In honor of this love, we are featuring not one, not two, not three, but four of our trip leaders this month. These four have shown dedication to the outdoors and to IUOA. As full trip leaders, seniors and recent graduates, and beautiful people, they will always hold a special place in the IUOA family. Learn about them and their spring break trips on pages 2 and 3.

This month we are also featuring outdoor leader Theodore Roosevelt, who protected roughly 230 million acres of land. Take a chance to learn about our gear item, fleece, now 25% off in the shop.

Canoe Canada is back! The legendary summer expedition is returning to Quetico Provincial Park to explore the beautiful lakes and search for moose. Learn more on page 6.
This month we are recognizing our Spring Break Trip Leaders for the work that goes into these trips.

**Meet Patrick Garner, Leader of Fruita Mountain Biking!**
Patrick is a recent graduate with a B.S. in Recreation. He is a native to Bloomington and has a passion for everything biking.

**Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?**
I got my interest in the outdoors from my father. As a kid, he toured the country via national parks with his family in their Volkswagen bus. His passion for the outdoors was passed down to me in the form of mountain biking and skiing.

**What is your favorite outdoor moment/trip?**
As a teenager, I did two long-distance road cycling trips. In 2006, we rode through the Canadian Rockies. We started in Seattle, Washington and went through Vancouver, Whistler, Kamloops, Jasper, Calgary, and finished in Spokane, Washington. On the road from Whistler to Kamloops, we crossed the continental divide over a huge mountain pass. At the top of the pass was a hiking trail that led back to a beautiful blue glacier lake with the peak of the mountain in the background. On top of it being the most beautiful view I have ever seen, it was the most refreshing swim I have ever had.

**Tell us about your Spring Break Trip!**
Where: Fruita, Colorado
Who should go: Anyone and everyone. Beginners welcome!
Why: We will be doing four days of riding and one day of hiking in one of the most beautiful red rock landscapes in the country. We will see impressive cliffs, beautiful canyons, and the mighty Colorado River. This trip is geared towards beginners, with the idea being that participants will leave the trip with a foundational understanding of mountain biking technique and culture. Feel free to contact me with any questions! patwgarner@gmail.com

**Meet Megan Harsh, Leader of Rio Grande Canoeing!**
Megan Harsh is studying Spanish Linguistics and Anthropology here at IU, and is getting ready to graduate come May! She is from Valparaiso and loves everything water.

**Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?**
Growing up and camping with my family, I was always interested in the outdoors. When I went to Quetico Provincial Park in high school for a 10-day canoe trip, I fell in love with it.

**Favorite outdoor moment/trip?**
On the Rio Grande trip, taking a break alongside the river to wash off in hot springs, enjoying the beautiful rock walls to each side.

**Tell us about your spring break trip.**
Where: RIO GRANDE – southern border of Texas
Who should go: It'll be warmer than Indiana and lots more fun!
Why: We'll be canoeing 84 miles of the Rio Grande, hitting a couple of big rapids per day! We'll see beautiful canyon walls and rock formations, sleep under the stars, and take a mid-week break in some hot springs. Sunny weather every day, chilly at night, and almost guaranteed no rain. It's one of my favorite trips! Contact me at megharsh@indiana.edu if you want to know more!
Meet Greg Welage, Leader of Shelf Road Rock Climbing!
Greg just graduated with a degree in Environmental Science. Coming from Greenfield, IN, he is now a climbing addict.

Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?
After taking an intro to environmental science course through SPEA second semester freshman year, I realized I wanted to not only study the environment, but also experience first hand through a variety of outdoor activities. I knew of IUOA from friends that lived in Teter and decided to enroll in a backpacking course and the ITWL course the following semester. Needless to say I got hooked!

Favorite outdoor moment/trip?
My favorite outdoor moment has to visiting Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia. It is the world’s oldest and deepest freshwater lake (it’s over a mile deep!). The entire experience was amazing. I met students from a local university as well as explored the lake and surrounding area. Two of the highlights include swimming in the freezing water and seeing the world’s only freshwater seals that are native to the lake.

Tell us about your spring break trip.
Where: Shelf Road (Canon City, CO)
Who should go: Anyone and everyone!
Why: Join us for rock climbing in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains at Shelf Road, an internationally renowned sport climbing area southwest of Colorado Springs. No previous climbing experience is needed! Instruction is included as well as all necessary climbing gear such as shoes, helmets, harnesses, ropes, etc. We will be tent camping on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land within minutes of the nearly 1,000 climbs available. The climate of the area is a high desert environment with warm temperatures reaching around 60 degrees during the day! Feel free to contact me about any questions/concerns at gpwelage@indiana.edu

Meet Bridget Masur, Leader of Grand Canyon Backpacking!
Bridget is studying Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Human Ecology and is a woman of many adventures.

Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?
I parents instilled a strong foundation to be outdoors. In some cases it was Type II fun. I can now look back and appreciate their dedication to give me a healthy childhood. (Even though sometimes I really, REALLY, hated it). At least I can now appreciate it and love it!

Favorite outdoor moment/trip?
I would say seeing the Colorado River for the first time. It was this magnificent emerald green color, a dam must’ve been released. It only stayed like that for a couple hours because when we awoke it was a brown sludge color. That moment of hiking in the canyon and finally seeing the river somehow comforted me. I learned a lot on the Grand Canyon backpacking rip two years ago.

Tell us about your spring break trip.
Where: Grand Canyon, if you haven’t been, you should go.
Who should go: It would be preferred that you have had some backpacking experience in your past. This is a tough, TOUGH, trail and with strong-will and perseverance anything is possible.
Why: Want to see a side of the Grand Canyon that few people experience in their life? This is the trip to do. We will see the crowds but once we get below the canyon walls it’ll be us, the river and the canyon. That’s it. While backpacking we will listen to each other’s stories, learn a thing or two and maybe, just maybe, make some good ol’ fashion memories together! On the ride home we will explore the mystical city of Flagstaff and have some adventures on the drive back. Things may be odd, a little crazy, but we always respect the canyon! You can reach me at bmasur@indiana.edu

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Take a moment to learn about Theodore Roosevelt, the “Wilderness Warrior.”

Born October 27, 1858 in the bustling city of Manhattan, New York, Theodore Roosevelt found a love for zoology at an early age. From scavenging in the city and hunting on camping trips, Roosevelt was able to practice taxidermy on a collection of mice, bats, and squirrels. He was very skilled, and as a young adult he donated hundreds of stuffed animals to the American Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian.

Roosevelt later studied at Harvard University and frequently visited North Dakota after graduating, unsure of his plans for the future. Roosevelt loved the “Cowboy lifestyle” and found himself happiest hunting and riding horses across the Badlands. He began writing heavily, publishing books about living in the wilderness, American History, and politics.

With his influence as President of the United States, Roosevelt was able to apply his passion for animals and nature to an active movement to protect America’s wildlife. He was a leader in multiple projects to conserve the United States lands as he created 5 National Parks, 51 federal bird sanctuaries, and 150 National Forests. The Grand Canyon, Olympic National Park, and Yosemite Valley are simply a few protected areas to name thanks to Roosevelt. In total, he helped in the preservation of roughly 230 million acres of the United States. As he was one of the first to advocate for importance of nature conservation, Theodore Roosevelt has been deemed by historians as the “Wilderness Warrior” for his lasting projects and legacy.

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Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased directly from the Buskirk-Chumley Theater (812)323-3020, www.buskirkchumley.org Both nights will include incredible prize giveaways from our amazing sponsors.

Ticket prices for one night of the event are:
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Join us for this journey whose origins are rooted in the traditions of the French fur traders, the voyageurs.

Don’t miss out on IUOA’s 2015 Canoe Canada adventure! It promises to be the trip of a lifetime.

“You will get to enjoy picking blueberries from Blueberry Island, filleting the fish you caught yourself, hiking with a 60 lb canoe on your shoulders, and being three days away from civilization. I really think that everyone needs to experience perfection!” -Emily Darnell

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Join us this Spring Break as we visit the great west to mountain bike among the beautiful red rocks. The canyons located outside of Fruita are home to some of the most picturesque rides in the country. Sign up now or attend our info meeting Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the IUOA classroom.

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Join us for a fun filled week on the majestic Rio Grande River! Spend your days taking in the scenic views from the bow of a canoe and your nights mesmerized by the thousands of stars in the sky. Sign up now or attend our info meeting Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the IVOA classroom.

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Far below the rim and free from the crowds, our quiet, small group will journey deep into the heart of the canyon. Join us on an exceptional 5-day hike from high atop the rim to the dramatic contour of the canyon walls, along the Colorado River. Info meeting February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the IUOA classroom.

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