



NATIONAL WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE

Building a Wilderness Stewardship Community

Time	Topic	Speaker/Panel
Thursday – October 24		
5:00-6:15	Conference Pre-registration	Front Desk Lobby
6:30-9:30	Evening Social - Informal gathering	Stillwell's Lounge
Friday – October 25 – Timbers Conference Room – second floor		
9:00	Bringing Us Together – Opening Session – NWSA National Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Purpose and Vision • Overview of Agenda • Daily Logistics 	Doug Scott – NWSA Board Chair NWSA Board Members
9:30	Keynote session	Doug Scott
10:30	Break	Mini group discussions
11:00	Local panel - Engaging Urban Youth	Gabe Garcia, Bobby Vega and Sandy Bonilla
12:00	Small Group Brain-storming	Find a friend and discuss topics over lunch
1:00	The Financial Side of How to Work with a Federal Agency	Randy Welsh – USFS
2:00	Making Naturally Good Connections To An Under-Served Community - The challenges, the rewards, and the lessons	Bill Hodge – Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS)
2:45	Break	Mini group discussions
3:15	How to develop or improve your communication strategies from content creation, to distribution, and follow-through.	Adam Andis – Communications Director, Sitka Conservation Society
4:00	Stewardship as the Sincerest Form of Advocacy	Phil Hough, Executive Director, Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Sandy Compton, Program Coordinator, FSPW
5:00	Adjourn For Day	
5:30	Happy Hour	Stillwell's Lounge
	Enjoy your dinner in Big Bear	

Saturday – October 26 – Timbers Conference Room – second floor		
8:30	Bringing it Back Together - Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of Day 1 Daily Logistics 	Doug Scott
9:00	NEPA and the project approval process	Hawk Metheny – New England Regional Director, Appalachian Trail Conservancy
10:00	Group Stewardship Outings	Andrew Schurr – Stewardship Coordinator Friends of the Inyo
10:45	Break	Mini group discussions
11:15	Today's Challenges and 21st Century Solutions - From a bleak GAO Report to a Golden Opportunity	Bill Hodge – Director, Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS)
12:00	Box Lunch	Topic Leaders - Small Group Discussions
1:00	Volunteer Retention	Andrew Schurr – Stewardship Coordinator Friends of the Inyo
2:00	Fundraising – Digital and Otherwise	Shaaron Netherton & Darcy Shepard – Friends of Nevada Wilderness
2:45	Break	Mini group discussions
3:15	Sustaining your Friends Group	Dave Cantrell – Poudre Wilderness Volunteers
4:00	Pick the Perfect Shot – taking and selecting the photo that fits the story	Adam Andis – Communications Director, Sitka Conservation Society
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4:30	End Workshops	
5:30	Saturday Evening Social gathering	Stillwell's bar
6:00	Closing Dinner	NWSA Board Hosts
7:00	Final Comments, Thanks and Film NatGeo – Pacific Crest Trail	NWSA Board
9:00	Adjourn	
Sunday – October 27 – Field Trip/Stewardship Work		
9:00	Stewardship Project in the San Geronio Wilderness	Bob Hazelton The project crew will be repairing a small washed out section of the Aspen Grove Trail. There will be time to visit the aspen grove area although the leaves are likely to have fallen.