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PWV Mentor Program - Anyone Interested?

By Garin VanDeMark

In the August issue of Poudre Trails we discussed the Mentor Program, who we are, what our goals are, and what we do. Now we need to get ready for next summer, the summer of 2000, and are looking to expand the program, with more of you experienced volunteers joining the ranks of PWV Mentors.

The consensus was unanimous — the 1999 Mentor program was a success! All of the 13 mentors and the thirty, first year volunteers contacted commented positively on its value. We will, therefore, continue this program.

The major obligation of a PWV Mentor is to accompany new, year 2000 volunteers on one of their early season hikes. This means being available in June and July to help these new volunteers get off to a good start and to feel comfortable in their role of using the "Authority of the Resource," passing on the USFS rules and regulations and LNT principles.

We are asking that a "PWV Mentor" be experienced as demonstrated by having spent at least one season as a PWV, having fulfilled their commitment of hiking or riding at least six days during the 1999 season. In addition, they must be willing to take part in the following:

- Attend an evening classroom planning session and commit to an overnight back-packing trip for LNT training.
- Take, or have taken in the last two years, a basic first aid class (A Wilderness first aid class for PWV has been scheduled for January. Please see the Winter Training article in this newsletter for details.)
- Be comfortable with the use of the USFS radios and be familiar with the USFS rules and regulations.
- Attend the PWV spring training session,

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Ranger Report on 1999 Season

By Martha Moran

What a year it has been! 10,000 hours of trail coverage, up from 7,000 hours in 1998! Your ranger reports were awesome, informative and, sometimes, overwhelming. They have been my joy and my frustration this summer. They have gotten better and better as the years have gone on, and I wish to thank each and everyone of you for taking the time to share how we can make our trails and wild lands better. I have also appreciated your phone calls and visits to the office to discuss your patrols. You have put in lots of hard work this summer!

I am totally impressed by the commitment you demonstrate by rolling up your sleeves, putting on your thinking caps, surviving many meetings, and riding and hiking the trails to make a BIG DIFFERENCE! It has been five years since PWV was formed, and you are still creating new ways to serve PWV's goals. Among those are the volunteer conference to share information and knowledge, the Mentor Program and the PWV Project Team.

Many of you are aware that I have accepted a new position in Boulder. Although I realize that it is time for a change, both personally and professionally, I have many regrets about leaving this organization as your liaison. I hope to maintain our relationship by contributing to your efforts as member, and to hike and ride with a purpose.

Happy trails to you,

Martha Moran

Thanks, Mom!

By Bill Dold

When it was first announced that Martha Moran would be leaving the Canyon Lakes Ranger District office in Fort Collins, a twinge of panic occurred. The lives of so many PWV projects and committees, that have had the Moran magic worked on them, flashed before my eyes. I thought a part of PWV was going to die. Then I realized, "It is only natural. It is now time."

Martha, you were an indispensable part of our conception. You were our nursemaid through infancy. You eased the growing pains of our childhood and advised us during the turmoil of our adolescence. Now as PWV matures, you are weaning us. We will continue to grow and improve, knowing that we will have your undying support, and we want you to know that you will always have our appreciation and admiration.

We may have lent you our eyes and ears, but you have given us your heart and soul.

Thank you!

Note Change in Night Navigation Class to November 20th!



By David Hake

Who's afraid of the dark? Not me, but that doesn't make me a special person. It simply means that someone has "shown me the light!" Now I want to show you how you, too, can feel comfortable navigating at night.

I have done so much navigation at night during Search and Rescue missions that I almost get lost when I'm asked to navigate during the day! I get too much information in my head when I can see everything! During the day, it's easy to put the map away and not keep track of where you are. But at night, you have to "leave a bread crumb trail" on your map as you go, so that you are always aware of your location. I will show you tricks for finding your way in the dark, off trail or on. Remember, just because you're on a trail doesn't mean you know where you are on the trail. I will show you how to navigate with the Milky Way. (I like Milkyway bars so, if you want me to show you how to get back to the car, you'll have to bring me one! :))

This field class will touch on the basics of night navigation. We will be taking points from the map and find our way to them using compass bearings and terrain association. This will be a chance to open your eyes to a whole new challenge when it comes to navigation. Those of you who have had my map and compass classes in the past will get a chance to work on your skills and help others learn. If you do not have any map and compass skills, feel free to come along. I will not be able to give you a complete navigation class but I'll help you with taking bearings from a map.

Things to bring:

(I shouldn't have to tell you guys what to bring as far as clothing. You all know that, in Colorado, you prepare for the worst because more than likely it will turn into the worst!)

- Warm clothing
- Rain gear
- Day pack
- TOPO Map of Horsetooth if you have one (I will have plenty to go around.)
- Compass (If you don't have one, I will have 20 trainer compasses.)

- Flashlights (head lamps preferable and, of course, your PWV micro light...Thanks, Martha!)
- Pencils
- Water and Food (snacks)
- Milkyway Bars! :)

Saturday, November 13th at 3:00 PM, we will meet in the parking lot at the Forest Service building at College and Pitkin, then carpool to Horsetooth Mountain Park parking lot. If you don't have a pass, you will need to buy a parking permit at the parking lot. (I think it's \$5.00). We will discuss the topic in the parking lot while it gets dark, then start our little excursion.

If you have any questions contact me at (970) 498-0664 or email Dhake@compuserve.com

I'm looking forward to teaching you what I know, and I hope you will enjoy the class!



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which is scheduled for the 19th, 20th and 21st of May, 2000 and be willing to act as an instructor during this weekend training.

If you have an interest in becoming a PWV Mentor and sharing your expertise in making our organization even better, please contact Frank Lilley or Wayne Tobey no later than January 31, 2000 at one of the following:

Frank Lilley
Phone: (970) 472-1450
E-mail: frank@webaccess.net

Wayne Tobey
Phone: (970) 593-0561
E-mail: wktobey@oneimage.com



New Members of the Board of Directors

By Bill Dold

At the October meeting of the PWV board of directors, the following volunteers were elected to a two-year term on the board:

Paul Asmus—Paul recently retired after 30 years as a manager at Hewlett Packard where he had much experience leading committees, seminars and workshops. He has served on the Fort Collins Council for the Arts and Humanities, and is currently on the board of directors of a small company. Paul's interests with the PWV board lie in community outreach, education to popularize Leave No Trace principles, the special projects committee, and fundraising with industrial sponsors.

Bette Blinde—Bette is a horse enthusiast, a writer, producer and educator. She has been the executive director for the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture since 1991. She publishes the Colorado Reader series, writing on many topics including wildlife management and forestry. She is responsible for the Agriculture in the Classroom program and provides materials for the Denver Post Newspaper in Education program, as well. She also works with the board of directors of many wildlife, agricultural and environmental groups. Her obvious interest is in promoting the PWV mounted contingent.

Bill Hart—Bill has had extensive experience in a corporate setting with Woodward Governor. He has given of his time and energy to his church and to the Boy and Girl Scouts. His passion for the outdoors manifests itself in maintaining memberships in the Sierra Club, Greenpeace and other conservation groups, as well as in his participation in PWV. Bill's interests include fundraising, training, community relations, publicity, and recruitment.

Judy Holzwarth—Judy has had abundant experience in management, training, and speaking during her 27 years as a pharmacist. She has served on the board of directors of the American Businesswomen's Association, where she was selected Woman of the Year, and on the PTO/PTA board of her sons' school. After moving to Fort Collins from the

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Recruit Now year **for** 2000

By Ras Erdal

Yes! The process has started and all PWV members should encourage like-minded friends to join us. Please call in the name, phone number, and/or address of any potential candidate to the PWV answering machine at:

(970) 498-2776

Or write to:

**PWV, PO Box 271921,
Ft. Collins, CO 80527**

Or log-on to our PWV Web Site for information and/or an application at:

www.fortnet.org/pwv

As all of you know, we will begin interviewing new candidates from February to April. Our organization has been highly successful due to the collective efforts of our very dedicated members. Try to recruit others at every opportunity! Talk to friends, associates, and others whenever possible. We can, and should, be proud of all we do to educate the public on conservation of our wilderness and forests.

We also hope to expand on our ability to publicize and attract others to become Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. We do, however, need your help. If you have any other ideas or leads on how we can get our message across to the public, please contact any member of the board. If many hands make light work, many minds should come up with new ideas! Please reread the last issue of our newsletter and consider some of the many areas listed where your help would be appreciated. Share your talents where they are needed!



Winter Training Program (Please mark your calendars!)

By Carol Busch and Dave Cantrell

Night Navigation Hike

Saturday, November 13, at 3 p.m.

Dave Hake will show us how to move confidently through mountain terrain in darkness. This presentation is a spin-off from last years' excellent map and compass training. Dave talked a bit about night navigation, and everyone there was impressed with the number of ways you can keep track of your position in the dark. Please see his article for more information.

Wildflower Slides & Social Get Together

Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m.

USFS Building, 240 W. Prospect

Carol Busch, drawing on her experience as a National Park Ranger, and using RMNP's superb slide collection, will introduce us to some of the flowers we encounter in PWV territory. Along with her presentation, there'll be a chance to get together, swap stories of the summer, and look ahead to next year.

Wilderness First Aid Certification Training

January 18 & 20 (6-10pm) & 22 (8:30-5:00)

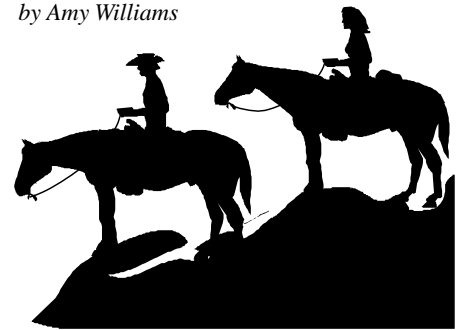
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Mark Rosoff will present a 16-hour course, exclusively for PWV, which will result in a three-year certification in Wilderness First Aid. The \$65 price tag for this course is a terrific deal, and the training is sure to be top quality.



From the Saddle

by Amy Williams



The '99 patrol season has come to an end and a great summer it was! We had a solid force of riders out in the backcountry and a safe season was had by all. I truly enjoyed riding with some of our new and returning volunteers, and I hope those riders who had to sit out the season for various reasons find themselves back in the saddle this next year with PWV!

I thought Pat Burge summed up the riding season quite well with her comment: "The weather was good and bad at times but connecting with the land, exploring new country, meeting people and helping to preserve the wilderness was absolutely wonderful."

I'd like to welcome, horse patroller, Bette Blinde to the PWV Board. Bette has been with PWV for two years now and will be an excellent asset to the group! She will officially serve as your new co-chair of the horse patrol unit along with Jacques Rieux. If you know of any riders who might be interested in joining our cadre, please have them contact the PWV line at **970/498-2766**. Also, if you'd like to help out with the horse patrol committee to plan the obstacle training and other functions, please contact **Jacques Rieux at 490-2012 or Bette Blinde at 881-2902.**

Happy Trails!



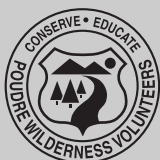
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Midwest a few years ago, Judy became involved with the Colorado Mountain Club, then learned of PWV and became excited about our mission of preserving the wilderness through education.

The board of directors welcomes these individuals and the strengths, dedication and commitment they bring to PWV, which they have already demonstrated by hiking and riding with a purpose!



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