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Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



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The GARNA Gab - June 2016

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Upcoming Programs/Events

[18th Annual Headwaters Institute](#)

THIS Friday, June 10 * 8:00 am to 5:00 pm * Salida Riverside Park and Scout Hut * Registration will close Thursday at noon

Join us for an all-day workshop for first year river guides and the public presented by Arkansas River Outfitters Association (AROA), Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) and GARNA. Lectures and break-out sessions will be presented by numerous local and regional experts. Topics include the history of the Arkansas Valley, water quality, the effects of global climate change on the Arkansas, wildlife and wildflowers found along the river, and local issues such as the Browns Canyon National Monument designation and "Over the River". **This year's keynote speaker will be Luis Benitez, Colorado's first director of the newly created Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office.** Online registration is available [here](#).

[UAWV Spring Training](#)

[AHRA Volunteer Needs](#)

Volunteers wanted, minimum commitment necessary! If you're passionate about wildlife, flora, or fishing and would like to share that passion and knowledge with others, join AHRA for a 1-3 hour max program. We have Junior Ranger, campground, and interpretive hike programs throughout the summer. We are also starting a fishing program with GARNA and TU, mentors and mentees wanted. Please contact Katie Lotzgesell for more information. 719.539.7289 or email katherine.lotzgesell@state.co.us

[Friends of Fourmile Update](#)

The GARNA Friends of Fourmile Chapter has been busy as usual! Read about what's been happening [here](#).

[GO Leadville! Outdoor Carnival](#)

Saturday, June 11 * 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

GARNA will be in Leadville leading a geospatial scavenger hunt for the GO Leadville! Outdoor Carnival. This fun event is open to the public, learn more [here](#).

[GARNA's Summer Nature Camp](#)

THIS Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12
*** Buena Vista Community Center**

For the second year in a row, the Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers (UAWV) has organized 1 1/2 days of training on the trails. This training is open to the public at NO CHARGE thanks in part to a grant from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) through its "Boots on the Ground" program. Staff from the Leadville and Salida Ranger Districts will be on hand to deliver numerous sessions. Light breakfast will be provided both Saturday and Sunday morning and lunch will be provided on Saturday, all at no charge to participants. See more information [here](#). **RSVPs are required. Please contact Kate Garwood at 719-966-9351** to reserve your place. If you care about the beautiful trails in the Arkansas Valley and would like to do your part to be a good steward of these tremendous resources, this training is for you. We hope you will join us!

[Alpine Wildflower Hike on Cottonwood Pass](#)

Saturday, July 16 * 8:00 am to 3:00 pm * Cottonwood Pass

Alpine wildflowers endure heavy snowfall, bitter wind, intense UV rays, and extreme cold. Learn how these jewels of the plant world survive and even thrive in one of the harshest environments on earth. Participants can expect to hike less than a mile to identify different species of alpine wildflowers at the top of the pass. The hike will be led by longtime GARNA volunteer Marilyn Moore. Marilyn was a Master Gardener in Denver County for 17 years and a horticulture volunteer at Denver Botanic Gardens for 20 years. Online registration is available [here](#). Don't delay, this program always fills up quickly!

[Fishing High Mountain Lakes](#)

Sunday, July 17 * 8:00 am to 3:00 pm * "Found" Lake

Central Colorado contains some of the most pristine alpine lakes in the state and have some of the most beautiful species of fish found in the Colorado Rockies. Tom Parkes will take the group on a short hike in to "Found" Lake just below Cottonwood Pass accessed from the Lost Lake trailhead. This workshop/ hike will cover backpack inventory, high country elements

Day camps taking place in Salida, Buena Vista and Leadville this year!
There is still space in most sessions. Learn more [here](#).



such as lightning, hypothermia, and giardiasis. Tom will help with identity of a few of the main species of trout found in these lakes as well as some of the best fly patterns that have been most productive for him over the years. Online registration is available [here](#).

[Kelly Creek Wildflower Hike](#)

**Saturday, July 30 * 8:00 am to 3:00 pm *
Kelly Creek near Saguache**

Explore summer wild flowers with local wildflower expert Ruth Runge-Barnes. Ruth will share her knowledge and passion as she leads a 4-6 mile hike to identify a wide variety of flowers along Kelly Creek in Saguache County in the San Luis Valley. Ruth describes this hike as an easy ramble on uneven terrain. Online registration is available [here](#). Don't delay, this program always fills up quickly!

Not a GARNA member?

GARNA is the Arkansas River Valley's only local broadly focused conservation and educational institution with non-profit status. GARNA is supported by membership fees. We have over 300 members and growing... [will you join us?](#) Benefits for GARNA members:

- 20% discount on all items at all times in GARNA book and map outlets
- Advanced notification and invitations to special events and activities
- Reduced registration fees for GARNA programs
- Access to GARNA's special interest clubs

Thank you for supporting GARNA and our mission of fostering stewardship of the resources of the greater Arkansas River region through education, volunteerism and experiences.



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