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# TRAIL MIX

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Morsels from the Ice Age Trail

Spring 2009

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## IAT-U is coming to Baraboo

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Volunteers who traveled from across the state to lend a hand at last years MSC project know that the Baraboo Hills chapter sure knows how to throw a party!

This year, the Ice Age Trail Alliance (formerly the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation) hosts a comprehensive training session dubbed "IAT-U" June 24-28 at UW-Baraboo/Sauk County.

IAT-U is short for 'Ice Age Trail University'. What began in 2002 as a Mobile Skills Crew Leadership and Skills Training has since expanded to include training topics such as First Aid and CPR, Trail Layout and Design, Chainsaw Safety, Invasive Specie control methods, Planning and Executing Successful Volunteer events (large or small!), Trail Chef trainings and more.



Everyone is welcome to attend the seminars or multi-day sessions, which are of interest to them. Pre-registration is required. You can do this on-line, and learn more about IAT-U, at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2blNNzMbwcE0Mgs7VNzDmWw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2blNNzMbwcE0Mgs7VNzDmWw_3d_3d)

Questions? Please call Tim Malzhan or Brad Crary at 608.798.4453.

Happy Trails!

## Adopt-A-Trail Volunteers

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We are still looking for a couple of 2009 Adopt-A-Trail volunteers. Would anyone want to help? Maintenance involves hiking your segment once or twice a month. While you walk, you can prune/clip branches or brambles encroaching on the trail, pick up litter and report any major needs such as downed trees or mowing.

You do this on your own schedule – whenever it's best for you. We supply the tools. If interested, give Neal Meier a call at 608.356.7678 or e-mail him at [donnaandneal@msn.com](mailto:donnaandneal@msn.com). An orientation hike will be provided and we have an appreciation dinner late in the year.

## News from the Ice Age Trail Annual Membership Meeting

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The Ice Age Trail Annual Membership Meeting took place April 22-26, in Merrill, Wisconsin. A few chapter members attended. The big news is that the organization is no longer the “Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation”, but you can see by the new logo, it is the “Ice Age Trail Alliance”. It’s much shorter and seems to make more sense.

Congratulations to Lorraine Lange who is now a member of the Alliance board.

Tom Gilbert from the National Park Service introduced the new volunteer coordinator for the Ice Age Trail - Dan Watson. Tom also announced that the Ice Age Trail Alliance is the **national winner** of the National Park Service’s 2008 George B Hartzog, Jr. Group Award for Outstanding Service.

Membership has remained the same between 2007 and 2008 so the goal is to increase membership this year. There is a campaign for members to recruit a member. Also, the Alliance and chapters will be finding out why members have let their memberships lapse and lastly we want to engage our current members-that means all of you. So please join us for one of the events below or if you’re more solitary perhaps you’d like to adopt a segment.

## Upcoming Events

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**June 3, 5:00 PM, Civic Center Parking Lot, Corner of Ash St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Baraboo** – First Wednesday Hike, location to be determined by group and dinner to follow.

**June 6, 2:00 PM, International Crane Foundation, E11376 Shady Lane Rd, Baraboo** – ICF is pleased to present, "Exploring the Prairie: Identifying June Wildflowers" as a special hike. Alison Duff from ICF's Field Ecology Department will be your guide. The hike is free with paid admission to ICF (\$9.50 per adult, \$5.00 children under 18). Contact Lorraine Lange for more information 608.356.2427 or [lorraine2427@charter.net](mailto:lorraine2427@charter.net)

**June 27, 10:00 AM, Civic Center Parking Lot, Corner of Ash St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Baraboo** – Come out to hike, location to be determined by group and lunch to follow. Contact Donna Meier for more information at 608.356.7678 or [donnaandneal@msn.com](mailto:donnaandneal@msn.com)

**July 1, 5:00 PM, Civic Center Parking Lot, Corner of Ash St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Baraboo** – First Wednesday Hike, location to be determined by group and dinner to follow. Contact Ann Vogl for more information 608.742.4842 or [rhinorun123@yahoo.com](mailto:rhinorun123@yahoo.com)

**Aug. 5, 5:00 PM, Civic Center Parking Lot, Corner of Ash St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Baraboo** – First Wednesday Hike, location to be determined by group and dinner to follow. Contact Nancy Soma for more information 608.393.2245 or [nancy.soma@uwc.edu](mailto:nancy.soma@uwc.edu)

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