Hello everyone! If this is your first newsletter, welcome to the family. If you read these like your life depends on it, glad to have you with us again. The summer was full of adventures of many shapes and sizes, taking us to many beautiful places. We are glad to be back in the swing of things with courses starting, adventure trips gearing up, and sales in our shop and bouldering wall. Don’t forget about our all-important informational meeting on September 10 at 7:30 p.m.!

Over the summer we explored many places. We made our return to the fabled Quetico Provincial Park in Canada, paddling to our heart’s content. We also hosted IU Beginnings for another year, taking students on orientation, visiting areas like the Red River Gorge, the Pine River, and the Appalachians. We also have had multiple training opportunities for our staff, honing our climbing and our water skills.

Last year was pretty spectacular, hiring a new coordinator and sending out many adventure trips. We have many new leaders and plenty of seasoned staff excited to continue teaching our classes, most of which filled up last year. So join us for another great year where we will continue to take you beautiful places, host bouldering competitions, show film festivals, and build an outdoor community.

In this issue, we will begin by introducing you to IUOA. If you are familiar with us already, skip ahead to page 4 where you can meet our new graduate assistant, Annie Linhart. Later in the issue, we will feature our upcoming trips, a gear item (on sale!), and other great things. So don’t miss out, start reading.
What is IUOA?

Many things. IUOA has many opportunities for students. We feature a retail shop, ready to outfit you in clothing or gear for campus or your next adventure. We feature many products from dealers like Mountain Hardwear, Columbia, Grand Trunk, Nalgene, and more. Our shop also has a rental program for you to take out gear on your own time—go canoeing, bouldering, or camping for cheap! Plus, students have a 10% discount on all rental equipment! Full rental prices on page 9.

Inside IUOA, we also feature a bouldering wall. Bouldering is a form of rock climbing that is close to the ground, requiring no use of ropes. We offer a day pass for $6 and a year-long membership for $60. Our members are allowed to set their own climbing routes in the gym, a rare occurrence for a climbing gym. For the month of September, memberships are only $50!

In addition to our on campus activities, IUOA offers a variety of classes to students on campus. Through the School of Public Health, students can enroll in our adventure courses (SPH-W) which teach students skills in anything from ice climbing to whitewater rafting. No experience is necessary for most of our classes! A full list can be found on page 3.
What is IUOA?

If you are not interested in a course for credit, but still want to get outside? Sign up for one of our adventure trips! On breaks from school, IUOA offers adventure trips for a rate well below market price. With the extended time, we are able to visit more beautiful locations further from campus. Still, no experience necessary for the majority of our trips! Check out pages 6 and 7 for our fall break trips and page 8 for a full list of trips this semester.

More original and imaginative than our trips allow? Come ask us about a custom experience! We can outfit you with leaders and gear to take you and a group of friends to the destination of your dreams. We also offer facilitation opportunities to build teamwork within your organization. Contact Tyler Kivland at tkivland@indiana.edu to learn more.

Lastly, and most importantly, we offer students the chance to be leaders. Through our program, we hire students to lead our trips and teach our classes. With extensive prior experience or through the enrollment in our Introduction to Wilderness Leadership class (SPH-W 305), you can apply to be a trip leader. We will teach you the essentials of leading trips in the wilderness through our course, allowing you to start out as a leader in training on our trips. From this position, you are able to gain experience and eventually be promoted to an assistant trip leader or full trip leader, being able to truly take charge of your own class. Contact Brian Croft at bjcroft@indiana.edu for more information.
Once a month we recognize one of our staff for their hard work and dedication.

Meet Annie Linhart!
Everyone say hello to Annie! Annie is a first year master’s student studying Outdoor Recreation in the School of Public Health. She hails from Hanna City, IL.

Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?
I started loving the outdoors when I was a summer camp kid at Camp Ondessonk in Southern Illinois. I ended up getting a job there when I turned 19 and taught arts & crafts all summer (the best part was that we didn’t have to wear shoes), and went on to join their Outdoor Education staff starting in the fall. From Ondessonk, I found a home in adventure education, working as the undergraduate assistant for Underway Adventures at Touch of Nature Environmental Center. I finished up my undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale and consider the woods in Southern Illinois home sweet home.

What is your favorite outdoor moment/trip?
My favorite outdoor moment was following my students nearly half of a mile across an unexpected knife-edge ridge-line in the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range this summer, almost getting thrown off by 50mph wind gusts the whole traverse….and then explaining “Type II Fun” as they recovered on a nearby saddle.

Tell us about your next adventure.
My next adventure trip will be Rock Climbing in Jackson Falls over Fall Break! Southern Illinois is one of the most underrated and unexpectedly beautiful places to climb (or really do anything outside)! There are huge sandstone and limestone bluffs, gorgeous lakes, and swamps straight out of the bayou to paddle in and explore.

What is your dream adventure?
My small-scale dream day-trip adventure (that I’m hoping to tackle next summer) is the Mayflower Gulch Traverse in Colorado. The traverse consists of 3 summits pushing 14,000 feet plus a super technical section of 5 gendarmes with plenty of loose rock.

Three interesting facts:
1. I have been kissed by a 150lb alpha-female wolf named Magpie (she’s the one in the picture). She has white fur, yellow eyes, huge teeth, and a wicked sweet spot on her chest where she loves to be scratched.
2. This past summer I lived and worked in the highest city in the United States – Leadville, Colorado, at 10,240 feet. I lived at the base of Mt. Massive in a canvas Quonset hut when I wasn’t in the field working for the Colorado Outward Bound School.
3. My top fears include Chinese Buffets, being swallowed by a whale, and running a red light or stop sign.

Most embarrassing moment?
I have a lot of extended family members on Facebook who regularly comment on any picture I’m in and do a really good job of making everyone else uncomfortable.
Ansel Adams was a man with a gift for photography. Throughout his life, he was enthralled with the act of taking landscape photographs. His work in this field changed the protection of land forever.

As a young boy, Ansel visited Yosemite with his family. On the visit, his father provided him his first camera. From then on, Adams was hooked. He ran about the valley taking photos with much fervor, as he did most things in his life.

Ansel soon joined the preservation field, becoming a member of the Sierra Club. He took of mountaineering and other expeditionary hobbies in his off time. He eventually was able to combine the two passions, becoming the photographer for the Sierra Club and other preservation efforts. For example, his photos of Sequoia and King's Canyon were instrumental in the protection of the land as national parks. His pictures can be viewed today in many museums as examples of the land before human impact or development. An opportunity that is no longer available to us today.
Take your fall break to one of the most beautiful climbing areas in the Midwest! Jackson Falls offers three waterfalls surrounded by climbing routes and bouldering problems. The sandstone slabs, slopers, pockets, and free standing boulders are calling your name.

Info meeting September 10th at 7 P.M. in Eigenmann Room 020.

To Sign up visit IUOA or Call
812.855.2231
Outdoors.indiana.edu
No Experience Necessary
Take your fall break to Michigan’s beautiful National Scenic River—The Pine River. Join us as we paddle along the river, punctuated by high, exposed sand banks. You will experience a corridor of diverse wildlife and scenic vistas from the seat of your canoe! Info Meeting September 10th at 7 P.M. in Eigenmann Room 020.

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Sign Up Now, No Experience Necessary

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Thanksgiving:
Red River Gorge
Rock Climbing
November 20-24
$375
Appalachian Trail
Backpacking
November 21-29
TBD

Winter Break:
Horse Pens 40
Rock Climbing
Everglades
Kayaking

Info Meeting:
September 10, 7 p.m.
FREE Bouldering
Starts at 5:30 p.m.
October 19, 8 p.m.
November 18, 7 p.m.
### IUOA GEAR RENTAL PRICES

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* Includes, PFDs, and paddles
** Bike rentals include a helmet and a repair kit
- Climbing shoe rental 1-4 hours - $3.00
- 10% OFF All Rentals for IU Students
- Discounts apply to all rentals longer than 7 nights. Ask for details.
Bouldering Wall & Gear Shop Hours
Sunday  12-6  
Monday  12:30-6:30  
Tuesday  12:30-6:30  
Wednesday  12:30-6:30  
Thursday  12:30-6:30  
Friday  12:30-8:30  
Saturday  10-4

Where are we...?
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