



THE ARIZONA WILDERNESS COALITION

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June 15, 2015

Greetings!

June is filled with outdoor holidays, from National Trails Day to Father's Day, and World Environment Day through the Summer Solstice. As we celebrate Father's Day, parenting in the natural world offers important lessons for stewarding the environment. Did you know that young male Bobolinks will help other males feed their nestlings? And of course wolf Dads are shining examples of devotion to their mate and pups, protecting the den and bringing food. You can [learn more about wild Dads here](#).

In this issue you'll find ways to be a good parent to the environment through our Wilderness Stewardship trips, supporting our NFF Matching Fund, and patronizing local businesses. Join with other outdoor enthusiasts at our special events at REI and Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co., June 16–18 in Phoenix. And if you're near our offices in Prescott or Tucson, stop by to meet the folks who make these efforts possible – Stewardship Coordinator Brian Stultz, and our newest addition, Office Coordinator Linda Williamson.

Let's get out and enjoy summer in our Arizona wild lands with our parents, kids, friends, partners, and all wild species.

Yours in Wilderness,





Barbara

Barbara Hawke
Executive Director



Welcome Linda!

AWC is delighted to introduce Linda Williamson, our new Office Coordinator based in Tucson. Linda has strong credentials in conservation, having served as a wilderness ranger, planner and wildlife biologist for the Forest Service. Arizona shaped her conservation career through stints with the Coronado National Forest and completion of a B.S. in Conservation Biology at the

University of Arizona. AWC especially appreciates her organizational skills and dexterity in everyone's favorite program, Quickbooks.

Linda is an avid backpacker, climber and runner and notes that "*My time as a Wilderness Ranger defined my personal values and embedded a deep sense of appreciation for the value of wilderness to all humankind. I'm thrilled to again have the opportunity to contribute my skills toward preserving wilderness in Arizona.*"

Learn [more about Linda](#).

Upcoming Wild Stew Events



June 17th :: Food, Friends & a Big 'Ole Thank You!

Join us at the **Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co** for a cold craft beer, great food, and a good friends! It's time to get together to celebrate the dedicated efforts of our Wild Stew volunteers, and officially welcome Brian as the intrepid Wild Stew Coordinator. Let's share some good stories, meet new friends, and have some tasty treats!

Wednesday, June 17th, 6:00pm

Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co.

721 N Arizona Ave, Gilbert ([map/directions](#))

Did you know??

The Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co is a valuable partner to AWC and is offering an annual discount card for those who donate to AWC at the \$50+ level. [Learn more](#).



July 12th :: Trash Clean Up in Fossil Springs Wilderness

Join Wild Stew volunteers for the day as we do a little tidying up in Fossil Springs Wilderness. We will be hiking down to Fossil Springs to pick up trash following the big Fourth of July weekend. As the site will be closed to the public, this is a rare opportunity to experience popular Fossil Springs in relative solitude! Bring a sack lunch and your swimsuit we'll enjoy the afternoon in the water. See

you there!

Sunday, July 12th, 8:00am

Fossil Springs Wilderness

[Learn more & RSVP](#)



Connecting Yoga & Wilderness

Yoga Connection is sharing their love for wilderness throughout June

Warm up your downward dog and head over to The Yoga Connection in Tucson. AWC is excited to be the Charity of the Month for June. Donations received from their "by donation" yoga and meditation classes are contributed to AWC!

The Yoga Connection ([website](#))

3925 E Pima St, Tucson ([map/directions](#))

(5 20) 323-1222



Wild & Weary: Thru-Hiking the Arizona Trail

You've heard about their trek here, and you might've followed their blog, but now is your chance to hear it first-hand! Brian Stultz and Julie Polovitch just ended their thru-hike of the 800+ mile Arizona Trail with a special purpose—raising awareness for precious wild lands along the Trail. Brian, along with Julie (a recent

Prescott College grad and once-AWC student intern), spent many hours restoring trails and ecosystems in forests and canyons across the state. Experience the Arizona Trail through their eyes, and learn how you can help care for Arizona's vanishing wild lands and waters.

Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30pm :: REI Paradise Valley ([RSVP](#))

12634 N Paradise Village Pkwy W, Phoenix ([map/directions](#))

Thursday, June 18th, 6:30pm :: REI Tempe ([RSVP](#))

1405 W Southern Ave, Tempe ([map/directions](#))

The presentations are free, but space is limited – be sure to RSVP!



AZ Wilderness Brew, Last Call

Get yours before June 30th!

Just two weeks left to grab your AZ Wilderness Brewing discount card! As a featured business partner for 2015 the good folks at Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co. in Gilbert, AZ are providing a special discount for new and renewing members of AWC!

Explore the wilds and then head on over for unlimited discounts on appetizers and refreshments. [Learn more and make your contribution of \\$50 or more to](#)

[AWC before June 30th to get your discount card!](#)



The Wild Stew Journal

National Trails Day in Salome Wilderness

A special thanks goes out to the Wild Stew volunteers that made it out to the Salome Wilderness on June 6th for our [National Trails Day](#) event—despite the predicted temperatures near the century mark.

Volunteers repaired numerous rubble walls and constructed new "cobble catchers" on the heavily used Jug Trail. The cloud cover and intermittent rain throughout the day was an important part to making this event successful; summer temperatures in this south facing canyon can exceed 100 degrees. One volunteer braved the cool waters for a short-lived swim in the large pool at the bottom of the Exit Trail. Once again our Wild Stew Coordinator prepared a fantastic dinner and dessert for all to enjoy.





THANK YOU

Sprinkling Thanks

A big thank you to our members and partners who commented on the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) Plan. The official Draft Plan is expected in early 2016, and we'll need all your voices then – [watch our webpage for updates!](#)



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