Find Your Place with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

You might recognize some of the faces on this cover. A few are world-class athletes. Others are leaders or business owners. All are Coloradans just like you – individuals from various walks of life from around the state who love the outdoors and are discovering their place in caring for Colorado by volunteering, leading, partnering, supporting, and inspiring with VOC!

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- Location: Red Rocks Park and Open Space, Morrison
- Date: June 10

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- **May 9**
- **June 10**
- **July 16**
- **Aug 10**
- **Aug 12**
- **Aug 19**
- **Aug 20**
- **Aug 24**
- **Sept 7**
- **Sept 9**
- **Sept 16**
- **Sept 29**

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**Leadership Opportunities**

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**VOC Leadership & Skills Training:**
- Free for VOC Interns or individuals volunteering 200+ hours.
- VOC Crew Chief Webinar Training: April 5
- VOC Tool Manager Orientation: April 10
- VOC Spring Trail Skills Training: April 28
- VOC Crew Leader Training: June 3-4

**OSI TRAINEES:**

- **Advanced Ecological Restoration Skills and Leadership Training**
  - April 1-2
  - Lead by VOC Leadership

- **OSI Crew Leader for Trails**
  - Two Day Certification
  - Apr 15-16
  - June 24-25

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**EASY**

Some projects will require only a short commute and can be completed in a few hours. These projects may involve light maintenance, such as trail marking or trail cleaning, which may be suitable for people with limited time or experience.

**MODERATE**

Projects in this category will require some planning and effort. Many projects will involve multi-day trips, with overnight camping available. Participants must be comfortable with the physical demands of the project and be able to participate in the full duration of the project.

**DIFFICULT**

Projects in this category will require a significant commitment of time and effort. Participants should have experience with the physical demands of the project and be prepared to participate in the full duration of the project.

**CAMPING & MEALS INCLUDED**

Projects in this category will include camping gear and meals. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the project site.

**PROJECTS MAY CHANGE**

The projects listed above are subject to change. VOC may add or remove projects at any time.

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Find Your Place with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

You might recognize some of the faces on this cover. A few are world-class athletes. Others are leaders or business owners. All are Coloradans just like you—individuals from various walks of life from around the state who love the outdoors and are discovering their place in caring for Colorado by volunteering, leading, partnering, supporting, and inspiring with VOC!

At a time when our outdoors face threats from natural disasters and recreational overuse, along with diminishing public lands budgets, VOC volunteers are filling critical needs, person-by-person, making a difference on our trails, in our parks, in the high country, along the Front Range, and across the plains. Take a peek inside and find your place with VOC in 2017.

What’s in Store for 2017:

Find Your Wanderlust:
Explore Colorado’s finest treasures and give back at the same time! Join us on the Hanging Lake Trail Restoration project when the trail will be closed to the public, offering a rare opportunity to experience the area’s plunging waterfalls and pristine turquoise-colored lake. Or perhaps you are looking for a free weekend getaway with the family. Enjoy hassle-free camping near beautiful Steamboat Springs, offering fun, supervised outdoor adventures for the kids while adults build the new Dry Lake Trail. Take a look inside at all the places you can discover with VOC in 2017.

Celebrate a “GRAND” Milestone:
We are pulling out all the stops this year as we celebrate our 1000th project. Join us on any of our seven Grand Milestone projects showcasing the importance of volunteers and partners in helping to care for Colorado’s beautiful trails, parks, and open spaces. And be sure to stay tuned for details this fall when we kick off our work boots and put on our dancing shoes at a Grand end-of-season celebration event with music, food, and fun. Don’t miss your chance to be part of our Grand year—look for the inside.

Unleash Your Leadership Potential:
Looking for ways to put your passion for the outdoors to good use? Want to grow your leadership skills? Put the two together this year by joining VOC’s volunteer leadership ranks. Travel throughout Colorado, receive VIP invitations to exclusive events, and build your leadership and technical skills. Check out the Leadership Courses inside to learn how you can become involved as a crew leader, crew chef, or other leadership role that fits your interests.

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