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President's Column By Larry Sanford



Now that the 2013 hunting seasons and activities have come to an end or at least slowed down we have time to look forward to some of the Outdoor Buddies upcoming events.

Our annual fundraiser banquet is shaping up to be another great event thanks to our banquet committee

members working hard to get donations for the banquet as well as selling raffle tickets for the guns and fishing trip!

I will be honored this year to speak at the banquet about Outdoor Buddies past, present and future plans for continued success as an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Please come and hear what I have to say!

We are already working on plans for fall big game hunts. We are in the process of placing handi-buddies who have sent in their 2014 big game hunt requests.

Dwayne Robey and I recently attended a two-day conference in Colorado Springs sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) called "Partners in the Outdoors". There were approximately 200 attendees at the conference. We met many new people and organizations that are excited to work with Outdoor Buddies in the future. We will keep you posted in future newsletters on anything new!

If any of you in the Loveland area would like to buy raffle tickets or banquet tickets please contact me. You can also purchase your banquet tickets online from our website at:

<http://outdoorbuddies.org/banquet-tickets.aspx>.

I really want to see you at the banquet on April 5th. Outdoor Buddies needs your support!

God Bless you all!

Executive Director's Comments By Dwayne Robey



If you have not already done so, **NOW** is the time to make plans to attend the annual Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

This year's banquet is special in that it celebrates **thirty years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The 2014 banquet will be held at The Wildlife

Experience on Saturday, April 5th.

Banquet tickets are now on sale and can be purchased using the forms included in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

The annual banquet is the most important event of the year for Outdoor Buddies. This annual fundraiser event provides a large portion of the funds needed to support Outdoor Buddies programs throughout the year.

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

You may want to organize your friends and reserve a table for ten (10) at the banquet. That way you will be assured that you can share a table at the banquet with those who you want to be with. (See form on page 4.)

Please use forms included with this newsletter or visit our website and purchase your banquet tickets. Help us make this the best ever Outdoor Buddies Banquet!


Feel free to contact me if you have ideas about improvements to your organization or if you are willing to serve on one of our committees or as an officer or Board member.

You can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

Banquet Auction Items

Please come to the banquet prepared to bid on a few auction items. We are still in the process of acquiring auction items, but here is a sample of some of the great items that will be available:

Four-day Argentina Dove Hunt for Two, South African Photo Safari for Two, Custom Made Fly Rod, Rockies Tickets, Colorado Cow Elk Hunt, SCCY CPX 9mm Pistol, Traditions Pursuit 2 XLT 50 Caliber Muzzleloading Rifle, 7-Day African Plains Game Hunt for Two, CZ 550 30.06 Rifle, Wyoming Fishing Outing for Two, Waterfowl Hunt for Two, Outfitters Tent Stove, Deer Mounts on Pedestals, Front Sight Legacy Membership, Jewelry, Knives, and much more.



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Outdoor Buddies' Mission:
"Provide opportunities through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences." These opportunities are available to all, with no cost, other than personal expenses, and no discrimination due to race, color, creed, religion, sex, or family status.

Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors. Voting Board Members are shown below:

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All Outdoor Buddies members are encouraged to submit input for the newsletter.
 Newsletter input should be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.
Please send newsletter input via Email to:
executivedirector@outdoorbuddies.org.

Bear Hunt for a Wounded Warrior

By Gerry Sutherland

I would like to start my story with a thank you to Outdoor Buddies, Mr. Dwaine Robey, and very special thanks to Twin Peaks Ranch and ranch manager, Mr. Jeff Menegatti.

This fabulous bear hunt and the first hunt that my boys and I have been on together could not have happened without all their help!

When I found out that I had been selected to go on a free bear hunt with my boys I was very excited. I couldn't wait to get to the hunting ranch and be a part of the outdoors with my boys.

When we got there, I was blown away!

When I think of a hunting cabin; I think of a small one or two room cabin with no amenities other than a fire place. I couldn't have been more wrong. The owner of the ranch where we were hunting had a beautiful guest house and was letting us stay in it. They even cooked our meals for us. I was totally blown away that so much was given to us for this hunt.

Everyone we came in contact with was so friendly and helpful; they treated us like kings! I have to admit this trip spoiled me for future hunts.

We arrived on a beautiful snowy day. After we got settled in there was a little daylight left so we drove around to several spots on the ranch looking for bears. We did not find any bears that evening but saw lots of beautiful scenery.

The next day we piled into the vehicle and began what is and will be for a while the greatest hunt of my life. After going through the cold morning and only seeing one momma bear that had a cub with her, we came back for lunch.

After lunch we decided to go back to a spot we had checked a couple of times before.

As we walked down the two-track road looking into a beautiful valley my guide spotted her; grazing on grass in this cut out in the valley was my bear. A gorgeous chocolate colored bear.

After a little trial an error we found a spot where I could shoot through the trees. I lay in a prone position and the second I saw her in the scope "bear fever" hit me like a freight train!

I made myself start breathing very deliberately. Then my guide whispered in my ear "you've got all day".

I calmed down and she gave me a perfect broadside shot. I pulled the trigger and watched her take the hit.

Then she took off at Mach 1 speed and I thought it must have been a bad shot. My guide was running up the road trying to keep his eyes on her, then he stopped and said "come on, she is down".

At that point I was so pumped up I could have run down in the valley and wrestled her down!

We went back to where my boys were waiting in the truck and gave them the news. Daddy got one!

They couldn't wait to see her. We drove down to her and I'm thinking "I'm going to have to drag these kids to this bear. They are going to be scared out of there mind."

Man I was wrong!

The truck had barely stopped and two little boys hit the ground running. We barely grabbed them in time and explained to them that we had to check to make sure the bear was dead. After making sure, we gave them the all clear and I knew right then that my boys and I were a part of the hunting life. They couldn't get enough!

We took the bear back to the guest house and got her cleaned and skinned.

And now the taxidermist is making the hide into a bear rug for me.



Devon, Bryce, and Gerry Sutherland pose with their beautiful bear.

I can't imagine how this hunting trip could have been better!

Thank you so much to everyone involved. You guys brought a father and sons closer than we were before and a beautiful moment of peace to a soldier.

Bear Hunt (Continued)

By Bryce & Devon Sutherland

Recently we got to go on a hunting trip with our Daddy.

We were hunting for a bear!

We were so excited to be going on a trip like this with him, that we are pretty sure we drove him crazy on the drive there.

There was so much for us to do, we got to stay in this really cool house, and they made us some pretty amazing dinners too!

There was this really cool playground that was the best we have ever played at. There was so much exploring for us to do (as long as we stayed close), lots of different plants and animals for us to see.

Then the time came when Daddy got a bear!

Oh boy, were we scared! We stayed safely in the truck while Daddy got it.

We were so proud of him!

While Daddy was getting ready to clean the bear, we discovered this great hill that made a great slide! Think we scared Daddy, but we showed him we were okay...but boy were we dirty!

That bear was so big! We can't wait until we can go with him again! Maybe next time we will be old enough to hunt with him.

The first thing Mommy cooked with the bear was chili and bear burgers. It was great! I love bear!

Thank you so much for letting us go on this hunt with our Dad, it is something we will never forget.

It's Just Around the Corner

By Kathy Shears

Our most important fundraising event of the year, our annual banquet, is only a few weeks away. You must realize by now that, in order for Outdoor Buddies to continue in our quest to make the out of doors accessible to everyone, we need your help. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are in need of new donations for our auctions and bucket raffle. If you can take a few minutes to talk with your local business owners and explain what Outdoor Buddies is all about, you might be able to get some donations. If you were to explain to them that we are a non-profit, that all donations are tax deductible, that we are a totally volunteer organization and that not a single person in our organization receives any monetary compensation, I think that you will be pleasantly surprised by the reaction. We will be sure to send them a donor's form for tax purposes and a thank you letter. At the very least, isn't it worth a try?

You may want to use the Donor Form shown on Page 6 of this newsletter.

If you receive (or already have) a donation, please email me so that we can get a complete inventory of donations before the banquet.

We are in the process of planning some new and fun activities for this year's banquet, so please plan to attend on Saturday, April 5th at the Wildlife Experience. Hope to see you there.

Email me at shearsks@hotmail.com

2014 Big Game Hunting

By Larry Sanford

It is hard to believe that it is already time to start scheduling 2014 big game hunts for Handi-Buddies who have sent in their 2014 Big Game Hunt Requests.

If you are a Handi-Buddy and want to have a chance to be placed on an Outdoor Buddies sponsored big game hunt, please send in your 2014 Big Game Hunt Request as soon as possible! You can use the form included with this newsletter or you can submit your hunt requests via the Outdoor Buddies website at:

<http://outdoorbuddies.org/hunt-request-form.aspx>.

Those of you wanting to help take Handi-Buddies out on their hunts please contact me.

I want to take a moment to remind you all of some of our basic rules about participating in Outdoor Buddies sponsored big game hunts.

To hunt big game with Outdoor Buddies you have to have an "Accommodation Permit" issued by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) authorizing you to shoot from a vehicle. This permit also authorizes your able-bodied helper to track and dispatch wounded animals.

Handi-Buddies must submit a Big Game Hunt Request.

Every Handi-Buddy who sends in a hunt request will be designated as a number 1, 2 or 3.

Number "1" is a Handi-Buddy who was not selected for an Outdoor Buddies hunt for a deer or elk in the previous year.

Number "2" is a Handi-Buddy who was selected for an Outdoor Buddies big game hunt the previous year, but did not harvest an animal or couldn't make it on the hunt because of a cancelation due to medical reasons.

Number "3" is a Handi-Buddy who participated in an Outdoor Buddies big game hunt the previous year and filled their license for either an elk or deer.

By designating Handi-Buddies as a 1, 2, or 3 we can place Handi-Buddies in a fair way on the limited Outdoor Buddies hunt slots. We first place all of the number "1" in the hunt slots.

We then place the number "2" in the remaining hunt slots. Then if there are still hunt slots left we start to place the number "3" Handi-Buddies until we run out of hunt slots or hunter requests.

Our mission is to get everyone out who has been deprived of the outdoor experience.

We are not a hunting club where the same hunters go to the same location every year.

We try to place Handi-Buddies on at least one big game hunt each year, but all of our hunts are on donated private land and the demand is sometimes greater than the number of available hunt slots. Outdoor Buddies is always searching for more hunting opportunities.

These are a few of our rules and procedures that we use to place Handi-Buddies in a fair way to give everyone a chance to go on a great outdoor experience!

See you all in the field!



TABLE RESERVATION FORM
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
at
The Wildlife Experience
RESERVE A TABLE FOR TEN (10)
FILL A TABLE OF TEN WITH FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES, AND FAMILY



Be assured that you will be able to share a table with those you wish to be with at the banquet.

This is a great opportunity to show your support of Outdoor Buddies. A limited number of Table Reservations are available for the annual fundraiser banquet on **Saturday, April 5, 2014.**

TABLE RESERVATION OPTIONS (Please check the box of your choice.)

- Table Patron** **\$400.00**
Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet
- Corporate Table** **\$1,000.00**
Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
Preferred seating
Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

Please complete the Table Reservation Order Form below and submit it to the address shown on the form.



TABLE RESERVATION ORDER FORM

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

I would like to reserve a table at the 2014 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

From: _____

NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Name to be displayed on reserved table at banquet: _____

Message (Optional): _____

Please accept my payment of \$ _____.

Please check one of the following boxes:

- Please find enclosed my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _____.
- Please bill me, I will send a check later.
- Please charge to my credit card account as shown below.

Credit Card Charge Form

This authorizes Outdoor Buddies, Inc. to use my Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card.

Card Number: _____ Card Type: **Visa MasterCard Discover** (Circle One)

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date _____ CV Number: _____

Billing Address of Card: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Charge Amount _____

Authorized Card User's Signature _____ Date: _____



**ANNOUNCING
OUTDOOR BUDDIES
FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2014**



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

The banquet will be held at **The Wildlife Experience** on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**. 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 \$40.00 per person for the banquet dinner and the evening's program. Children, age sixteen and under, will be admitted for \$20.00.

The dinner menu includes your choice of Baseball Cut Sirloin, Broiled Salmon, or Chicken Cacciatore. 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 third 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 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): Baseball Cut Sirloin ____, Broiled Salmon ____, Chicken Cacciatore ____.
Please accept my payment of \$40.00 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 Donor Form



Donor: _____
(Please print the above information.)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Authorized By: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Outdoor Buddies Representative: (if applicable) _____ Phone: _____

Donor: Please photocopy this donor form and retain a copy for your records.

ITEM(s): _____ VALUE: _____

DESCRIPTION FOR PROGRAM: _____

Special arrangements, restrictions, expiration, etc. _____

If you are donating fishing or hunting outing(s); do you prefer use by mobility-disabled person(s)?

Yes No preference

Donor will deliver or send item(s) ____ Outdoor Buddies to pick up item(s) ____ (Please notify contact below for pick up.)

Gift Certificate(s) ____ (Certificates should be valid for at least one year from date of issue.)

This donation becomes the property of Outdoor Buddies and is to be offered through a raffle or auction unless otherwise specified.

The Internal Revenue Service has recognized Outdoor Buddies as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions to Outdoor Buddies are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

On behalf of Outdoor Buddies, we would like to express our gratitude for your tax-deductible gift, and we sincerely appreciate your contribution to our important community service endeavors.

For additional information or to arrange for pick up of items, please contact Dwaine Robey by telephone at 719-783-9044 or email at drobey@centurytel.net.

Please send donor forms and donated items to: Outdoor Buddies, Inc., 555 Highlands Road, Westcliffe, CO 81252.



**OUTDOOR BUDDIES
MOBILITY-DISABLED HUNTING PROGRAM
2014 BIG GAME HUNT REQUEST**

REQUIREMENTS/CONDITIONS

1. Participants in Outdoor Buddies sponsored big game hunts must be registered members of Outdoor Buddies. Registration must have been completed prior to being considered for a big game hunt.
2. All Colorado hunters must possess a "WILDLIFE RECREATION ACCOMMODATION PERMIT", issued by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), authorizing the hunter to shoot from a vehicle. It is also suggested that hunters be enrolled in CPW's Mobility-Impaired Big Game Program; for questions and application form contact CPW at (303) 291-7380.
3. Participants are expected to provide **their own transportation to/from and during the hunt**, unless other arrangements are made in advance, and pay personal expenses including required licenses. Outdoor Buddies will provide a location to hunt and an able-bodied helper/guide.
4. To request a hunt complete the lower portion of this form and mail to **Outdoor Buddies, 555 Highlands Road, Westcliffe, CO 81252**.
Hunt requests may also be submitted online via Outdoor Buddies' website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Outdoor Buddies Big Game Hunt Committee will review all requests received and work with hunt applicants determine eligibility, plan, and schedule the hunts. Please inform Larry Sanford at (970) 663-7852 if you have not been contacted by the Committee within thirty days after you have submitted a Big Game Hunt Request.

HUNT LOCATIONS

Applicants may designate an area where he/she would prefer to hunt, however it may not be possible to schedule that location due to the limited number of opportunities at each hunt location. Shown below is a list of some of the locations where Outdoor Buddies will sponsor big game hunts in the upcoming seasons.

Locations

- | | |
|--|--|
| Cortez Area (mule deer) | Southeast Wyoming Area (antelope) |
| Craig Area (elk – mule deer - antelope) | South Park Area (elk – mule deer) |
| Estes Park/Loveland Area (elk) – mule deer | South Platte River Area (whitetail deer) |
| Kremmling Area (cow elk) | Steamboat Springs Area (elk – mule deer) |
| Meadow Springs Ranch (antelope) | Westcliffe Area (elk – mule deer) |

Hunt requests received by February 28th will have priority over those received after that date.

Note: Please do not apply for a license for requested hunt until your hunt is confirmed.



OUTDOOR BUDDIES 2014 BIG GAME HUNT REQUEST

PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH SPECIES.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

	PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW		
	ANTELOPE	DEER	ELK
SPECIES PREFERENCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GENDER PREFERENCE	FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	MALE <input type="checkbox"/>	EITHER <input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATION PREFERENCE			NO PREFERENCE <input type="checkbox"/>
DO YOU HAVE A PERMIT TO SHOOT FROM VEHICLE?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

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>
January 1 thru March 15	Ice fishing in various Colorado locations.	Ice fishing events will be scheduled based on requests received from mobility disabled members.	Joe Arcese jfarcese@yahoo.com or Terry Nelson (303) 884-3266 terrencet_8@hotmail.com
March 6	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at Colorado Parks and Wildlife Headquarters.	Bi-monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
March 15	Outdoor Buddies pheasant hunt near Penrose, Colorado.	All day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting is reserved for disabled members, except for "back-up" shooters. A very limited number of shooters can be accommodated.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net or Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
March 21	Outdoor Buddies Banquet Committee Meeting at The Wildlife Experience.	Banquet planning meeting starting at 11:00 AM. Volunteers are welcome.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
April 5	Outdoor Buddies 2014 Banquet at The Wildlife Experience in south Denver.	<u>Mark your calendar.</u> Annual banquet at The Wildlife Experience. Tickets will go on sale in January.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
April 26	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 r_j_cori@msn.com
May 17	Armed Forces Day Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day at Westcliffe.	Family day honoring wounded warriors and all military service members and veterans. There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome!	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June 14	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
August 2	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 r_j_cori@msn.com