Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”
- Albert Camus

The trees are bright with color, the air is crisp, and our mouths are watering at the thought of pumpkin pie. Here at IUOA, we are loving the change of weather, as it makes for perfect adventures.

This week we are sending off our first adventure trip of the year! We are off to Michigan to paddle the Pine River. It should be a trip to remember among the changing leaves of fall. Next up, we are off to the Appalachian Trail for a nine day adventure over Thanksgiving Break. Be a part of this epic journey, adding one more leg to our quest to hike the entire AT. We are also headed to the legendary Red River Gorge of Kentucky to rock climb for five days. Scale the sandstone cliffs and make it home for Thanksgiving dinner!

This issue is full of great stuff, including the legend Tenzing Norgay, one of the first two men to summit Everest. Also, we have a special deal for Roctober for all the climbers out there. Not to mention a feature of one of our river rats, Lorin De Spirito. IUOA is also hosting the Student Summit for the first time, look for more information on page 7.
Once a month we recognize one of our Trip Leaders for their hard work and dedication.

Meet Lorin De Spirito!
Everyone say hello to Lorin!
Bridget is a Senior from Bloomington, IN!!!!!!! And is studying Outdoor Recreation. She loves many outdoor activities, from rock climbing to whitewater rafting.

Where did you get your interest in the outdoors?
My very first camping experience was when I was in 3rd grade. My mom, dad, and two younger brothers all lived together in a 16 foot camper in Washington D.C. It really helped me appreciate the outdoors.

How did you start at OA?
When I was a freshman living on the Teter Elkin Outdoor LLC floor, I had my first ever experience with Tyler Kivland....

What is your favorite outdoor moment/trip?
My favorite outdoor moment occurred 2 summers ago when I was a raft guide in Idaho Springs, Colorado on the Clear Creek River. My very last trip of the summer I was given the opportunity to run the intermediate section with customers for my first time. I had seen the section multiple times, but had never personally guided the raft. It was the most enthusiastic crew of the summer (they had no idea that I had not guided that section EVER). The very end of the section entailed 2, 10 foot waterfalls, both class 4, plus Beaver 1 and Beaver 2. The routes were extremely difficult with only one route on each to hit. On Beaver 2, if you’re entire raft does not high side front left, your boat will flip. I had one chance to show my crew, myself, and my company what I got. All of my co-workers, bosses, and friends were waiting at the end of the rapid to see how I performed. I made it down the 10 foot waterfall alive, no flipped boat, and all of my crew!

Tell us about your next adventure trip.
Spring Break Rafting!!! Everyone should sign up for this trip because it could be a once in a life time chance to visit some of the most beautiful rivers possible. You also have the opportunity to meet wonderful people, make new friends, and create awesome memories.

What is your dream adventure?
To climb the tallest mountain on the moon.

Three interesting facts:
1. I began my dreadlock journey 2 years ago while I was on my first whitewater rafting training. After this experience, I began creating a dread for each trip I lead that had a lasting impression on me. Ask me about any!
2. When I was in 7th grade I went to Alaska to watch the start of the Iditarod where I was in contact with a dog rescue organization. The last day I was there, they found my dog, Denali, and she flew home weeks later when she was 8 weeks old!
3. I have seen my favorite band, Papadosio, over 20 times in one year.
**Ye Ol’ Outdoor Leaders**

Take a moment to learn about **Tenzing Norgay**, one of the first to climb Mount Everest.

Today, successful summits of Mount Everest are not unheard of. The world’s tallest summit can be reached through guiding services, but there once was a time when Everest was perceived to be insurmountable. That was until Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay made the first successful summit on May 28, 1953.

Tenzing spent much of his life growing up in the Himalayan Mountains. In 1935, Tenzing, with relatively little experience was given his first opportunity to climb Everest as part of a British expedition. From then on, he was a frequent part of expeditions sent from various countries in attempts to bag the world’s tallest peak. But it wasn’t until 1953 that he truly got his break.

While climbing a section of Everest, Edmund Hillary fell into a crevasse. If it were not for Tenzing’s quick action, rigging an ice axe, Hillary probably would have died. From then on, Hillary considered Tenzing the best climbing partner he could have. When the time came on May 28, the two men summited the mountain together. When asked who should be credited as the first to step on the summit, one man responded, “They reached it together, as a team.”

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**Chalk Up to Send Your Next Project!**

**Chalk bags 10% off for Rock-tober!**

Our gear shop features B.A.Gear chalk bags, from Bloomington’s own Josh Fowler. These custom, hand made chalk bags are one of a kind, there are never duplicates coming out of Josh's shop. IUOA has a great stock of these bags for sale, for your climbing pleasure. Why use climbing chalk? Chalk is a great drying agent, allowing your hands to dry out during those tough pitches of climbing where the finger sweat builds up. Chalk is absolute must for an avid climber. So stop in while supplies last!
Fall Beauty near Bloomington

Check out the following locations this fall to experience the leaves on the trail, from a fire tower, or near the lake!

**Brown County State Park:** 1405 S.R. 46 W. Nashville, IN 47448

Brown County is one of the most beautiful state parks in Indiana. With plenty of trails, ranging for horse use, to hiking, to strict mountain biking, the park can be traveled in many different ways. Rolling hills, beautiful vistas, and look out towers highlight the park. The park does require a gate fee, but the range of activities are worth it. Nicknames like “The Little Smokies” are not handed out lightly, as it resembles the beautiful national park. At only thirty minutes away, compared to the six hours to the national park, you can get your hiking in much easier at Brown County State Park.

**Hickory Ridge Fire Tower,** Charles C. Deam Wilderness, Hoosier National Forest, Polk, IN 47401

Fire towers were once lived in by employees of land management agencies to spot and prevent forest fires. Today, many fire towers still stand. One of which is located in Indiana’s only Wilderness areas, the Charles C. Deam Wilderness. Located just off of 446, about half an hour away. The wilderness can be yours to explore. The fire tower offers a spectacular view of the Hoosier National Forest, you can see the trees changing color for miles. If you are lucky, you may even see a family of flying squirrels living in the roof of the tower. Last spotted at sunset by one of our leaders, five squirrels jumped from the tower and glided into the forest. So be sure to check out this area for its trails, tower, and wildlife.

**Yellowwood State Forest:** 772 South Yellowwood Road, Nashville, IN 47448

Yellowwood is a beautiful location located about twenty minutes outside of Bloomington. Home to the unique yellowwood tree, the forest offers rare growth seen this far north. The yellowwood, more common to the south features a bright yellow heartwood with beautiful compound leaves. To couple this specimen, the forest is full of maples, oaks, and even pine trees. This diversity offers a spectacular display of leaves come fall. Yellowwood Lake is located just inside the forest, with a hiking trail surrounding it, a great way to view the forest.
This Thanksgiving, we are hiking a 30+ mile section of the fabled Appalachian Trail. One day, we hope to complete the entire trail through our many trips. First up, we are hiking from Tellico Gap to the Fontana Dam, which edges up to the Smoky Mountain National Park. Come experience the beauty of the trail with us on this 8 day trip, full of vistas and memories that only backpacking can provide.

Nonmandatory info meeting on October 19th, at 8 p.m. in IUOA

To sign up, visit IUOA or call 812.855.2231

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Join us for the 5th Annual Heartland Region Student Summit! This year the Summit will take place at Bradford Woods in Martinsville, IN, November 13th through 15th.

This event’s mission is “to empower students to create their own professional mission statements to become better prepared, better informed emerging professionals.” To achieve this goal, the summit includes workshops where you can both present or attend. Also, there will be research presentations, a keynote presentation, social and professional development opportunities, and of course some thrilling evening entertainment.

Registration is live and the Early Bird rate (through october 23rd) is $100, presenter rate only $85. Call to register at 812/855.2231 today! More information on our website!
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- Friday: 12-6
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