I’m sure we didn’t have to remind you. As March comes around, the office is buzzing with excitement for our upcoming trips. It is one packed year with 6.5 trips going across the country. We will be heading to Fruita, The Grand Canyon, Big South Fork (Spots open! Sign up by March 3rd!), Shelf Road (x1.5), and The Rio Grande (x2). Cheers to feeling warm under the sun in the very near future.

Speaking of Spring Break, send us your photos from your adventures! We are featuring another photo contest this year, details on page 4.

This month we are featuring our beloved Senior Retail Specialist, Abby Nawrocki. She has worked for IUOA for many years, and we are sad to lose her. While you read, don’t forget to check out details on our climbing wall, featured gear, and an outdoor legend, Aldo Leopold.

Every year, the Trip Leader Club hosts BANFF Mountain Film Festival at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre, learn about this event on page 5.

Speaking of annual events, it is time to sign up for Canoe Canada! Every year we hit the boundary waters in Quetico Provincial Park, one of the most pristine natural areas. Read about this incredible opportunity on page 6.
Once a month we recognize one of our Staff for their hard work and dedication.

Meet Abby Nawrocki!
Everyone say hello to Abby!
Abby is a Senior studying Supply Chain Management and International Business. She comes to us from Crystal Lake, Illinois, filling the big shoes of Senior Retail Specialist.

Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?
Growing up spending the summers at my lake house in Wisconsin. I was a fish, always in the water, canoeing, sailing, tubing, waterskiing, paddle boating, swimming, and fishing. We would have bonfires at night were we would cook “smurfs” (my grandpa’s version of a s’more). The whole family would spend weeks there, cousins, aunts, uncles, EVERYONE! It was awesome.

How did you start at OA?
Freshman year I was a participant on the IUBeginnings trip “Agua”. We went whitewater kayaking at App Rivers. Then sophomore year my dad called me and told me I needed to get a job so I walked into IUOA and had an interview with Walker and Ginelle. I was hired on the spot and I have been here ever since. Dustin promoted me to Senior Retail Specialist in 2013 and here I sit, entering in new Mountain Hardware apparel into our POS system as I type.

What is your favorite outdoor moment/trip?
Hangzhou, China. We went to a tea garden outside of Shanghai and it was crazy amazing. We hiked to the top of a mountain where there was a temple and we lit these sparkler things and we asked Buddha for good fortune and wealth and health. We taste tested a bunch of different teas. It was beautiful.

Tell us about your next adventure.
I will be moving to Los Angeles, California in May after I graduate. I am starting a big person job with DHL, which is a logistics company who runs warehouses for Toy-R-Us, Walmart, Target and the like. I want to move out a month before I start work and camp on the beach. It will be the adventure of a lifetime. People should sign up for IU trips though because it is extremely important to put yourself outside of your comfort zone, to try new things and to meet new people. Signing up for an IU trip makes you a better person.

Three interesting facts:
1. I played Ice Hockey for 15 years and did a little coaching here in Bloomington for the young girls.
2. I have traveled to Central America, Europe and Asia and I am only 21! Think of the possibilities to come.
3. I have psoriasis but it is on my scalp so you can’t really see it.

Most embarrassing moment?
It is a hilarious story but inappropriate. Also, I have never told anyone, ever.
Come Climb!

Bouldering Wall

IUOA offers students and the public an amazing opportunity out of our office space: a bouldering wall. This wall is home to many different routes of varying grades. What makes the wall truly special is the opportunity we offer our annual members, the chance to set their own routes. If a person pays a low fee for an annual membership, they are invited to our route setting sessions where they learn to set their own routes, regardless of skill level.

We are hosting our first ever Bouldering Competition on March 29, 11:00 a.m. Optional donations benefit The Trip Leader Club, an organization that funds training and conferences for our trip leaders. This competition will cater to all skill levels.

Day Pass - $6
Annual Pass - $60

Featured Gear Item

Pants!

March into the Season in New Pants

25% Off for the Month of March

Get in to buy a pair of pants before the fighting breaks out. All of our pants, from Columbia to Mountain Hardwear, all pocketed and zippered pants are on sale for this month only. Winter may be over, but do not get caught in the spring chill without a good pair of pants for your next adventure.

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Spring Clothing
Including:

Windbreakers
Wicking Shirts
Shorts
Light Jackets
Belay Devices
B.A.Gear Chalk Bags

New Gear
Shop Items
Ye’ Old Outdoor Leaders

Take a moment to learn about Aldo Leopold, ecologist, forester, conservationist, environmentalist.

Born in Burlington, Iowa on January 11, 1887, Aldo Leopold would become one of the most influential figures in land conservation ethic. Growing up, Aldo was always outside. His father frequently took Aldo and his siblings outside, hunting and exploring. Aldo always expressed interest in identifying species and learning about the world that surrounded him. He would grow up to attend Yale University to study forestry, a relatively new area of study.

Aldo worked for many years with the Forest Service. During his work, he developed a new theory for land management. For many years, land managers believed that hunting out the predators of a landscape increased game and helped the ecosystem. However, Leopold realized the massive effect that this had on the land and animals in the area. Species were less healthy and the land degraded at a significant rate. From his studies, Aldo developed The Land Ethic. This new philosophy defined a new relationship between humans and nature. Essentially, this ideology stated that the human and natural communities should work together for the mutual benefit of both. The land should neither be stripped of all resources, nor should it be made entirely separate from man.
Rentals Items for the Season

- Tents
- Backpacks
- Rain Tarps
- Crazy Creeks
- Sleeping Bags

Interested in Working in the Shop?

Accepting Applications for Adventure Specialist Now!

Contact Nicci Brown at brownnc@indiana.edu for more information

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Indiana University Outdoor Adventures’ 13th Annual Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

The Banff Mountain Film Festival, a program of The Banff Centre, is the largest and one of the most prestigious mountain festivals in the world. Indiana University Outdoor Adventures is excited to bring the Banff Mountain Festival World Tour to Bloomington at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater on March 28th (7:00 pm) and 29th (5:00 pm). Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. Experience different films each night!

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:
$15 for general admission and free for children under 5 years old.

Is one night not enough? Buy a Festival Pass for entry to both Saturday & Sunday.
$27 for general admission festival pass.

For more information about ticket sales please contact the Buskirk-Chumley Theater at (812) 323-3020 or Indiana University Outdoor Adventures at (812) 855-2231.
Canoe Canada with us!

July 6-16, 2015
$975

Few trips take you as deep into the wilderness as this unique Canadian expedition. We will drive up to Quetico Provincial Park and spend a week canoeing and camping within the pristine wilderness. Quetico has been recognized as one of the top 5 places in the world to paddle and is well known for its scenery and remoteness.

A typical day could include paddling, fishing, beautiful campsites, cliff jumping, waterfalls, picturesque sunsets, and water so clean you can drink directly from the lakes. The park also boasts a variety of wildlife from moose to bald eagles and is recognized worldwide for its incredible fishing.

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.

Interested in more information?

Call-out Meeting:
March 10th and 24th at 7 P.M.
IUOA (Eigenmann Hall) room #020

“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

To sign up visit IUOA or Call 812.855.2231
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Bouldering Wall & Gear Shop Hours

Sunday 2-6
Monday 12-8
Tuesday 12-6
Wednesday 12-6
Thursday 12-6
Friday 12-6
Saturday 10-2

Where are we...?

Eigenmann Hall, Room 020
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Bloomington, IN 47406

Submit an Article

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

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