



Newsletter July 2018

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Summer Happenings

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South Park Alpine Restoration: Volunteers Needed!

With recent fires, our mountains have been in the news lately. Curious how you can help? Here's your chance to learn about habitat restoration, develop friendships with those who share a similar passion, and make a real difference!

Join us for a weekend in the spectacular high country within 10 miles of Fairplay. The headwaters of North Tarryall Creek and Beaver Creek have been impacted by illegal motorized activity that has damaged the alpine habitat and sent sediment into the watershed. After equipment preps the sites, volunteers will seed and mulch the area.

This is the first project in a series extending through 2019. MRHI is thrilled to be working with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Pike San Isabel National Forest, and Wild Connections. To register, go to Wildlands Restoration Volunteers web page, click on volunteer, and register for South Park Alpine Restoration 1 or 2. Or click on one of the links below for Event 1 or Event 2.

[Volunteer Event 1: August 17th-19th](#)

[Volunteer Event 2: September 8th-9th](#)

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Volunteers Needed

Festival in the Clouds - MRHI will have a booth at the Alma Festival in the Clouds on July 21st and 22nd. If any one would like to spend some time talking to people about MRHI please contact Jan McCabe at akajmccabe@rocketmail.com to see if there is a block of time that you are willing to help.

Burro Days - MRHI will have a booth for the Burro Days Weekend of July 28th and 29th. Again, help will be needed in 2 hour blocks to talk with people about what MRHI is all about and sell our merchandise. Please contact Jan McCabe at akajmccabe@rocketmail.com to see if there is a block of time that you are willing to help.

Burro Days Parade - Burro days parade to take place on Sunday July 29th. We will again have our 2 trailers with floats. If interested in helping us put the float together, please contact Dean and Kathy Butler at kabutler444@gmail.com



Nature Science Camp a Fun, Wet & Wild Success

Nature Science Camp was a rousing success thanks to 179 enthusiastic participants who hiked, explored, laughed and experimented over the course of five mornings, June 25-29th.

The event, co-sponsored by MRHI, Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies & Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center, focused on using children's natural curiosity to build and explore environmental science concepts. Topics included forest discovery, watershed, wildlife & habitats, environmental problems & issues, renewable energy, and more. Special thanks to South Park National Heritage Area, New Belgium Brewing and The Summit Foundation for funding support.



Kunst Receives MRHI JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship 2018

Piper Kunst, a graduating senior at South Park High School, is the recipient of a \$1000 college scholarship from MRHI. The scholarship is given in honor of JoAnn Dufty, who was an artist, a community activist and an explorer. These are qualities Kunst reflected in her winning application.

Referencing her life in Alma, Colorado, Kunst stated, "In my future as an aspiring physical therapist, I hope I can tend to people and their injuries. I hope to make sure they can get back out on their feet and continue to adventure, taking notice of all the brilliant wonders I had the luxury of growing up with." She plans to attend the University of Utah Sports Medicine Program this fall for pre-Kinesiology.

Contributions to the scholarship fund are greatly appreciated. Funds can be mailed to PO Box 375, Alma, CO or donated through the website. Please specify that you would like the money used for scholarships.



Caretaking Precious Resources:

Rare Plants, Trails and Habitat Restoration

Help monitor rare alpine plants, assist with a trail building project or help restore fragile alpine habitat damaged by illegal recreation. We're planning three HUGE trail projects- dates coming soon!

We provide the training to help with this exciting project to monitor our rare plants.

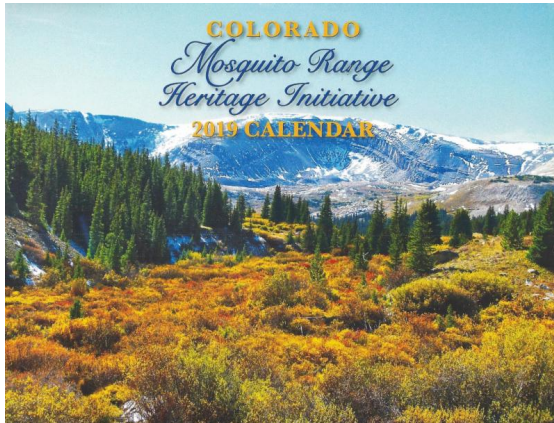
We also want to welcome Elijah Neymark and Sean Maguire who have come on staff to help with these projects.

If interested in being outdoors and looking for these rare plants and helping collect data regarding their

habitat, please contact Jan McCabe at akajmccabe@rocketmail.com, and she can let you know how to get involved.

Early Childhood Discovery Hikes

This year, MRHI is engaging our youngest children and families in special discovery hikes. Weekly hikes target children ages 2-6 to begin exploring our mountain forests and streams with their families. Slow, mellow walks focus on building curiosity and beginning to explore questions like "Who lives here?" "How does their house compare to our own?" and "What might they eat?" Our hope is that building an interest and comfort in nature will lead to future conservationists engaged in a healthy future for the Mosquito Range.



The 2019 Calendar has been finalized and printed.

We would like to thank , Dave Cooper, Chloe Campbell, Jeff Crane, Susan Canterbury, Callie Edwards, Travis Taylor, Pam & John Cain, Al Ramirez, Jeff Holeman, and Craig Root, photographers whose pictures have made up the 2019 Calendar. We would also like to thank Michelle Campbell and Tim Zingler for their photo submissions as well.

Calendars are now available for \$10 each. They will be available at "The Festival In the Clouds", Burro Days. You may contact anyone from MRHI

thru email at MRHI.org and any board member to purchase your calendars.

Again, thank you all who took the time to enjoy photographing in the MRHI's subject area and for your donations to submit these beautiful pictures.

Thank you to Dean Butler who took the time to view all the submissions, along with Jara Johnson's help and to Cynthia Merrifield for printing them for us again.



Help us by pulling those "cute" little daisies!

False chamomile kills our native wildflowers. You can make a huge difference by pulling them before they go to seed.

Summer Programs/Volunteer Opportunities

South Park Alpine Restoration

August 17, 18, & 19, 2018 - South Park Alpine Restoration Project Part 1

September 8, 2018 - South Park Alpine Restoration Project Part 2

Join us for a weekend in spectacular high country at three sites within 10 miles northwest and southwest of Fairplay. The headwaters of North Tarryall Creek, Sheep Creek and Beaver Creek have been impacted by illegal motorized activity that has damaged the alpine habitat and sent sediment into the watershed. After equipment preps the sites, volunteers will seed and mulch the area.

Creating Conservation Wonder in a New Generation:

Children's Environmental Education

Share your love of the outdoors while inspiring kids to make a difference. Help with publicity, logistics, safety and group programs.

NEW! Making a Difference Through Citizen Science:

Become more engaged in making meaningful scientific change! Watch for hands-on workshops and volunteer opportunities to help monitor rare plants, rivers, pikas and more! We need you.

Encouraging Native Habitat:

To encourage the growth of our beautiful native flowers and grasses, we must stop the growth of noxious weeds. Watch for community weed pulls and take the initiative to pull weeds on your own property. We're planning summer education and consulting as well as some exciting incentives!

Watch for more opportunities to be announced soon!

Family Fun & Fundraising



Poker Ride - September 16th, 2018

The 2018 Poker Ride is slated for September 16. Open to all abilities, this is a great family-friendly outdoor event to celebrate fall and the gorgeous mountain foliage. The area for the ride TBD closer to time.

If interested in helping with organizing and or helping with a card stop, please leave an email at info@mrhi.org.



Moonwalk - October 6th, 2018

The Buckskin Cemetery Moonwalk is tentatively scheduled for October 6, 2018 to explore area history and make the past come alive. Actors/actresses, history enthusiasts, cookie bakers and other great volunteers welcome. More information to follow closer to event time!!

If interested in helping put on this amazing event and or would love to be a character, please contact, Kathy Butler at kabutler444@gmail.com. Our cookie bakers will definitely be needed again!!

Do you shop online? You can help MRHI - no cost to you! Here's how:

Amazon Smile:

If you do a lot of shopping through Amazon, consider switching to Amazon Smile; Amazon Smile is a new part of amazon.com that donates 0.5% of purchases to the nonprofit of your choice (hopefully it's us!). Amazon Smile has the same merchandise as amazon.com and it's completely free to sign up - start shopping at smile.amazon.com or learn more at <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

iGive:

When you shop online at over 1,500 stores, a percentage of your purchase can be donated to MRHI by clicking on the iGive Button. You don't pay more, but still raise money for your cause. You can sign up for free at <http://www.iGive.com/MosquitoRangeHeritageInitiative>.

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Membership levels: Basic - \$25; Family - \$60; Youth - \$10; Business - \$100; Corporate - \$250.

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