

Friends of Mount Evans and Lost Creek Wildernesses

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Join Us for Spring Training May 12-13 - USFS Shawnee Facility

Don't miss this unique opportunity!

To be truly effective as Wilderness Stewards and backcountry hosts, we each must understand the rules and regulations of wilderness, the best approaches for communicating with visitors and Forest Service priorities for monitoring and sustaining wilderness health. Borrowing ideas and best practices from Poudre Wilderness Volunteers and the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, we will be hosting our own training event this year.

Beginning at 8am on Saturday, May 12th through noon on Sunday, May 13th, we will be conducting a combination of classroom and in-the-field training activities. ***With your membership renewal, FOMELC will cover the cost of this training for those volunteers who choose to attend.*** To join us in the field as a USFS Volunteer, this training is required.

At the end of training you will be ready to receive your Wilderness Information Specialist's certificate, a US Forest Service Volunteer uniform and the skills to work as a real wilderness expert.

Contact Mike Israel at mike@fomelc.org or 303-748-8709 if you'd like to hold a spot on the roster.

We'll start the training process with a continental breakfast and orientation at 8am on May 12th. We will spend the morning in the classroom with Leave No Trace experts. After lunch, we will be heading onto the trail to experience a Day-in -the-Life of a Wilderness Volunteer. You will learn what a volunteer does and how you can make a difference on the trail or at the trailhead.

In addition, we will spend time learning about Non-native and Invasive plant species, Wilderness 1st Aid and How to Use a GPS in the wilderness.

Attendees will camp-out on Saturday May 12th at the USFS Packstring ranch with dinner and entertainment provided by FOME &LC.

We will wrap things up with final topics and volunteer assignment options on Sunday morning. Breakfast will be provided.

You can also visit our [website](#) for more information and Volunteer Application.

Leave No Trace Education - Now Part of Spring Training

If we don't learn to "leave no trace" the backcountry will be loved to death. This particularly true in Mt. Evans and Lost Creek, wilderness areas with largest populations in close proximity. "Traces" come in the form of the Physical - changes to the landscape and soil; Biological - disturbance to wildlife and plants ; Social - intrusion on other people.



Leave No Trace principles are the foundation of our work as Volunteers and Friends of Wilderness. A key portion of our Spring Training to get us all prepared for our work as Volunteer Rangers is a morning with LNT experts both in the classroom and in the field. We will hear

- how to plan ahead and prepare for our wilderness excursions
- the logic of hiking and camping on durable surfaces
- how to properly dispose of waste
- why we should leave what we find
- how to minimize the impact of campfires
- how we can show respect for wildlife
- what it means to be considerate of other visitors.

Most importantly, as Wilderness Stewards, we will learn how to apply these principles in our own backyards.



Renew your membership NOW!

You can join at any of the following levels:

Individual - \$50.00

Family - \$75.00

Adopt-a-Trail - \$500.00

Visit our [WEBSITE](#) to donate or mail your check to:

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Visit Us at REI Flagship Saturday, April 14th 10 am - 3 pm

Visit us at our booth this Saturday for REI's annual Get Involved Day. Meet our members, find out about our upcoming training and programs and learn how you can become an active wilderness volunteer and steward.



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with FOME & LC. Please forward this email to anyone who might be interested in joining us on the trail. If you would like to remove yourself from this mailing list, please click the link below.

Sincerely,

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