

# WELCOME



## VOLUNTEER WILDERNESS RANGER

Thank you for signing up with ESWA to be a Volunteer Wilderness Ranger (VWR)! We gain so much joy and satisfaction giving back to the Wilderness that has given us so much. We're able to direct a visitor to the right trail, steer them away from trouble spots, and educate them about the Wilderness. Our VWRs love this work:

*"Doing something I love doing and being able to meet other enthusiasts and share experiences."*

*"We hiked some beautiful trails and met some really wonderful people from all over the world."*



## Your Training Day

Saturday, June 6 in Silverthorne from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please [sign up here](#)! We currently offer one day of training per year, but if this is a conflict for you, email Mike Browning (mfbrowning1952@gmail.com). You'll also be expected to watch a few short videos as a part of training.

## Your Mentor Hike

You will now be ready to go on a 3-4 hour Wilderness patrol with your mentor - a great opportunity to put what you have learned into action, ask questions, and make connections.

## Your Trail Hours

Please try to commit to four patrols and/or trailhead hosting sessions each year. Most of these will be 3-4 hours each. These can be done on the days and times of your choosing, alone or with a friend, and we have lists of Wilderness trails and cheat sheets on them to help.

## Your Fitness Level

In order for you to be an effective Volunteer Ranger, we suggest that you have the ability to hike a few miles (at elevation!) with a daypack. You can also choose to trailhead host, with less physical strain. We hope you enjoy interacting with people, answering questions, and gently educating if the situation encourages it. You will learn more at training.

## Ways to Give Back

There are other ways to contribute to ESWA and the Wilderness. Join us in our Sawyer Program, Llama-Supported Backcountry Work Trips, Social Events, Trail Maintenance/Building Projects, and/or Committees.

## Become a Member

We respectfully ask that you become an ESWA member by [joining here](#) and paying the \$25 dues. This helps offset the cost of training and supplies. If there is financial hardship, please know that you will not be excluded based on this.

## Have a Question?

Please reach out, we are here to help. Call or email Mike Browning, the VWR Committee Chair, at 303-408-0995; mfbrowning1952@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR LOCAL WILDERNESS AREAS WILD!