

# Happy Wilderness Winter!



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**ESWA'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL - MARCH 2**  
**YOU'RE INVITED – GET TICKETS TODAY & INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**



**March 2, 2024**

**Riverwalk Center at Breckenridge**

**REEL ACTION**

**Tickets:**

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**Benefitting:**

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Join us for ESWA's biggest fundraising event of the year and enjoy great films and fellowship! ESWA members can buy tickets [here](#) for a \$5 discount.

If you can't make it in person, watch for information on the virtual festival.

If you can volunteer to help that night, we need you! [Contact Karn Stiegelmeier](#).

Also, it's not too late for businesses to contribute items for the prize drawing or the silent auction. If you know anyone interested, please contact Karn.

## **THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR ESWA MEMBERSHIP**

THANKS to everyone who's already joined or renewed ESWA memberships for 2024. But, if you haven't yet had time, please visit our website [here](#) or mail your check to ESWA at P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443 **TODAY**.

Dues start at only \$25/year. Members and donors also get \$5 off their tickets for the WSFF! Memberships are calendar-year based: Renewals/donations received after 10/1/2023 are counted towards your 2024 membership. If you are unsure whether you've renewed for 2024, email [info@eaglesummitwilderness.org](mailto:info@eaglesummitwilderness.org).



We encourage our volunteers to become and remain members, including our Volunteer Wilderness Rangers, Sawyers and Trail Project/Llama Backpackers.

Please be as generous as you can so ESWA can be as effective as we can to continue to help the Forest Service protect, preserve and manage our four amazing local Wilderness Areas.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **ENCOURAGE FRIENDS TO BECOME VWRs**

ESWA members are our best recruiters. If you know someone who might enjoy being a VWR, chat with them about our VWR Program and how rewarding a way it is to give back to our local Wilderness Areas. And it will give you another person to patrol or trailhead host with if you're already a VWR (or become one yourself).

This year's mandatory new VWR training will be held Saturday, June 1 at the Eagles Nest HOA

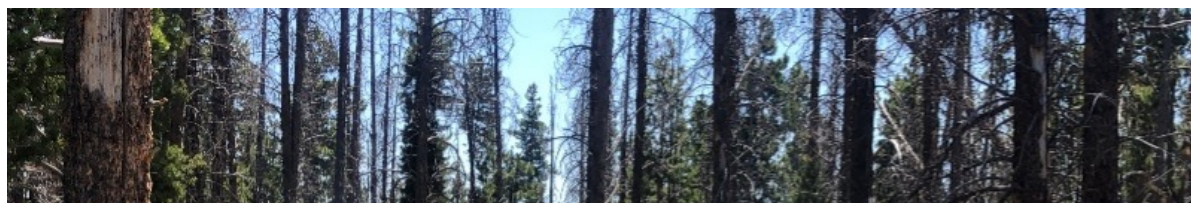


Pavilion in Silverthorne. Interested? Set the date aside, fill out the VWR application near the bottom of the VWR page on our website [here](#), and become a member of ESWA by filling out the membership application [here](#).

We will also offer a refresher course for current VWRs sometime in May. Look for details in upcoming e-newsletters.

### **FIRST AID TRAINING OFFERED TO ESWA SAWYERS (AND MAYBE VOLUNTEER WILDERNESS RANGERS) – MAY 4**

If you are an ESWA certified Sawyer and received your training in 2021, you must renew your certification this year. This requires a current Basic First Aid/CPR certificate. Most first aid certificates expire after 2-3 years. This year, ESWA is offering a Basic First Aid/CPR course to all existing ESWA Sawyers at no cost on May 4 at Copper Mountain. This all-day course will cover basic first aid and CPR in the morning, and then we'll practice with fun field exercises in the afternoon (no real blood will be spilled, hopefully). Interested? - contact Eric Malmberg [here](#). If space remains, the course will be open to ESWA VWRs on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're a VWR but not a Sawyer, email Eric to get on his "as space is available" list.





## REMEMBERING ESWA FRIEND JOHN SCHUETTE



ESWA has lost a good friend and generous supporter with the passing of JOHN SCHUETTE on January 21. John, his wife Barbara, and daughter Amanda are responsible for the beautiful boardwalk on the Mesa Cortina trail, created in memory of son and brother Beau. Read about it and see the video at <https://www.eaglesummitwilderness.org/special-projects>.

## [WEBSITE SURVEY](#)

We are investigating changes to ESWA's website. We would like your thoughts on our current site. If you haven't already completed the survey, we would appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete the survey by [clicking here](#). Although the survey uses your email in order to make sure you are only surveyed once, we have opted not to have that shared with us, so your input is 100% anonymous.

## OUR BIGHORNS ARE BACK!



We've been delighted (and relieved) to see the beautiful native bighorn herd return to their winter habitat above East Vail. ESWA has been a partner in an [award-winning advocacy effort](#) to protect this herd for several years. We are making progress, but there is much yet to be done. Check out Frances Hartogh's [Letter to the Editor](#) in the Vail Daily, thanking civic leaders for protecting this precious habitat.

### **HELP ESWA GET \$\$\$\$\$ FOR FREE!!**

There is an easy way for you to give money to ESWA at no cost to you. City Market and King Soopers offers this opportunity. They will donate a percentage of every dollar you spend at their stores when you use your normal Loyalty Club Card. Here is all you need to do:

Go to the Community Rewards page on the King Sooper's website: <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

Click "Enroll Now."

If you already have an online account, sign in using your email and password and skip to step 6.

If you don't have an account, click "Create Account" at the bottom of the page.

Enter the requested information and click "Create Account."

Under "Find an Organization" search for Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance.

Click Enroll.

***THAT'S IT. NOW EVERY TIME SHOP YOU GIVE BACK TO WILDERNESS. THANK YOU.***