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A Message from the President

by Karen Hesselman, President, IUOA Alumni Board

Hello OAers! It has been awhile since we last connected. We have a new board to introduce (see below). We are excited to welcome our new members Brittany Collins, Laura Koenig, and Paige Wagner.

Our scholarship recipient board member this year is Jay Whitacre. We had some great applications come our way and hope that some will reapply for next year. Jay received \$700 as the winner of this year's Memorial Scholarship winner. He has been a great advocate to OA and the community. We are happy to have him with us this year. To read more about Jay, keep reading through the newsletter for his brief bio. We hope to award a similar amount next year!

This year marks the 40th anniversary for IUOA. Dustin and his crew have set up some awesome activities to celebrate this milestone on November 11, 2012. A screening of the Reel Rock Film Tour by the IUOA Trip Leader Club in the IMU will close the evening activities. Earlier in the day, we will meet at the IUOA office at noon for our annual board meeting. All are welcome to join.

We are excited for what the next year may bring. We have a fantastic board that is enthusiastic, motivated and committed to IUOAAA. With their ideas and enthusiasm, we hope to make IUOAAA even stronger and continue to grow. Please continue to donate to IUOAAA as it helps those eager students who love the outdoors continue to do good work for the community and the environment, just like you once were. See you soon!!



Meet the 2012 IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Board:

President.....	Karen Hesselman	IUOA Scholarship Recipient.....	Jay Whitacre
Vice President.....	Laura Koenig	IUOA Staff Representative.....	Dustin Smucker
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Tonia Slain	IU Alumni Association Rep.....	Jennifer Gentry
Members-at-Large.....	Dave Calvin		
	Brittany Collins		
	Paige Wagner		

40 Years of Adventure

by Dustin Smucker, IUOA Leisure Programs Coordinator



2012 marks IU Outdoor Adventures' 40th birthday! On September 20, 1972, Union Board meeting minutes recorded the inception of an outdoor gear rental program and the first scheduled trips. Any guesses as to where that first trip was scheduled to go?

I'm certain that very few of you were present at IU in 1972, but through the years each of you have left your indelible mark on this fantastic program. At the same time, returning to a place that was hopefully a positive part of your university experience is never easy. Your

sense of place and belonging is disrupted by new faces, new locations, and new programming. *How would you still recognize IU Outdoor Adventures if you returned today? What are the enduring hallmarks of IUOA?*

This newsletter will hopefully provide you with a start to answering these questions. From Kim Collins' reflection of her life-changing course in Yellowstone to Tyler Kivland's description of trip leaders' enthusiasm for fall Adventure Trips, these articles will hopefully evoke clear memories of wonderful adventures you shared with other OA leaders and IU students.

While the leadership quality and sense of adventure continue to be consistent themes from your time at OA, the organization continues to expand its impact. Thanks to a committed staff and innovative programming, last year nearly 10,000 students and non-students engaged in OA programs and services. This does not include the trip leaders. Last year OA trip leaders logged 3,555 leadership development days (one leader multiplied by one day working or training)! These numbers only serve to reinforce the strength of the heritage that each of you helped to create.

Thank you for taking the time to peruse this newsletter. Hopefully, you will enjoy moments of reflection upon impactful memories from your time at OA, and be inspired to rediscover that passion and apply it to your life today.

HELP!

If you know someone who was an IUOA trip leader who did not get this newsletter, direct them to contact Jennifer Gentry at jengentr@indiana.edu.

Fall 2011-Summer 2012 Participation

Bouldering Wall Visits	2,735
Rentals and Retail	3,228
HPER-O Courses	1,257
Custom Experiences	996
Banff Film Festival	992
Leadership Training	391
Adventure Trips	108
Orientation Trips	68
TOTAL	9,775

IUOA Alumni Board Member Spotlight: Paige (Peters) Wagner



Fun Facts about Paige:

- Graduated from IU in 1998
- Currently lives in Bloomington, IN
- Current job: Active Mom!

IUOA makes me think of exploring new areas, many hours in Suburbans towing canoes, lots of laughs, smelly feet and sharing the outdoors with others. IUOA strengthened my desire to learn new skills and to help others feel

comfortable in an outdoor setting. It gave me experience that helped with being a more effective summer camp leader, park ranger, environmental educator and public school teacher and now mom!

Since being an IUOA trip leader, I have continued to spend time outdoors playing. I have had a lot of different addresses between my time at IU and now but my husband and I are happy to be back in Bloomington raising a family (and a garden and chickens and pigs and soon to be goats). It sure has been another great adventure with plenty of smelly feet!

IUOA Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship Recipient Spotlight: Jay Whitacre

Jay Whitacre graduated from Western State College of Colorado in 2001 with a degree in Recreation – Outdoor Leadership. From there he ventured out to utilize his education by guiding and facilitating adventure experiences in a variety of venues. He began by facilitating weeklong expeditions for 6th – 12th graders from inner city Los Angeles to locations throughout California. During the summer months he guided weeklong whitewater rafting courses through the canyons of Colorado & Utah. From there, he relocated to Northwest Montana where he created and implemented a year-round adventure program at a Therapeutic Boarding school.



Following a four-year stint in Montana, he migrated back to Crested Butte, CO where he had the opportunity to revamp the Adaptive Sports Program's whitewater rafting courses and guide a variety of individuals with various disabilities. During this time he continued to fuel his Telemark skiing habit in both the backcountry and any ski resorts that were around his current location. In 2009, Jay decided to further his educational career and matriculated to Indiana University where he has obtained his masters in outdoor recreation and continues to work towards his PhD.

Jay says, "I strive to further the field of Outdoor Education and have made it my personal mission to get involved in as many different avenues as possible. I feel that my experience and passion will aid in the future success of IUOA. As an IUOA Alumni Board member who is also a trip leader, I feel I will aid a unique insight to the affairs of IUOA. I look forward to the opportunity."

An interview with Kim Collins

by Ginelle Heller, IUOA Assistant Program Coordinator



Kim Collins was instrumental in making IUOA the great program it is today through her work in a variety of positions, including: Assistant Program Coordinator, Interim Leisure Programs Coordinator, Custom Experience Coordinator, and Trip Leader. After seven remarkable years of service to IUOA, she has embarked on a new adventure!

Q: Where are you now?

A: Golden, CO. I have met 5 natives in 3 months and everyone else is from the Midwest. Everyone is so nice here, including teenagers! I look out my front yard to see Denver, and my backyard is the mountains.

Q: What are you doing?

A: Brewing beer and making Colorado connections. I went to Bartending School and I have been blogging a lot. Check my blog out at www.inkybeer.com. I write about beer, tattoos, and graffiti art. The graffiti art includes lots of work from downtown Denver. I have been researching the crews who created the art, including the artist of Obama's campaign art. There is so much life living in the suburb of a big city. Every weekend there is just so much to do that I literally have to weigh out the choices against one another. We'll have snow in a month, and we have season ski passes, so my plan is to ski all winter at Keystone, Vail, Breckenridge, Arapahoe, and Beaver Creek.

Q: What is the best discovery you have made in Colorado?

A: Kate and I can pack up and go into the mountains easily because of my time with IUOA. I am thankful for all of the outdoor training I have had because I can literally go downstairs to pack my gear and go right outside to play. I end up teaching other people basic things when we go on casual camping trips, and I totally owe that to IUOA!

Q: What is the most exciting thing you have done in Colorado?

A: That was watching the US Pro Cycling Challenge. We volunteered for it, so every rider was within eight feet of me going 45 mph. Also, we volunteered at the New Belgium Brewing Company's Urban Assault and Tour De Fat. Volunteering has been really fun, and we have met tons of people doing that.

Q: What are your fondest memories of OA?

A: The Yellowstone trip in 2005 will always be a huge benchmark in my life. The structure of the trip was important because it was a WEA leadership certification trip. I also still keep in touch with tons of people from that trip. I just saw Andy Prinsen, Allyson O'Connor, and Frank and Katie Vernon. The people I met on that trip are still important to me today and that location is truly special. I can't wait to go back.

Q: Is there anything you are missing about Bloomington that only Bloomington has?

A: Fourteen years of familiarity! This includes getting in my car and knowing where I am going, and knowing people everywhere.

Trip Leader Spotlight: Jenna Roy

by Alex Lancaster, IUOA Trip Leader and Marketing Specialist

Everyone at OA knows Jenna Roy--friendly, always smiling, always ready to help. Her easygoing attitude and quick sense of humor make her a pleasure to work with and an asset to the organization. She's a senior studying political science and economics with a LAMP certificate. She hails from Fort Wayne, IN, and has been at IUB since her sophomore year in college. At IUOA she's a Full Trip Leader specializing in coastal kayaking and an adventure specialist. Let's take a minute to better get to know Jenna.



Q: How did you get started with OA?

A: When I transferred to IU as a sophomore, I lived with random roommates. Although I didn't know them, I put the Chaco's and the continuous sound of crickets (what I thought was a Sounds of Nature CD), together and realized that one of my roommates was quite an accomplished outdoors woman...She told me all about OA and how I could get involved. I registered for ITWL that evening. I must admit that it was the best impulse decision I've yet to make.

Q: Favorite OA Activity?

A: Being in the field. There is something incredible about spending a few days outdoors, away from the distractions of everyday life with a group of people who were very recently strangers.

Q: Favorite Trip Ever?

A: I led Camp Miniwanca's Voyageur Trip this past summer. I was fortunate enough to spend 23 days paddling the 30,000 Islands area of the Georgian Bay with a lovely group of young women and a phenomenal co-leader.

Q: Favorite OA Trip?

A: Rio Grande Spring Break

Q: Advice To The Next OA Generation?

A: IUOA, as an organization and as a community, offers you so many worthwhile opportunities and experiences, so don't ever take your time here for granted. More importantly however, don't leave without giving something back to it.

Q: Plans For Next Year, Post-Graduation?

A: Hopefully working out West with a Wilderness Therapy Program and applying for OT grad school.

Q: Trip You'd Love To Go On, But Haven't?

A: John Muir Trail

Q: Favorite Outdoor Quote?

A: "Aspire nobly, adventure daringly, and serve humbly."- William H. Danforth. The framework for my life, in both front country and back country pursuits.

OA's Newest Full-Time Staff Member – Tyler Kivland!

by Tyler Kivland, IUOA Assistant Program Coordinator



Hello IUOA alumni! Many of you know me from my years spent at IUOA as an instructor, trip leader, and senior gear specialist. However, for those who don't know me, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Kivland and I have the true honor of being known as "the new Kim" around IUOA. My past experience is heavily weighted towards group facilitation, ropes courses, and zip lines but for those who know me, my passion is canoeing. In fact, my largest success at IUOA has been the success of the Canoe Canada Adventure Trip for the last three years.

In the past several months, I have been able to accomplish quite a bit and yet still manage to look forward to future goals as well. The highlight for me so far has been the huge response from our leaders and the IU community towards our fall Adventure Trips. Currently we have three fall break trips, two Thanksgiving break trips, and three winter break trips spanning eight different states and seven different activities. Furthermore, our Adventure Trip enrollment is up to almost 100 students which shows the hard work that our leaders have put into planning and marketing their trips.

I have also made a point to sit down with each of our trip leaders to discuss their current status and goals for the future. With the help of "The Leader Board", which is a publicly viewed marker board listing their current status and goals, we've been able to get each person's records updated as well as make plans for their future. It has been a whirlwind for me but I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I'd also like to send a special thanks to Kim Collins. I will always be grateful for the foundation she set for me and the years of guidance that she provided. Thanks for all of the great memories!

IUOA's 40th Birthday Celebration!
November 11, 2012

Free events all afternoon, including: kayak roll clinics, a bouldering competition, slack lining, and an Appalachian Trail thru-hiker's story. The day concludes with the IUOA Trip Leader Club's screening of the Reel Rock Film Festival at 6:30 p.m. in the Whittenberger Auditorium.

Advanced tickets available at IUOA for \$5; \$7 at the door. All proceeds will support trip leaders' professional development opportunities. For more information visit: <http://imu.indiana.edu/iuoa/>

Featured Trips:

MAMMOTH CAVING ADVENTURE
• MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK, KY •
NOV. 16-20TH, 2012 / IU OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

JOIN IUOA FOR A CAVING ADVENTURE AND STILL MAKE IT HOME FOR THANKSGIVING! THE TRIP WILL CONSIST OF GUIDED CAVE TOURS, EXPLORING THE NATIONAL PARK, HIKING, AND CAMPING.
\$275 FOR STUDENTS \$300 FOR PUBLIC

FIND OUT MORE AT OUTDOORS.INDIANA.EDU

BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL
• GRAYSON HIGHLANDS SP, VIRGINIA •
NOV. 16-20TH, 2012 / IU OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR! JOIN US AND EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE LEGENDARY APPALACHIAN TRAIL THIS THANKSGIVING BREAK.
\$205 FOR STUDENTS \$225 FOR PUBLIC

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Revised Mission Statement and Core Values:

Mission Statement

Indiana University Outdoor Adventures promotes purposeful recreation by providing diverse programs, products, and services for Indiana University and the surrounding communities. IUOA fosters personal growth and active lifestyles through experiential education, facilitated reflection, environmental stewardship, and leadership development.

Core Values

- Leadership
- Experiential Education
- Community and Diversity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Health and Wellness
- Risk Management

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

From a student on new student orientation trips:

“It’s the best possible way to transition to college. Everyone was friends at the end and our leaders were awesome. I wish everyone could experience the awesomeness of the trip I just completed. Thank you.”

From a HPER-O course student

“The trip leaders were awesome. They knew the river and were great at teaching the class how to guide the raft.”

From a former OA trip leader:

“I have more direction than ever before based on my experience with Outdoor Adventures. I have been to beautiful places, met incredible people, and gained a knowledge base equivalent to what I have gained from all of my academic classes.”

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