



The MRHI Brief

Our Mission: "The Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative, through cooperative efforts, seeks to conserve unique natural areas, preserve historic & cultural sites, promote diverse recreation and develop community business opportunities."

June 2016

MRHI UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Hike, June 17th
"Mountains, Minerals and Mining," June 22th
Mosquito Bites and Mosquito Rangers.
Beaver Ponds 10am-12pm (Rangers 12:30)

Wildflower Walk, June 25th
Trail work day, June 28th
"Beaver Tails (Tales) and Watershed Trails," June 29th
Mosquito Bites and Mosquito Rangers.
Beaver Ponds 10am-12pm (Rangers 12:30)

"Needs, Thneeds, and Weeds," July 6th
Mosquito Bites and Mosquito Rangers.
Beaver Ponds 10am-12pm (Rangers 12:30)

Mosquito Range Mountaineers, July 7
Wendy's Wildflowers, July 9th
In memory of Wendy Field.
Trail Work Day, July 12th

"Wind, Water, and Wheels," July 13th
Mosquito Bites and Mosquito Rangers.
Beaver Ponds 10am-12pm (Rangers 12:30)

Mosquito Range Mountaineers, July 14th
Wildflower Walk, July 15th
MRHI Booth at Alma's Festival in the Clouds, July 16th and 17th
"Flowers, Forests, and Fiber," July 20th
Mosquito Bites and Mosquito Rangers.
Beaver Ponds 10am-12pm (Rangers 12:30)

Mosquito Range Mountaineers, July 21
"The Science of Soil," July 27th
Mosquito Bites and Mosquito Rangers.
Beaver Ponds 10am-12pm (Rangers 12:30)

Mosquito Range Mountaineers, July 28th
Community Hike, August 5
Selkirk Trail project, August 18th-21st
***Topics of Environmental Education programs subject to change.**
***Events without time/location will be announced soon.**

Spend the Summer with MRHI!

Outdoor Summer Education Programs 2016

Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative (MRHI) FREE Environmental Education for All Ages - Engage, Explore, and Learn more about the natural and unique heritage area of the Mosquito Range.

"Mosquito Bites"

Ages 3 - 7 with a parent

Child and parent will learn together about nature and the environment exploring different topics each week. This program is presented by MRHI & South Park Parents as Teachers.

Wednesday's, June 22 - July 27

10 a.m. to Noon

Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center (BPEEC)

"Mosquito Rangers"

Ages 7 - 11

From forests to wetlands, geology to ecology, kids will explore a different environmental theme each week through S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related hands-on activities, field studies, and projects. Activities will be led by MRHI environmental education leaders.

Wednesday's, June 22 - July 27

10 a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Beaver Ponds (BPEEC)

"Mosquito Range Mountaineers"

Ages Middle through High School Mountain trails, high alpine scrambles, and peak "bagging" - be safe and explore the best views of the Mosquito Range. Organized and guided by experienced MRHI orienteering and trail leaders.

Thursdays: July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

EARLY morning starts to all day...weather dependent. (NOTE: Advance Registration, info@mrhi.org).

MRHI Summer Associates

MRHI would like to welcome our new Summer Associates Callie Edwards and Austin Phillippe. They will be serving the summer with MRHI from June until Mid-August.

Callie Edwards will be our Natural Resource Conservation Summer Associate. Callie is a Fairplay native, pursuing her A.A. in Environmental Studies at Colorado Mountain College. She is a regular volunteer with Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center and has local phenology experience, documenting the changes in plant lifecycles.

Austin Phillippe will be MRHI's Environmental Education Summer Associate. Originally from Eules, Texas he moved to San Antonio to attend Trinity University. He worked on various projects that dealt with non-indigenous, invasive plant species removal from Texas grassland ecosystems. His hobbies include fishing, hiking, playing lacrosse, and snowboarding.



MRHI Awarded 5 Grants for Summer Programming

MRHI is thrilled to announce the acceptance of five grant proposals from the South Park National Heritage Area, the Anschutz Family Foundation, the Summit Foundation, and New Belgium Brewing Company, Inc. for summer programming. MRHI has been awarded \$5,000 from The Anschutz Family Foundation, \$2,500 from the New Belgium Brewing Company, Inc., and \$7,500 from the South Park National Heritage Area to build the Family Outdoor Adventure Series Environmental Education Program. Funding from these grants will provide MRHI with support for general operating expenses to build the youth program at a crucial time of expansion from ages 4-7 to ages 4-18. The South Park National Heritage Area has also awarded a \$24,500 grant and the Summit Foundation has awarded \$6,500 to MRHI for Natural Resource Conservation. This will help to support the Rare Alpine Plant Project, trail work, and other conservation projects. The support of these organizations has made the work we do possible!

Call to Action! –Join MRHI on trail work days: June 28, July 12, Aug 18-21

Come Take a Walk....

MRHI would like to invite our community and visitors to join us on a variety of walks and hikes this summer. Come and learn from local experts about the wildflowers in our area on one of our wildflower walks: June 25 and July 15.

We are also hosting various community hikes that will focus on various topics (TBA) such as geology and watershed issues. Our Community Hikes will be held on June 17th and August 5th. Let's go enjoy and learn about our mountains together!



Annual Board Meeting Recap

Accomplishments in 2015-2016

MRHI has been hard at work over the last year! Some highlights of our accomplishments include:

- Sponsored the JoAnn Dufty memorial Scholarship for \$1000
- Hosted 2 Environmental Stewards: Alden Scholl and Shannon Hessler
- Surveyed over 375 acres of high alpine terrain for rare alpine plants
- 200+ local children were provided with free environmental science education
- 1000+ hours volunteered for MRHI projects
- 60 acres and 7 mining claims in high alpine terrain in the Mosquito Range will not be mined but rather permanently conserved thanks to Lesley Cohen Flaks, MRHI and significant support from the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), South Park Ranger District and the USFS.

Support MRHI, become a Member!

To become a MRHI member, you can either visit our website at www.mrhi.org or request a membership slip and mail it back to us at PO BOX 375 Alma, CO 80420. Thank you for your support! Membership levels: Basic - \$25; Family - \$60; Youth - \$10; Business - \$100; Corporate - \$250.



New Board Members

MRHI would like to welcome our newest board members appointed at our Annual Meeting on Friday May 13, 2016: Kathryn Goettleman, Leah Lentz, Dean Butler, Julie Danielsen, Kat Herrera! We would also like to thank our continuing board members: Roz Aceto, Jara Johnson, Jan McCabe, Jennie Gannon, Ginni Greer, and Sheila Skaggs.

Volunteer of the Year Awards



We would like to recognize 3 volunteers that have been invaluable to MRHI: Tim Balough and Kathy and Dean Butler. Tim Balough has managed the MRHI website and helped with our online presence for many years. Kathy and Dean Butler have been active donors, attendees, and participants for all of MRHI's events over the years. MRHI cannot begin to express our gratitude for all that these volunteers have contributed over the past 10 years.

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