

2016 BSA Outdoor Ethics National Conference



Name: Jim Ireland

Home Base: Alpine, Utah

Some things you should know about me (Personal Info, Education, Job, etc): I was raised in Arizona, and graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in Anthropology and a minor in Natural Resource Recreation. I have worked for the National Park Service either seasonally or full time since 1983, first in fee collection, then interpretation / education, followed by 20 years in law enforcement and emergency services in parks including Petrified Forest, Mesa Verde, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Yosemite, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (the St. Louis Arch), Natural Bridges NM, Amistad NRA, and Kenai Fjords NP in southcentral Alaska.

I was the Chief Ranger of Kenai Fjords from 2001 until 2009, when I accepted a Congressional Fellowship and spent two years in Washington D.C., first staffing the House Natural Resources Committee, and then as a legislative specialist in our Headquarters office.

After briefly serving as the acting Superintendent of Fort McHenry NM in Baltimore, I took over as Superintendent of Timpanogos Cave National Monument in 2010, and was subsequently assigned the role of Utah State Coordinator (liaison between the 13 Utah NPS units and our state government on issues including oil and gas development, recreation use, tourism, etc.

Vital Statistics: I live in Alpine, Utah with my wife and two sons, ages 12 and 15. My wife and I met while teaching outdoor education in California's Sierra Nevada mountains and working as seasonal park rangers. She is an interpretive specialist, developing exhibits, publications, web applications, and similar materials for parks and programs throughout the United States.

History with BSA and Leave No Trace (insert pictures/selfies as necessary): I have frequently encountered scouts in parks and educated them on LNT principles and the NPS mission. In addition, I have supervised rangers who were Master LNT educators.

Involvement with BSA: I am an Eagle Scout, and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. I spent a summer as summer camp staff, attended a national jamboree, and was fortunate to have been a member of a "high adventure" troop – camping every month, 50-miler in the San Juan mountains of Colorado, many shorter backpacking and hiking trips. I have served as an adult den leader, cubmaster, pack committee member, and have accompanied and informally trained my son's troop in outdoor ethics and leave no trace.

Other Outdoor Activities and Interests (insert pictures/selfies as necessary): We enjoy hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and visiting parks and historic sites as much as possible with our two boys.

