



Spring Training 2019

With the holidays over, many Poudre Wilderness Volunteers will start the new year winter patrolling, with thoughts of spring in the distant future like a hazy dream. But the snow does melt and spring will be here before you know it. So, it's not too early to think about Spring Training May 17- 19, 2019.

This year, Spring Training will be at Buckhorn Ranch, in the Rist Canyon west of Bellevue CO. Buckhorn has indoor sleeping and shower facilities that can accommodate 170 people! However, you may still tent or bring the motorhome if you prefer. There is also a dining hall with a full kitchen and numerous meeting places for your small-group breakouts.

Who is Spring Training for? Well, certainly it's for the traditional attendees who are new recruits, Animal Group



Buckhorn Ranch in Rist Canyon

Leaders, role players, and the extensive array of volunteers that serve as the foundation of support for preparing our new volunteers year after year.

Spring Training is also for people who recertify. If you joined PWV in 2014 or earlier and have not recertified within the last five years, then you should attend Spring Training 2019 to keep an active membership. Recertification too has changed. This year, classroom training that was previously offered on Kick-off Night will now be on Saturday, May 18th, just prior to hiking the training trail. This is good news for folks who would rather not attend two recertification sessions. We still encourage all who recertify to attend the full Spring Training weekend.

Finally, Spring Training is for all members regardless of your training or recertification status. We plan to have a Friday night social hour plus a Saturday night dinner, keynote speaker, and interesting supplemental training seminars. And, of course, there will be social time with the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

**Mark May 17-19 on your calendar.
Hope to see you there!**



Bunk Beds at Buckhorn Ranch



Buckhorn Ranch Dining Hall

"PWV's are glad to see the 'Federal Shutdown' over. Folks may have noticed members on their own cleaning toilets at Poudre and Red Feather Trailheads. Thanks to all the 'citizen volunteers!'"

PWV Stock Committee

PWV member Sandy Erskine has had some health issues arise and has had to take a break this year from her volunteer service. Cards with words of encouragement would be appreciated.

The Stock Riders in PWV have recently been the focus of an ad hoc committee group as well as a research project by Dr. Rebecca Niemiec, Assistant Professor, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources at Colorado State University. 16 stock riders were interviewed to help develop some best practices for wilderness stewardship organizations and we had some recommendations on improvements possible in our organization. Based on some of the results of this research, we hope to find ways for PWV stock riders to be more integrated with hikers in the organization and improve communication among members who patrol with stock. We will have a new stock group email address coming soon which may help find riding partners or communicate needs and opportunities in an efficient manner. The ad hoc Stock Committee will present their recommendations to the PWV Board of Directors at their February meeting.

We need volunteers, both riders and hikers for the Stock Committee, we are looking for several additional members

to join Mari Murphy, Fred Allen, and Katina Mallon in our effort to recruit and retain stock riders in our organization. Please join us! Contact Katina Mallon for information on how you can participate.

Great Big Thanks to Our Supporters

PWV's Fund Development Committee was very pleased to announce that their goal to raise \$10,000 during the year end giving drive was a success. Over 75 folks participated this year mostly through "Colorado Gives Day". Also on "Boxing Day" (the day after Christmas), PWV was informed that The Clinton Family Fund had decided to donate again \$5000 for our operating funds. The Clinton Family Fund has been supporting PWV for nearly a decade.

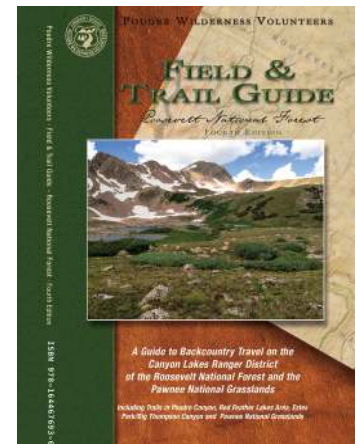
New Public Trail Guide- Fourth Edition is now on sale for \$12.95

PWV's Field & Trail Guide, Roosevelt National Forest, Fourth Edition is now for sale at the Forest Service Visitor Information Center in Fort Collins, also available at Jax on N. College Ave, Fort Collins and soon to be available at front range REI's including the Flagship Store in Denver.

PWV Stock Riders



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PWV's Field and Trail Guide, 4th Edition

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POUDRE WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS MISSION

The mission of Poudre Wilderness Volunteers is to assist the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the United States Forest Service in managing and protecting wilderness and backcountry areas within its jurisdiction.

To achieve this mission Poudre Wilderness Volunteers recruits, trains, equips, and fields citizen volunteers to serve as wilderness rangers and hosts for the purpose of educating the public, and provides other appropriate support to these wild areas.

New Spring Training Trail

With PWV moving our Spring Training to a new location we are in the process of laying out a new training trail. It will function like the trail at the Cub Scout Camp but the new location will mean there will be some differences. The trail will be four miles long with most of the same stations that we have had in past years. Laying out the new trail is challenging, trying to have the stations separated properly but still in a good location. Those grumpy old men have to have their beautiful, yet illegal, camp site and it takes a special spot for the group in trouble to be really in trouble. The trail will take some work to clear some down timber and some brush but we are confident that it will be ready to challenge our new recruits and recertifying members in May.

Kids in Nature Committee

Gearing Up for the 2019 Season

The Kids in Nature (KIN) Committee is gearing up for the 2019 season, holding meetings with agencies in January and February. We appreciate several new instructors and new hike leads stepping up this year. Late March will bring a general meeting and also a training for hike leads and instructors.

And we will have a field training for instructors late March or April. Thanks to Nancy Casadevall, an on-line survey will assist the scheduling process, which will go out to agency coordinators, leads and instructors in February – and then again to all other trained participants in March.

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If you are not a part of KIN and are interested, please see the great video on the PWV website, contact Jeanne Corbin or attend the training in late March or April. For the video:

<https://vimeo.com/287930943/a7621896e>

The March/April training is for anyone who has not recently been involved and wishes to help out – or as a refresher for previous committee members – or just to see what we do. Our season of KIN hikes is primarily school summer holidays, Mondays through Saturdays, but also a Saturday or two into late August or September. And the hikes are the best!

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PWV New Treasurer Sandy Sticken Welcomes You!

Greetings from your new Treasurer. As a tax-exempt entity, PWV can be exempt from paying sales tax when members are making purchases for our organization. If you plan on making a PWV purchase at Wal-Mart in Timnath or Fort Collins, Sams, Staples, Office Depot or Best Buy, please contact Sandy Sticken for a copy of the tax exempt card prior to making the purchase.

For reimbursement of purchases, send the receipt by mail or email a scanned PDF



KIN Hike



KIN Hike-Compass Lesson

file of the receipt, contact Sandy Sticken for details. Please include information as to the event or committee for which the purchase has been made. For appropriate accounting documentation, a receipt needs to show the store name, date of purchase and amount of purchase.

2019 Central Rockies Wilderness Volunteer Workshop

The 2019 Central Rockies Wilderness Volunteer Workshop will be here in Fort Collins, April 10 and 11, with a field day on April 12. It's sponsored by PWV and Friends of Wilderness (Steamboat Springs), and supported by the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance. Wilderness stewards from all over our region will be here, to

learn more about the challenges we all face to protect our precious wild areas, to look for new strategies to do our best job, and to build alliances to support each other.

The local organizing team is hard at work planning a lively, informative program and arranging housing, good food, and all the other parts of this big event. We'll be asking for volunteers as we get closer to April, to help welcome and take care of our guests.

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Restoration Plans for 2019

The Forest Services' plan for Young Gulch is to finish the trail rebuild and open it to the public this summer. The work for this year is primarily to build three bridges. They are all within one mile of the trailhead. The bridges have to be able to handle horses and bikes. We hope to get started this spring transporting materials to the bridge sites. We will first have to build the abutments then assemble the bridge structure. This all sounds like fun to me; if it sounds like fun to you come on out and join us. Works days will be scheduled starting in April.

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New PWV Calendar

You may have noticed that the PWV page looks a little different. That's because the PWV Web Team have implemented a new calendar tool with lots of new features.

As you explore around the web pages, you'll notice on the right side bar, there is a preview of the Upcoming Events. Each event has a month/day icon for quick reference. You can also click on the event link to get more details or register for an event (if available).

For a full calendar, you can click [HERE](#) or navigate the menu under **News & Information** and select Calendar. Each event can be accessed directly from the calendar. A pop-up window is displayed when you hover over an event.

For all events, you can click [HERE](#) or navigate the menu under **News & Information** and select Registration. Each event is displayed in a table format, and can easily be searched by keywords (I.e. Board Meeting) or filtered by locations or dates. And if you like to add an event to your personal calendar such as Google or Yahoo, or import to your MS Outlook, simply save the event to your preferred method.

We hope you will find these features easy to use, more modern and most of all, convenient to find the event when you need it.

PWV 2019 Applications Open

The 2019 annual application cycle has begun for the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, and we've extended the 2019 application deadline to accommodate a slightly larger class of recruits! **Apply before February 22 to become a patrolling member this year.**

After the application closes, we will be scheduling brief interviews on March 23 and 30 (Saturdays). Applicants who are selected then enter a training phase that is mandatory: for stock riders a horse

evaluation on May 4, and for all new patrolling members (hikers and stock riders), the evening of May 1 and the weekend of May 17-19. The expectation for new members is six days of patrolling from June through September. We schedule those patrols for you the first year, according to your availability and preferences. This 24-year-old all-volunteer organization now has about 320 members, aged 18-over 80, who ride and hike with a purpose, serving the US Forest Service and everyone who values our wilderness.

Click [HERE](#) for link to online application.

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PWV Members on Patrol



PWV Working on the Trail

PWV Affiliation Meetings

February - May 2019

Monday, 11 February: Trekking and hiking in Nepal with Karma Sherpa

Trekking and hiking in Nepal is a bucket list location for any hiking enthusiast, and for good reason. Nepal is a land of towering mountains, endless trails, that makes perfect for exploring natural beauty and a cultural experience unmatched. Join Karma Sherpa for a captivating talk about trekking in Nepal Himalaya Mountains.

Monday, 11 March: Let's visit Canada!

For a wonderful time come and listen to the Sticken's and check out their photos about a number Canadian National Parks that they visited this year. They had a wonderful time and saw a good amount of wildlife.

Monday, 8 April: Find out about the fish in the Poudre River!

Chris Myrick, a professor in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, will be talking about the fish in the Poudre River. Let Bob Hansen know if you have any questions for Chris.

Monday 13 May: Educating, Maintaining, Observing, & . . . Wisdom Hiking?

This presentation by Joe Cox will give prospective members and new recruits an overview of PWV activities and Spring Training and will include a lively discussion with everyone about our "Teachers." Joe will share a video of some of his experiences with indigenous elders from around the world as well as his family of bison, wolves, and birds of prey. He will bring some of the "sacred's" from his Sundance experience to share with us, too. Bring your friends, prospects, and an open heart and come ready to participate!

Remember all meetings are held at the Collindale CB & Potts, 1441 E. Horsetooth Road and start at 6:30 pm.

Come early to visit, grab something to eat & drink!

PWV Supplemental Training

PWV Wilderness First Aid Class, March 16 & 17. Certified class through ASHI to teach evaluation and evacuation of the medically ill or injured from an austere (remote) environment, eligible for CME and CEU's.

PWV CPR and First Aid Class, February 25 & February 27. American Heart Association's First Aid and CPR class, HeartSaver. **Details:** PWV home page, click on News & Information, Events, [Supplemental Training](#).

Support PWV

PWV thrives and prospers with support from people like you! For the past two decades, dedicated individuals have served the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers by providing countless hours patrolling and maintaining trails, educating users of the backcountry and wilderness areas of Northern Colorado, thus creating and preserving a legacy of these cherished areas for future generations.

Donations to the Poudre Wilderness Volunteer and the Endowment Funds qualify as a tax deductible charitable donation. PWV is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Note: When making a donation, you might want to explore whether your employer has a matching donations program. www.pwv.org/donate

Recertification USFS Cannon

I have gotten some questions as to why, after so many years, PWV members need to go through a recertification process. PWV had been the last of the Canyon Lakes Ranger District patrolling volunteer groups to begin a recertification process. First and foremost it has to do with you and your PWV partner's safety out there to make sure you are physically fit enough to patrol. Second, things change over time and it is best to have a process to keep everyone informed. Thirdly, consistency in the message we give to the public helps all of us and nature by reinforcing good behaviors, regulations, and common sense. There a number of intangible benefits

myself and others have seen from the recertifications for various programs within PWV. And if all those aren't good reasons then all I can say is that it is the direction the Ranger District has decided to go, and I fully support it. We should always be striving to do better for nature, for ourselves and for the public. Recertification is not designed to make people fail, but to give them an idea of their strengths and weaknesses. What they can share with others and what they can learn from others.



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Special thanks to:

- **National Forest Foundation**
- **National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance**

PWV on the Trail

