017 and beyond. Our goal is to appeal to a different segment of individuals who may not have the time to physically volunteer with our group, but have a passion for wilderness and would like to assist in providing additional funding for our great organization. For \$10.00 annually, IPWA Friends will receive (1) an IPWA sticker (2) a copy of our annual report, and (3) also receive our periodic newsletter.

Most importantly, IPWA Friends will receive the knowledge that their contribution is supporting our wilderness!

We will be sending out an additional email campaign to our current non-volunteer list. We will also be forwarding that email to all of our current IPWA volunteers, so that you may forward it on to your friends who might be interested in supporting our organization.



Gary Daer
"Leaping Pika"



Gary Daer
"Colorful Columbines"

Option 3: Sign up for holiday gift wrapping!

We will be holding our annual holiday gift wrapping at the Boulder Bookstore on Saturday 12/23 and Sunday 12/24. This is always a fun event as last minute shoppers are thrilled to have our volunteers wrap their books, and they then happily donate to the IPWA! Be on the lookout for additional information on this event that we'll send out in the next few weeks.



Mary White
"Feathered Fisherman"



Kelly Prendergast
"Indian Peaks Ptarmigan Family"

Option 4: Donate \$100 and receive a set of IPWA note cards as a "Thank You!"

For donations of \$100 or more (via check or PayPal) you will be sent a set of 12 note cards (two note cards of each image in this newsletter). The photos in this newsletter represent the images that are on the note cards in the packet.

If you donate via PayPal, please include your address on the PayPal site when making the donation.

If you donate via a check, please send a check with your name and the 'ship to' address made out to:

Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance
PO Box 17382
Boulder CO 80308



Anonymous
"September Snow in Indian Peaks"



Jim Scott
"Least Chipmunk, Long Lake"

Option 5:
Double your contribution by a matching donation!

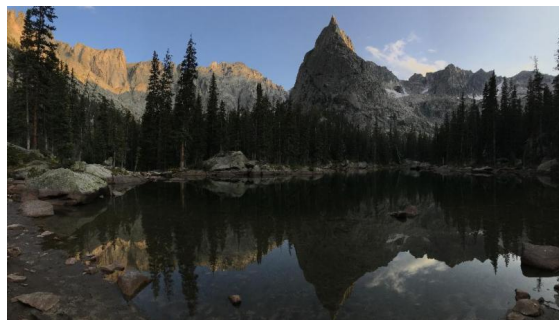
This year an anonymous donor has offered to match all donations up to a total match of \$5K for donations received prior to the end of the year!

We're thrilled about this level of support to help meet our fund raising goals this year. It is a testament to the passion that we all have around preserving and protecting the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas!

Simply donate via PayPal, or send a check directly to the IPWA.



Bobby Steinlein
"River"



Thomas Julian
"Mirror Lake and Lone Eagle"

Option 6:
Donate via Employer Matching Funds!

We again have a "Gold Status" on GuideStar! For contributions to the IPWA, many employers offer matching donations. Use the link below to provide your employer with information on the IPWA.

[Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance on GuideStar](#)



Kenneth Wilson
"Apsen Leaf with Rain"



Ellen Steiner
"Water and Sky"

Option 7: Include the IPWA in your Planned Giving!

Adding the IPWA to your will or estate plans is another option to assist our organization. We are fortunate this year to have a volunteer who has decided to name the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance in his will and estate plans. As noted by our volunteer:

"I have included the IPWA in my will as a way to express my passion for IPWA's efforts to preserve and protect the James Peak and Indian Peaks Wilderness for future generations."

Thank you!

Again, thank you for the fantastic year! As always, reach out to us with any questions, comments, or thoughts on how we can make our organization an even better one. As a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer organization, we rely on members, volunteers, local businesses, and grants for 100% of our funding needs. We are also a 100% managed volunteer organization with no paid staff positions. All funding we receive goes directly to our programs and operations. Any financial assistance is greatly appreciated!

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