

Rocky Mountaineers Membership Invitation

The Rocky Mountaineers invite you to become a member. Dues are complimentary during 2021. After your first year as a member, dues are \$20 annually per household or \$250 for a Lifetime Membership. We currently have 449 members.

To join, go to our website at www.rockymountaineers.us On the left side of the home page, click on “membership” and then “new member signup” and fill out the short application.

Our overall mission is to enrich and add value to the lives of Forest Service retirees, current and former employees, and others who care greatly about the agency and the Rocky Mountain Region. We enhance connectivity between members while providing important information and encouraging participation in local activities.

Among the benefits that members receive are the following:

- Our website at www.rockymountaineers.us provides just about everything you need to know about the Rocky Mountaineers.
- We send emails (hopefully not too many) on items of interest to our members.
- We publish our newsletter, *The Rendezvous* three times per year. It usually runs about 40 pages long and is the premier newsletter among all regional retiree organizations.
- We publish a Membership Directory twice per year with contact information for all current members. This information is confidential not shared with any non-members.
- We provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors to apply to their first semester of college. In 2021 we plan to offer four \$1,500 scholarships to students with Rocky Mountaineer sponsors.
- We manage the Memorial Grove Ceremony held on the first Saturday of May each year. We ensure that all eligible Rocky Mountain Region retirees and employees are appropriately honored, and their families are invited to the ceremony. We support the Memorial Grove site both financially and with donated labor.
- We stand ready to help fellow members in need and provide assistance to the

broader Forest Service family when crisis and hardship arises.

- We offer an opportunity for international travel with other members. We generally sponsor one trip per year. Since 2015 we have traveled to Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, and Costa Rica. Our trips in 2020 were canceled due to COVID-19. We have a trip planned in the Fall of 2021 when we will cruise the Adriatic Sea. In 2022 we will travel to Finland and Norway.
- Our Annual Gathering is held yearly in the Fall in a different location each year that allows members throughout the region to be able to attend a business meeting, a special program, and social event. We have met in Delta, Ft. Collins, Durango, Denver, Cody, Buffalo, and Custer. Our 2020 Gathering was postponed and rescheduled for Woodland Park, CO in 2021.
- We hold an annual Ski Day at Winter Park Ski Area each February.
- Monthly or quarterly meetings are held locally throughout the region. These meetings are intended to provide members the opportunity to periodically keep in touch with friends and associates who live in the same general locale.

Membership is available to any individual who wishes to join and meets one of the requirements listed below:

- Any retired employee of the Forest Service and his/her spouse or significant other or surviving spouse or significant other.
- Any current Forest Service employee.
- Any other former employee of the Forest Service or other individual who has shown special interest in the Forest Service and seeks membership and is accepted for membership by two-thirds of the Board.