

My relationship to the outdoors is primarily through the lens of hiking, specifically thru-hiking. Recreating on and stewarding trails has been integral to my life in the past five years. As a Triple Crowner, as a volunteer and trip leader for the Appalachian Mountain Club, as a former board member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (and, now, as the Conservancy's Vice President of Advancement), and as a volunteer trip leader in Virginia/Maryland. I loved doing all these things and they helped maintain my connection to the Trail, but I missed my connection to the long distance hiking community. Fortunately, I was invited to take over Baltimore Jack's "Prepping for the A.T." session at last year's Gathering and it restored my connection to those long distance trekkers I was lucky enough to be around on my thru-hikes. I'd love to take the bulk sum of my experience, knowledge, and passion and help ALDHA advance its mission and goals and expand its relevancy and reach.