Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy 2014! Here’s to a new year, new semester, and new adventures! We hope everyone had a relaxing and fun break! Two trips who enjoyed both South and North Florida sure did...

One group kayaked the 10,000 Islands and Everglades and saw dolphins, sharks, rattlesnakes, starfish, scorpions, and ‘gators—oh my! Another group backpacked on the Florida Trail up in the chillier Panhandle and completed 44 miles along the Blackwater River. Join us next winter as we tackle another section of this famous trek.

Eight OA leaders learned new skills on the Expedition Leadership training course. Those brave souls backpacked in the Monogahela National Forest across bogs, frozen creek trails, raging creeks, and endured a windy night well below zero.

If you are looking for some adventure check out the trips listed on pages 4 to 6. We would love to bring you with us!

Don’t forget to check out the poster sale being held in the Georgian room (IMU) this week only. Portions of the proceeds benefit IUOA.
Once a month we recognize one of our Trip Leaders for their hardwork and dedication.

Meet Emily Darnell!
Everyone say hello to Emily! Emily is a sophomore from Greenwood, IN and is studying Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management with a double major in Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Human Ecology. She’s also a volunteer at the Bloomington Township Fire Dept. and recently achieved a certification as a Wilderness EMT, the highest medical certification in outdoor leadership.

What is one of your favorite outdoor experiences?
Sitting in a canoe, viewing the bald eagles soaring overhead, with the sun shining down, leaning over and filling my nalgene from the perfect waters of Quetico Provincial Park ranks number one on my list. A close second would have to be the second time I went through the mangrove tunnels on Turner River on the Everglades Coastal Kayaking trip and saw an alligator two inches from me, if I would have put my hand in the water I would have touched it! Basically any time I am on the water, I am in heaven.

Tell us about your next adventure trip.
Rio Grande Canoeing over Spring Break! We will white-water canoe on the Rio Grande River, sleep under the stars each night and even get to visit some hot springs, but most importantly I am leading with Brian Fitzgerald and Megan Harsh... Need I say more? BUT! My next adventure after that is Canoe Canada 2014, Every single part of the trip is wonderful. 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 this wilderness perfection!

What is your dream adventure?
My dream adventure would be to backpack around Europe, more specifically from Italy to Switzerland. I have a few connections in Switzerland that will hopefully take me in for a few days and show me around the country. I have some high hopes that these dreams will come true if I get accepted into a summer study abroad program in Venice!

Three interesting facts:
1. Went skydiving with my 77 year young grandfather this summer!
2. I have big dreams of becoming a firefighter when I grow up.
3. Worst luck ever! If there is a situation where something could go wrong, it goes wrong, without a doubt.
1. Select a level, non-rocky area with plenty of nearby snow. Dig out all snow from the area you've selected. Add an extra foot or two then you think you'll need.

2. Now, shovel all that snow back into the area you've just cleared. Add snow from the surrounding area creating a pile as high as desired, with a rounded top. Do not pack the snow!

3. Practice patience as you wait 1 to 4 hours for the snow to naturally pack down. We call this gravity.

4. On the down-wind side of the snow mass, begin digging out the entrance by tunneling downward and in. Keep it small—just big enough to crawl through will do.

5. Dig out the interior carefully; leave a thick base of insulating snow on the floor, as well as at least a foot of snow in the ceiling. Keep the ceiling low as to minimize heat loss. Placing foot long sticks in the snow can serve as guides.

6. Finish the deed by poking air two air holes on opposing sides of the roof.

Follow these steps on the next snow day to create a snow fort, or perhaps on your next multi-day snowy expedition you’ll set base camp up in a quinzhee!
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.

Join us for a fun filled week of canoeing 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 blanketing the night’s sky.

To sign up visit IUA or Call 812.855.2231 outdoors.indiana.edu
Join us for 6 days of rock climbing in Colorado! The renowned Shelf Road in the rockies has been called “a sport climber’s mecca” with nearly 1,000 bolted routes on high-quality, pocketed limestone! Be sure to sign up for this exciting trip!

Come join us in exploring a gem of the west, Zion National Park! Carry everything you need in your backpack as you Stare up at colorful sandstone cliffs and experience the depth and beauty of the canyons, all while sleeping under clear western skies.

**** Waitlist ****
Is a trip full that you would like to join? The next best thing is the waitlist. If a spot becomes available, it will be offered to the waitlist, beginning with the first person. And in some cases, if the waitlist is long enough, it is possible that we may open a second trip to the same location.
To join a waitlist, call 812.855.2231.

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Join us this summer for an out of this world adventure in Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario! Spend a week canoeing and camping within the pristine Canadian wilderness. Highlights include paddling, fishing, beautiful scenery, and cliff jumping!

**BACK TO SCHOOL POSTER SALE**

Support IUOA by decorating your walls!

Mon. Jan 13 – Fri. Jan 17
9 am – 6 pm

IMU Georgian Room, above Sugar ‘n Spice

Most posters are $5 to $10
Cash, Card, & Campus access accepted
Where are we...?

Eigenmann Hall, Room 020
1900 E 10th Street
Bloomington, IN 47406

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Want to be featured in the newsletter? Submit an OA trip review, a gear review, a skills how-to, etc. to oareach@indiana.edu.

Connect with Us!

Trip announcements, shop sales, route setting dates, class openings, etc!

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