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Executive Director's Comments

by Dwaine Robey



Thank you to all who have purchased tickets for the banquet!

The banquet committee is in full stride now making ready for the banquet. Your attendance will help make this the best ever Outdoor Buddies banquet.

The committee has assembled an attractive array of items for the auctions including several "hard to get" firearms, fishing and hunting trips to Alaska and Africa, framed artwork, custom made "his and hers" fishing rods, Colorado Rockies baseball tickets, wildlife sculpture, game calls, and much, much more!

Banquet guests can arrange for overnight lodging at the Hilton Garden Inn-Denver South/Meridian at a very reasonable rate of \$69.00 per room. Room reservations need to be made by March 30th. To make a room reservation online go to:

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/D/DENDSGI-OUT-20130413/index.jhtml>

or by telephone at:

(303) 824-1550 (Ask for Outdoor Buddies Room Block.)

With this great hotel deal, you may want to consider staying over after the banquet and sleep late the next morning. After all, you deserve a break!

To purchase tickets for the banquet, please use the banquet invitation contained in this newsletter, or visit the Outdoor Buddies website at:

www.outdoorbuddies.org

Attendance and participation in fundraising activities at the banquet is a great way to show your support of our organization. So, please make plans to attend the banquet and invite family and friends to come also.

Please visit our website and purchase your banquet tickets while you are there! Help us make this the best ever Outdoor Buddies Banquet!

Feel free to contact me if you have ideas about improvements to Outdoor Buddies or if you are willing to serve on one or more of our committees or as an officer or board member. You can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

President's Column

by Larry Sanford



Just a few more days to go till the annual fundraiser banquet on April 13th!

I hope you all have made arrangements to go to the banquet and help Outdoor Buddies by purchasing some raffle tickets for a rifle, shotgun or pistol!

Everyone is welcome and I hope to see you there. Outdoor

Buddies wants your support!

Time flies; it seems like just yesterday it was colder and we were out hunting. Oh, wait a minute; now it's I hope all of the Handi-Buddies who want to go on a 2013 Outdoor Buddies antelope, deer or elk hunt have already submitted their hunt request forms. If you have not done it yet, please do so ASAP! If you need help please call me and we can help you out.

Our big game hunt committee has been working hard to match those who have submitted hunt requests with available hunting slots. We are already anticipating a busy and fruitful 2013 hunting year.

Please get your copy of the 2013 Colorado Big Game brochure and understand all the pertinent regulations regarding your hunting plans

And don't forget; the Application **Deadline is April 2nd**.

I have seen it written that,
YESTERDAY is HISTORY,
TOMORROW is the FUTURE,
And

TODAY is a GIFT,

That is why we call it THE PRESENT!

This is a great saying and really fits in today's upside down world in that we all must remember the events in HISTORY that could have taken our freedom(s), so that we can insure the FUTURE but not forget to open God's GIFT that we call TODAY!

God Bless each and every one of you! We hope to see you all at all of the different events that are planned for this spring and summer.

Colorado Outfitters Association

The Colorado Outfitters Association (COA) knows and understands the important role sportsmen play in Colorado's wildlife management and the economic impact all tourists and local sportsmen have on Colorado's economy. The COA represents you when they attend Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission meetings, local area wildlife meetings with State and Federal Agencies, SCI, RMEF and many other organizations in an ongoing effort to protect hunting & fishing rights & opportunities in Colorado.

Over the years COA has presented conservation ideas to the Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) Commissioners and staff, as well as suggestions on how they can better manage their finances, wildlife, lands, and relationships to further engage all sportsmen.

To find out more about the Colorado Outfitters Association, please visit their website at: http://www.coloradooutfitters.org/default.asp?parent_id=138&child_id=184&is_gallery=0

Please consider entering the Sportsman's Defense Fund Sweepstakes. Funds derived from the sweepstakes are used to offset the cost of traveling to meetings, hiring lawyers & lobbyists, and other related expenses incurred in fulfilling COA's mission of working with state and federal agencies to protect, maintain and enhance the opportunity to hunt, fish and enjoy the Colorado outdoors. **And, you may win a great prize!**

Spencer's Elk Hunt

by Larry Sanford

When I called Spencer McMillen in early February to see if he was interested in going on a cow elk hunt in the far southern reaches of Colorado to help a rancher save his crops, little did I know what an awesome experience we were all in for!

I barely uttered the words "Would you like to go on this hunt", and Spencer accepted with a "YES, I need meat for the freezer"!

We both knew that we only had two days that we could go on this hunt. We had to leave early on a Monday morning and had to be home Tuesday night!

I picked Spencer up at his house east of Windsor at 5 am and off to Trinidad we drove. After arriving at the ranch Monday afternoon, we unloaded our gear at the ranch bunk house. There was still three hours of hunting time left in the day, so it was time to get Spencer's adaptive shooting device, called a Trophy Shot, on his rifle and get out in the field!

Oh, by the way, did I mention that Spencer is totally blind!

I'm missing my left arm and part of my right foot from an electrical burn caused by 13,800 volts of electricity.

With Spencer's hands and my eyes, we put the Trophy Shot view finder on his 7mm rifle. This equipment allows Spencer's helper to assist in aiming the rifle and signaling for Spencer to shoot. We loaded up the hunting gear and soon we were on the hunt!

Immediately, we started seeing deer, antelope, geese and other animals as we left the ranch house. Having the

honor of hunting with a hunter who is blind is a fun, but different experience in that, as I would see things I would tell Spencer about the land and animals I could see.

This ranch covers over 100,000 acres that we are blessed to be able to hunt! After we drove around Spencer began to get a mental picture of the ranch and the feel of the dirt roads as we hunted, which was truly amazing!

The sun was setting over the Spanish Peaks as Spencer and I headed back to the bunk house. When we arrived, Rob Adams and another hunter, Chad Graham, were waiting for us hoping to hear a hunting story; maybe tomorrow.

Early the next morning, while we drank our coffee, plans were made for Rob and Chad to take the river road towards the cedar ridge and Spencer and I took the high road towards the cedars.

The sun had not yet risen as Spencer and I eased up a cedar covered ridge road when I spotted the first elk!

There were about 30 head of elk just leaving a waterhole. The elk were not alerted yet so we just took our time getting Spencer in position to take a shot.

The area where we were hunting was covered with small cedar trees and the elk seemed to vanish. That herd moved down the ridge and out of sight.

We continued on, and as the morning revealed itself, we ran into two more herds! Spencer and I were playing a game of hide and seek with elk. That is one of the fun parts of hunting, although after just about getting on the third bunch of elk, I think Spencer was wondering if I was making things up!

The morning soon turned to midafternoon and still no shot at an elk, but we were having great time hunting!

We contacted Rob and Chad to make an afternoon game plan. They had been south of us hunting. Rob said they saw some elk, but were unable to get on them.

Spencer and I stayed on the high road through the cedars and they took the low road. Rob and Chad spotted a large herd headed in the same direction as Spencer and I. We spotted them after a while bunched up out in a flat open area.

Rob moved up after waiting for the elk to get out of sight and set up Chad by an old tractor tire to try and get a shot at a cow elk to fill his tag.

While they setup, the elk started to bed down for the afternoon, which gave me an idea!

I told Spencer what was happening and began to layout the plan I came up with. I said, "Spencer, it is getting late in the afternoon and we need to move on these elk if you are going to get a shot on a cow. The elk are bedded down on the flat quite a ways down the hill from us. The ground is fairly level with rocks and cactus. The only way we can get on them is for us to sneak down to them".

Spencer said "let's go"! I got my Dead Shot shooting tripod and glasses, Spencer grabbed his gun, bullets, and my shoulder and two hunters who happen to have disabilities headed down the hill towards the elk!

Now, I can't tell you about each and every obstacle we encountered going down that cedar tree, cactus and rock covered ridge, but there were more than a few! After about a half an hour, we were within about 400 yards of the herd, which was still bedded down. But, the elk appeared to be getting nervous.

Rob had gotten into position for Chad to get a shot if the elk head out their way. The elk were looking in Rob's direction.

This gave Spencer and me an opportunity to sneak around the cedars into a better shooting lane. The elk were now standing and starting to move south towards Chad, but I could tell that they wanted to go east up into the cedars.

Spencer gripped my shoulder as we moved with the elk. We were hoping to be close enough for a shot if they headed up the hill.

We came to the end of the cedars in an open little park. I knew that is where the elk were headed. There was a little cedar bush another 50 yards away; if we could make it to there, we might have a shot, but we had to hurry.

I told Spencer "this is it; we need to move fast to that bush"!

If someone was watching us move to that bush, they might have thought the two guys were just walking, but in Spencer and my minds eyes, WE WERE FLAT OUT RUNNING!

The elk were moving down through a dry wash which gave us our window to get to that bush. After getting to the bush, I setup the shooting tripod and Spencer's 7mm rifle with the Trophy Shot adaptive shooting device for hunters with disabilities.

The elk were already on the move as Spencer settled in on his 7mm mag rifle. I was right behind him to help him put the crosshairs on a cow elk. At this point the elk were bunched up and moving to Spencer's left about 300 yards out.

I helped Spencer settle the crosshairs on the front shoulder of the lead cow and told Spencer to fire!

With the calmness of a military sniper, Spencer killed his elk!

After the elk was down, Rob and Chad drove over to rejoice in this team effort and to congratulate Spencer on a fantastic shot and hunt; Way to go Spencer!



On a personal note, I want to thank Spencer for allowing me to be a part of his hunt and making new friends and memories with some very inspiring Christian men!

Special thanks to the ranch's wildlife manager, Mike Powell, and the owners of River Canyon Ranch, Bobby

Hill and Craig Walker; because without them allowing Outdoor Buddies the privilege of hunting on their beautiful ranch, none of this would be possible!

Sportsman's Warehouse in Colorado Springs Helps Outdoor Buddies

by Kathleen Shears

We were fortunate to have made contact with John Fry, the manager of Sportsman's Warehouse in Colorado Springs, and his assistant, Lori Asiu. They made arrangements for us to be able to sell raffle tickets at their store.

On Saturday, March 2nd, Dwaine Robey, Terry Nelson, Levi Trujillo and Kathy Shears met at the store at 10:00 AM; Lori kindly set us up in the entry way of that very busy store. The flow of customers was nearly continuous and we had the opportunity to meet some very nice folks.

Terry and Levi were on "center stage" where they informed all who would take the time to listen about Outdoor Buddies and the upcoming gun raffle. There were many hunting and fishing stories shared during our nearly 7 hours spent there. Also there were many hunters who were more than a little envious when they saw the pictures of the beautiful elk that Levi was able to get this past hunting season. (That hunt had been donated to our live auction at the Outdoor Buddies banquet last year.)

The gun raffle ticket sales went very well and a big part of the success of the day was due to Levi and Terry and their super salesmanship.

We hope that any of you who get the opportunity to shop at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Colorado Springs will do so and if you do, please give John and Lori a big thank you. What a terrific bunch of employees they have and John and Lori are absolutely the best!

Just a gentle reminder; we are still in need of donations for the banquet. If you have new items that we might auction, we would really appreciate your help. Just contact Kathy Shears at (303) 431-1275 or email at shearsks@hotmail.com.

Christmas Came Early

by Randy Fagley

To start off this story: Things can happen fast when you least expect it. I was home with my parents in Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving and a few weeks of December when I received a phone call from Dwaine Robey telling me my hunt was scheduled the week before Christmas.

I thought, "What a great way to start the Christmas season, now if only my son was home to go on the hunt with me."

My son, Brandon, was in the Navy stationed in Bahrain, and was expected to get home by January.

Two days later my son called and said I should go to Denver International Airport and pick him up. What a surprise! I told him I was in Pennsylvania. Mia, my daughter, went to DIA to pick him up.

I called Dwaine the next day to ask permission for my son to come along. Of course, he said yes.

Now I was really excited. I got home on the 14th and left to hunt the 17th.

The evening before our hunt we met in Westcliffe at Rancher's Roost Café. There were two other Outdoor Buddies hunters there, with a few family members and friends, along with Mr. and Mrs. Robey, Rob Adams, my son Brandon and myself.

We had a great time meeting new friends eating good food, and then it was down to business on where and when we were going out hunting the next morning.

My guide; and now great friend, Rob Adams, decided to meet up early for a daylight start time. We met up at 6:00 AM and away we went to the Wolf Springs Ranch.

We had just passed the border line of the ranch, about a mile or so, and there they were!

The elk herd was about 500 yards away, but heading our way. We drove to the ranch entrance to decide on a plan, and wait until shooting time and good light. And also, for the herd to maybe come closer.



When it was light enough to shoot, we drove up past the elk herd and turned around. Rob told Brandon, who was driving, to get the truck angled better for a shot.

I opened the door and put my 300 mag across the mirror, took a deep breath, and slowly let it out. My sights settled and I squeezed; BAM!

The elk humped and gave a kick, dropping her front shoulder. I pulled up my gun and could see blood just where I had aimed. Rob ranged her at 176 yards. She took a few steps and dropped into a ravine; she never came up the other side. Rob said to give her a few minutes but, I knew she was dead.

My three helpers walked out to where we last saw the elk and gave me a thumb up. Brandon ran back to me for the camera.

My shot had gone through both lungs. Man was I excited!

Rob had the elk field dressed by the time Brandon got back. They took a few pictures, then Rob grabbed a back leg and Brandon and Bob Ferry grabbed the front and they dragged the elk to our truck. I was still shaking a little when they got her over to me.

Dwaine pulled up just as we were about to load her up. With all the help she was in the back of my truck and ready for the meat processor



"Congrats" were given with a bunch of handshakes and off we went.

This was my first elk in a while. I was anxious to get her to the processor as soon as possible.

We ate breakfast, then went back to help look for elk for the other two hunters.

Since we had already paid for our hotel room, and I wanted to spend more time in beautiful Westcliffe with friends and special time with my son, that we would stay another day.

Well, it turned into a snow blizzard and the other hunters decided to head home the next morning.

We all said our and Good Byes and went to bed early.

I want to thank the folks at Wolf Springs Ranch for permission to hunt, Outdoor Buddies for the opportunity, Bob Ferry for his help, and Rob Adams for all his hard work. Rob, you are my LUCKY CHARM. Are you Irish?

This was a dream come true for me. Without organizations like Outdoor Buddies, us disabled would never get this chance.

Thank you all so much; may GOD Bless you all.

What a great early Christmas present this was for me. A memory that will last a lifetime.

Happy hunting!

Coyote Hunting Opportunities

by Al Montoya

Al Montoya is coordinating a limited number of coyote hunts near Watkins, Colorado. Handi-buddies who are interested in participating in these hunts should contact Al for details. You can contact him at: (303) 296-4610 or agmontoya@g.com

Outdoor Buddies Sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club

by Rich Cori

Green Mill Sportsman's Club has invited us to have another sight-in at their wonderful facility. They seem to really enjoy doing this for Outdoor Buddies. It is a great opportunity for us and is always a fun time!

So with this invitation we are returning to Green Mill Sportsman's Club for a sight-in scheduled for Saturday April 27th starting at 9:00 AM.

We will shoot, rain or shine, because the enclosed shooting house will keep us dry. They have reserved the big bore and pistol ranges for us.

Please contact Wally Hunt to sign up at wdhunt2141@hotmail.com or call 303-985-2293.

The range will be opened at 8:30 AM., the gate will be open and you can proceed directly to the range for sign-in.

The range is located 3 miles west of I25. Exit 232, west to Bonanza (WCR3), turn left, and then take first left at Green Mill Road, then south for 3/4 mile.

For a map to Green Mill go to their web page <http://www.greenmillsportsman.org/gmsc/node/6>

Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Honoring Wounded Warriors and other Military Veterans

by Dwaine Robey

On **Armed Forces Day**, May 18th, Outdoor Buddies will hold the second annual Community Appreciation Day Honoring Wounded Warriors and Other Military Veterans in Westcliffe from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The event will be held at A Painted View Ranch located three miles west of town.

Everyone is invited! There will be games, demonstrations, free food, and much more.

Last year's event was a huge success, so we are expecting a large turnout.

So far, the activities planned include participation by Wounded Warriors from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Carson, two army Humvees and 4 - 8 soldiers in combat dress, flag ceremonies by the local American Legion Post, a rock climbing wall, a tug-of-war game (by Colorado National Guard), the Blooming Bush Women (music and Samurai Sword Dance), pack mule demonstration with mules (by local US Forest Service), archery range (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), laser shot video game trailer (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Paca Peace alpaca educational program with 2 alpacas, Mission Wolf's 30 minute educational program with wolves, and more.

Special attractions for kids (and older folks who are not too "chicken") include a Bounce House (16' long x 15' wide x 16' high), ducky race (using irrigation canal that runs through the ranch), stick horse barrel racing, face painting, and animal balloons.

Free meals including; pig roast, hot dogs, sloppy Joes, iced tea, lemonade, and water. (Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.)

So please plan to be in Westcliffe on Saturday, May 18th.

For more details, please contact Dwaine Robey at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds

by Larry Sanford

Mark your calendars! The Outdoor Buddies Family Day for 2013 will be held at Swift Ponds on Saturday, June 15th from 9:00 AM. until 4:00 PM. Swift Ponds are located north of Loveland, off of the Windsor exit from I-25.

Plan to have a great time because there will be plenty of good food, and exciting events.

Several activities are being planned for your enjoyment, and we would like to hear any suggestions that any of you might have to add to the activities. Among the usual activities catch and release fishing (no license necessary) is one of the most popular.

There is no charge for this day-long event and all Outdoor Buddies members and their family and friends are welcome, so please plan to attend. We encourage your participation!

Send your activity suggestions to Larry and Penny Sanford 970-663-7852, or 970-218-5356, or Email: lpbusy@comcast.net.

Disabled Sportsman Magazine

by Chad Waligura



I want to share with Outdoor Buddies members some information about my new Disabled Sportsman Magazine. We will be officially launching 2014, maybe sooner, and will seek to show our readers a glimpse of the great outdoors from a new perspective. It will be a quarterly publication showcasing hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, gear reviews, Wounded Warriors, women in the outdoors, news and events. We have a great lineup of contributors and advertisers ready to show you the "triumphs of the human spirit in the great outdoors".

Members will be able to access our site at DSportsman.com to find out about any outdoor events that are being offered in every state, as well as info on the organizations that offer them. DSM will be the first mainstream magazine for challenged outdoorsmen & women and we want to tell their stories that we feel need to be told.

Currently, we are looking for subscribers (you can sign up online at our site) and stories from our readers. Thanks for letting me tell you a little bit about our endeavor.

Chad Waligura, Editor

Disabled Sportsman Magazine

[Disabled Sportsman Magazine](http://DisabledSportsmanMagazine)

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**ANNOUNCING
OUTDOOR BUDDIES
FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2013**



Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. This year's banquet celebrates **twenty-nine years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be held at **The Wildlife Experience** on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. The Wildlife Experience is located approximately 10 miles from downtown Denver at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and South Peoria Street.

Your ticket to this event includes admission to the Museum and Galleries at The Wildlife Experience starting at 3:00 PM. There will be a social period beginning at 4:00 PM with dinner being served at approximately 6:00 PM.

Business casual attire is suggested. We are asking for a payment of \$35.00 per person for the banquet and the evening's program. Children, age fifteen and under, will be admitted for \$20.00.

The dinner menu includes your choice of Grilled Flat Iron Steak, Grilled Salmon, or Chicken Florentine. The dinner will also include Classic Caesar Salad with assorted Freshly Baked Rolls, Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea, Seasonal Vegetables, and Dessert. A cash bar will be available. The children's ticket includes a Kid's Meal of Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, and French Fries

With Fox 31 Denver's Dan Daru as Master of Ceremonies



Dan is a weekday morning reporter on Fox 31's Good Day Colorado.

This is Dan's second year as Outdoor Buddies Banquet MC. His keen sense of humor and spontaneous antics are sure to

keep you entertained throughout the evening.



Dan Daru

The program will include current information about Outdoor Buddies programs and plans and updates from a representative of Colorado Parks and Wildlife and a few "surprise" agenda items.

There will be raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction so come prepared to do a little shopping.

If you cannot attend the banquet, perhaps you will want to consider purchasing a ticket or two for a handi-buddy. If so, please let us know and your donated ticket(s) will be put to good use.

You may purchase tickets for this great Outdoor Buddies event via the Internet at www.outdoorbuddies.org or simply fill out and return the form below to: Outdoor Buddies, Wally Hunt, Treasurer, 2141 South Yarrow Street, Lakewood, CO 80227.

To order by phone call **(303) 985-2293**.

To: **Outdoor Buddies
Wally Hunt, Treasurer
2141 South Yarrow Street
Lakewood, CO 80227**

I would like to request _____ Adult tickets for the Outdoor Buddies Annual Banquet.
Menu choice(s): Grilled Flat Iron Steak ____, Grilled Salmon ____, Chicken Florentine ____.

Please accept my payment of \$35.00 for each ticket.

I would also like to request ____ Children's ticket(s) at \$20.00 per ticket.

Please find enclosed my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _____.

From: _____
NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE



OUTDOOR BUDDIES ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT



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ENTRY FORM

Event

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to participate in our golf tournament. The tournament will be held at **Murphy Creek Golf Course** in Aurora, on Saturday, **July 6th**. Tee time is **7:30 am**.

The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. The **entry fee** is **\$100.00** per player, which includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, lunch buffet, contests, and lots of fun. You can also count on a few “surprises”. We are accepting payment by cash, check, or money order.

Outdoor Buddies

An **all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** that was founded in 1984 by a group of concerned sportspersons who desired to provide outdoor adventure experiences to mobility disabled outdoor lovers. The **mission** of Outdoor Buddies is: **“To provide opportunities through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences.”** These opportunities are available to all, with no additional cost (other than personal expenses) and no discrimination due to race, color, creed, religion, gender, or family status.

Golf Course



Murphy Creek is a challenging and fun 18 hole regulation course for all ability levels. One of the best practice facilities in Colorado, great putting green, tough chipping and sand practice green, two short game practice greens up to 75yards distance, and a full driving range. From the longest tees it features 7,456 yards of golf for a par of 72. The course was designed by Kenneth Kavanaugh, ASGCA and opened in 2000. The course rating is 74.6 with a slope rating of 13.1.

Registration

You may register as a foursome, or a single player and we will set up a foursome for you. To reserve your place for this great Outdoor Buddies event, simply fill out and return the form below to:

Dustin Robey, 1607 S. De Gaulle Way, Aurora, CO 80018

Or, if you prefer, please call **Dustin Robey** at **(303) 366-9961** or **Wally Hunt** at **(303) 985-2293** for more information or reservations.

(If there are unplayable conditions on July 6th, the tournament will be rescheduled.)

Prepayment is required. Entry deadline is July 2nd.

I would like to reserve _____ entry/entries at **\$100.00** each for the **Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit** on **July 6th, 2013**.

Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____ Player 4: _____

Please find enclosed my check payable to **Outdoor Buddies** in the amount of _____.

Contact: _____
NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

(Note: Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
Feb 15 thru Apr 15	Coyote hunts near Watkins, Colorado.	Coyote hunts will be scheduled based on requests from handi-buddies.	Al Montoya (303) 296-4610 agmontoya@q.com
April 13	Outdoor Buddies annual fundraiser banquet at The Wildlife Experience in south Denver.	Outdoor Buddies Annual banquet at The Wildlife Experience. Buy your ticket online at: www.outdoorbuddies.org	Todd Bacon (303) 955-6363 toddbacon@live.com Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt2141@hotmail.com
April 27	Spring shoot at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt2141@hotmail.com
May 18 Armed Forces Day	Community Appreciation Day Honoring Wounded Warriors and other Military Veterans at Westcliffe.	Everyone is invited to attend. Free barbecue, games, and more.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June, July, and August	Group camping – private campground at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.	Reserve 40 acre campground for church group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kid's Club, or other group	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 geopros@clanmurray.org Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June 7 - 9	Focus on Forever (FOF) Conference at YMCA of the Rockies – Estes Park	The FOF Conference is a "train the trainer" conference, designed for conservation volunteers and agency staff who are passionate about sharing outdoor traditions with youth and their families.	For more information and registration visit the Pheasants Forever website at: http://www.pheasantsforever.org/page/1/Focus-on-Forever-Conference.jsp Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June 15	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds.	All are welcome to attend our annual Family Day at Swift Ponds. Free fishing, barbecue and more.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
June 22	Mountain Man Rendezvous demonstrations at Tarryall State Park.	Demonstrations of shooting of muzzle-loaded guns, the throwing of knives and tomahawks, etc.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
July 6	Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit at Murphy Creek Golf Club.	Four member team scramble. Shotgun start at 7:30 AM.	Dustin Robey (303) 366-9961 dustin.d.robey@us.army.mil
August 17	Fall shoot at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt2141@hotmail.com