**National Wilderness Workshop**

October 2-5, 2017

Lake Point Conference Center, Russellville, Arkansas

**Workshop Agenda**

**Monday, October 2nd**

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| **Hour** | **Events** |
|  | **La Quinta Inn, Russellville** |
| 5:00 – 6:00 | Early Registrationand refreshments |
| 6:00 – 6:30 | Opening Remarks and Welcome |
| 6:30 – 9:00 | SocializeCash Bar - Refreshments will be served |

**Tuesday, October 3rd at Lake Point Conference Center**

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| **Hour** | **Events** |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Registration at Lake Point Conference Center – Shuttles from La Quinta Inn |
|  | **Main Training Room - C** |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | **Introductions and Opening Remarks**Randy Welsh, National Wilderness Stewardship AllianceHeather MacSlarrow – Society of Wilderness StewardshipLocal Host – Chuck Bell, AIM for Wilderness StewardshipAgency Representative – Sue Spear, USDA Forest Service |
| 8:45 – 10:00 | **General Plenary 1 – History Lessons of Ozark Wilderness*** Overview of Missouri/Ozark wilderness areas – Richard and Toni Spener
* Lessons from Illinois wilderness designations – Dr. Glenn Poshard
* Lessons from the Arkansas people - Johnny Carroll Sain
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Break |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | **General Plenary 2 – Wilderness Happenings*** Wilderness Character: Past, Present, and Future – Elizabeth Mejicano, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, Wilderness Research Fellow
* The View from the Wilderness Steering Committee – Sandy Skrien, National Wilderness Program Manager, USDA Forest Service
* USFS Trail Strategy and NFS Trail Stewardship Act – Jaime Schmidt – National Trail Manager, USDA Forest Service
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| 12:00 – 1:30 | **Lunch Buffet – Dining Hall - Italian Buffet****Keynote Speaker: Anders Reynolds, Pew Trusts – “How Washington Views Wilderness”** |
|  | **Main Room - C** | **Training Room B** | **Hickory Lodge** |
| 1:30 – 3:00 | Concurrent Sessions 1 |
| Track 1Volunteer Stewardship | Track 2Wilderness Management  | Track 3Wilderness Science |
| **Core Competencies for Traditional Tool Skills**Sandy Skrien, Forest ServiceBill Hodge, SAWSHeather MacSlarrow, SWSPete Duncan, Forest Service* Saw Policy Implementation
* Core Competency Effort
* Training Models
 | **Buffalo River / Ozark Wilderness Issues Panel**Tony Collins – NPSKirk Wasson – Ozark Society* Prescribed Fire
* Trail-less Areas
* Feral Hogs
 | **Mountain Goat Education Ambassador Program** – Sandy Compton, Friends of Scotchman Peaks**Cave and Karst Management in Wilderness –** Charles Bitting, NPS |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | Break |
| 3:30 – 5:00 | Concurrent Sessions 2 |
| Track 1Volunteer Stewardship | Track 2Wilderness Management | Track 3Wilderness Employment |
| **Stewardship Groups: Best Fit for Wilderness and Your Community**Chuck Bell, AIM for Wilderness StewardshipMargaret Shaklee, Chair Poudre Wilderness VolunteersRandy Rasmussen, Director Public Lands and Policy, BCHAA volunteer wilderness stewardship group, to be successful, must reflect the community in which it is based.  The demographics of its community must be carefully considered in shaping the structure, internal organization and operating approach so that it can successfully recruit both volunteers and resources to fulfill its mission.   | **Wilderness Character Monitoring**Heather MacSlarrow, SWSWilderness Fellows* Completing Wilderness Character Baseline Assessments
* Tracking changes over time
* Approaches to ongoing Wilderness Character monitoring
* Agency databases
* Update on training modules and guidance for WCM
* Latest Updates Fellows Program
 | **How to Find a Job with a Federal Agency****Recruitment and Job Opportunities**David Torok – Forest Service |
| 5:00 – 5:30 | Free Time – Start Happy Hour – Set-up Poster Event |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Happy Hour – Cash Bar – Poster Event |
| 6:00 – 7:30 | **Dinner Buffet – Socializing – Dining Room - Southern Comfort Dinner Buffet** |
| 7:30 – 9:00 | Evening Entertainment – Wilderness Related Film Shorts |
| 8:00 – 9:30 | Shuttle Service to Hotels and Lake Point |

**Wednesday, October 4th**

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| **Hour** | **Field Trips** |
|  | **Lake Point Conference Center** |
| 7:30 – 8:00  | Shuttles from La Quinta Hotel to Lake Point Conference Center |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | Load Field Trip Vans |
| 8:30 – 5:00 | Field Trips – see Separate Descriptions |
| 5:00 – 5:30 | Return to Lake Point Center |

**Thursday - October 5th**

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| **Hour** | **Event** |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Shuttles from La Quinta Hotel to Lake Point Conference Center |
|  | **Main Room - C** | **Training Room B** | **Hickory Lodge** |
| 8:30 – 10:00 | Concurrent Sessions 7 |  |
| Track 2Wilderness Management | Track 1Volunteer Stewardship | Track 3Wilderness Education |
| **WSP Implementation**Eric Sandeno, Forest Service**-** Model of WSP- Progress over time- WSP Internal and External Grant Programs | **Best Practices on Communications****Using Social Media to Aid Fundraising**Anne Baker, NWSA* Using Social Media
* Newsletters
* Emails
 | **Better Nature Photography** Steve Duzan, retired Forest Service* How to use photos to better showcase your group and activities

**Incorporating Wilderness Education into your Group’s Activities**Jay Post, Assistant Professor, Arkansas Tech University* Using the Wilderness Education Association curriculum
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Break |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Concurrent Sessions 8 |
| Track 3Volunteer Stewardship | Track 1Wilderness Science | **Pavilion**Track 2Wilderness Management |
| **Financial Mgt for Non-Profits**Dr. Jeff Augler, Arkansas TechBuilding a Business Plan* Components and Uses

**Fundraising Strategies****Working with Foundations**Carolyn Ishee, Director of Major Gifts, Arkansas Tech**NWSA Grant Opportunities****Grant Writing Workshop**Randy Welsh, NWSA | **Recreation Impact Research and Visitor Use Management (VUM)****Sustainable Trail and Camping Management**Jeff Marion – Virginia Tech UniversityJeremy Wimpey – Applied Trail Research – Penn State* Recreation Impact Research and Visitor Use Management (VUM)
* Sustainable Trail and Camping Management
* Update on AT and PCT Research Findings and Implications
 | **WSP Roundtable** 15 minutes for element overview, discussion, and examples of deliverables and then rotate to next table.Elements discussed: * Air Quality Values
* Invasive Species
* Motorized Equipment/Mechanical Transport Use Authorizations,
* Natural Role of Fire
* Opportunities for Solitude
* Primitive and Unconfined Recreation
* Recreation Sites
* Trails.
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| 12:00 – 1:30 | **Lunch with Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System****“Building Diversity into Wilderness Management” - Dining Hall****Dagwood Sandwich Buffet** |
| 1:30 – 3:00 | Concurrent Sessions 9 |
|  | Track 1Wilderness Science | Track 3Volunteer Stewardship  | **Pavilion**Track 2Wilderness Management |
|  | **Wilderness Economic Research**Tom Holmes, Southern Research Station, Forest ServiceWilderness Economics Working Group* Report on Values and Benefits of Wilderness
* Multi-Agency Wilderness Permits Database
 | **Volunteer Stewardship Success Stories**Kelly Pearson, Forest Service* Shawnee NF and Greencorps Chicago
* Sherry Copeland, Missouri Back Country Horsemen
* Chris Ham – Ouachita National Forest
 | **WSP Roundtable****Elements discussed:*** Agency Management Actions
* Education
* Wilderness Character
* Baseline Workforce Capacity
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| 3:00 – 3:30 | Break |
|  | **Training Room C** |
| 3:30 – 5:00 | **General Plenary 3****“Uprooted: An Aspiring Thru-Hiker on the Appalachian Trail”** - Anne Baker, NWSA Board**Closing Comments** |
| 5:00 – 5:30 | Load Shuttle Buses for Lake Dardanelle State Park - Shuttle |
| 5:30 – 6:30 | Social Hour - Silent Auction starts |
| 6:30 – 7:30 | **Dinner** - **Southern Style BBQ****Mountain Music – courtesy of the Buffalo City Ramblers** |
| 7:30 – 8:00 | Music - Silent Auction end at 8:00 |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | Shuttles Return to Lake Point Center and Hotels – See You Next Year! |