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Outdoor Buddies 2018 Family Day at Swift Ponds

By Larry Sanford

Outdoor Buddies held its annual Family Day on Sunday, June 10th. What a great day at Swift Ponds!

The day started out with a nice hot cup of coffee for my wife Penelope and I! As we finished our last cup of Jo we were just pulling up to the front gate of Swift Ponds as we have done many times.

After putting up the Outdoor Buddies banner at the gate, we headed in to get the place ready for the day's activities.

Family day is a day in which all of our Outdoor Buddies members, their families as well as their friends can come out to a place where they can all enjoy fishing, shooting trap and BB guns and hike around to see the beautiful property or just enjoy their family and friends new and old.



"OF FREEDOM, LIBERTY, AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE"

We must remember that "Freedom is not free" and wonderful events such as Outdoor Buddies Family Day in our great country would not be possible without the sacrifices made by our brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces! **WE THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!**

We started the day by raising the United States of America flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag! This year we had a few vets raise the flag which was donated to Penny Sanford and Wynona Elementary School by Shai Bardfield, who is a Blackhawk helicopter pilot stationed at Fort Carson. This flag had been flown aboard one of our UH-60L Blackhawks during a mission over the city of Kabul, Afghanistan on June 7, 2016 during Operation Resolute Support. This combat mission was carried out by dedicated members of the United States Army.

After the flag ceremony our volunteers were ready for the fun to begin!

The lunch was prepared by Nordy's BBQ & Grill and included chicken, sausage and the fixins, including baked beans and cole slaw!

When I saw everyone going through the lunch line, I wondered if we were going to have enough food because of the great turn out. But we had bought the right amount and everyone left full!





Lunch was served by an awesome bunch of volunteers.

You can imagine that two-year old Wyatt wanted to fish as well as play in the mud and water but Axton, Leyna and their dad started fishing. They all three had a cast master lure tied on to their poles to hopefully catch some fish!

The way the story goes is both my son Jason and grandson Axton were fishing when Leyna cast out and caught her first fish by herself! She released that fish and continued to catch her second, third, fourth and finally her fifth fish of the afternoon! Way to go girl!

Now my eight year-old grandson Axton kept asking her how she was caching all those fish. Of course she was not sure so she told him “just cast it out and give it to them”!

And that was Leyna’s fishing tip of the day!

The trap shooting started out about 9:30am. Don Reed, Dave Murtha and Jeff Sweeney did a fantastic job managing the trap shooting ranges! Jeff helped the beginner folks young and old learn how to safely use a shotgun and possibly even bust a clay target or two out of the air!

Lunch was served by an awesome bunch of volunteers that was headed up by Penelope Sanford who also organized the Bucket raffle which was a huge success!

My son, Jason Sanford and his wife Alisha brought their three kids to the family day activities! After lunch, my four-year old granddaughter Leyna wanted to go fishing. So, Jason took Leyna and her two-year old brother Wyatt and eight-year old brother, Axton to one of the ponds to fish!



Leyna shows off her first fish!

Don and Dave ran the trap house for everyone else who wanted to shoot at clay targets. Don and Dave had setup the trap range to have one clay target flying away from the shooter and one clay target coming toward the shooter! Boy was that fun to shoot! I’m not sure how many shells were shot but between both ranges but I’m sure a lot of bruised up shoulders showed up the next day!

The BB gun range was run by Steve Buttie who has taken that activity and made it a “must do” activity for at family day! Steve will have you shooting little targets, balloons, tuna cans, cat food cans and more!



Don Reed, Dave Murtha, and Jeff Sweeney did a fantastic job managing the trap shooting ranges!



Thank you to Jeff Sweeney, auctioneer extraordinaire, who did a wonderful job handling the bucket raffle!



The Outdoor Buddies Actiontrack chairs and other adaptive equipment were available for those who needed them.



At the end of the day the clean-up crew went to work picking up trash and making sure the property was left in good shape. The crew consisted of (left to right) Axton Sanford, Breckin Almond, Leyna Sanford, Wyatt Sanford, and Penelope Sanford.

Fun was had by all and the day's activities were done by 3pm. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped plan and helped out for family day!

Special thanks to Colorado Youth Outdoors for partnering up with Outdoor Buddies and opening up Swift Ponds and sharing their equipment!

Last but not least, we want to thank everyone who donates to Outdoor Buddies because we could not fund these great outdoor events without their generous donations!

THANK YOU!!!

We hope to see you all at the 2019 Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds on June 8, 2019!

More about Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds

By Jack Schreiner

My day at Swift Ponds was extremely fun. My brother, Luke, and I woke up at 6:30 am on Sunday, June 10th.

After brushing our teeth and eating a little breakfast we went on our way.

Once we made it to Loveland, we turned right on the exit and took a couple county roads to the ponds.

When we got there we were greeted by very nice helpful people.

Then, we quickly started fishing. On the second cast, Luke caught his new best bass, a 2.75lbs largemouth.



Luke Schreiner



Jack Schreiner

We knew right away that this was going to be a good day; and it was as we constantly caught fish, we even shot BB guns.

Next was lunch with lots of barbecue and some sweets.

Lastly we did the raffle. My grandpa, Mr. Terry Gleason, bought me and my brother each 10 tickets and I put my 5 into a hat (which I did not win). But when a disabled man won two hats, he very generously offered me one.

This shows how nice and caring people are in the community.

This was a very fun day and my brother and I look forward to coming back next year.

Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors.

Board Members are shown below:

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303-932-1209**

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303-515-9777**

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303-818-7600**

Special thanks to the sponsors of the 2018 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet

Outdoor Buddies held its 2018 Fundraiser Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center in Aurora on Saturday, April 21st. The event was a “sell out” and nearly everyone agreed that it was a fantastic event.

The success of the 2018 banquet was made possible by the great support from our banquet table sponsors shown below. Outdoor Buddies sincerely appreciates their support.

Colorado Youth Outdoors



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**Camping/Fishing/Shoot
From Vehicle Practice
Tarryall State Wildlife Area
Sunday, June 24th
&
Monday, June 25th**

Break out your poles and rifles for an Outdoor Buddies Cast & Blast! This event will be held **Sunday, June 24th and Monday, June 25th** at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.

We plan to have the campground available for camping, but you're welcome to come up **Sunday** or **Monday** for the day if that better suits you.

This will give us an opportunity to catch fish, and get some practice shooting from a vehicle.

Larry Sanford, Jim Piper and Dan Brown will offer advice on bait and shooting.



Jim Piper and Larry Sanford are shown here posing with their catch from a previous fishing outing at Tarryall.

The Tarryall bunkhouse is located at 16226 Tarryall Rd., County Road 77 (south of Jefferson, in Park County Colorado).

The campground is off of FS road 143, above the bunkhouse. Larry, Dan and Jim have been successfully fishing Tarryall for quite some time, and upon request will advise Outdoor Buddies fisherman what kind of bait to use. Optionally, you can email Jim Piper

(geopros@q.com) or Dan Brown (fk15pts@yahoo.com) to get advice about what type of bait to pick up prior to coming to the lake, **and to make reservations.**

Suggested arrival time at the lake **9:00AM** for **morning fishing**. **Afternoons** will be devoted to **shooting** at the range next to the bunkhouse.



This is a map showing the location of the Outdoor Buddies bunkhouse and campground at Tarryall.



Jim Piper shows off his catch from a previous fishing outing at Tarryall.

Do you need practice shooting from a vehicle?

Disabled hunters must have a Wildlife Recreation Accommodation Permit to qualify for Outdoor Buddies sponsored big game hunts.

This is your opportunity to practice this technique and get help from experienced members if needed.

The photo below shows disabled hunter, Neal Meier, during a prior year elk hunt.



Lunch will not be provided, so please plan to bring your own food and drinks.

Please register and come join us for some fishing and shooting on Sunday, June 24th and Monday, June 25th!

Outdoor Buddies Participates in the 13th Annual Rocky Mountain Childhood Cancer Foundation Golf Tournament

The Rocky Mountain Childhood Cancer Foundation (RMCCF) tournament was held at The Ridge at Castle Pines on Friday, June 8th.

The Outdoor Buddies team included Dwaine Robey, Dustin Robey, Chris McGriff, and Scott Maunu.

The 2018 tournament was a sensational success! Once again this year's event sold out months in advance filling the course with 36 teams including 144 players. Everyone had a great time and lots of fun. There was plenty of Colorado sunshine throughout the entire day.

Thanks to everyone who helped make a difference in the life of a family that has a child dealing with cancer.

For the record, the Outdoor Buddies team finished in first place.



Larry Evans autographs his football jersey for the successful bidder.



Dwaine Robey (left) and Dustin Robey



Scott Maunu (left) and Chris McGriff

Tournament Director, Brady Mann, attracts several celebrity participants in the event each year, including professional athletes. This year Rick Upchurch, former Denver Bronco wide receiver and kick returner (1975-1983), excellently performed the duties of auctioneer during the live auction after golf play had concluded. Other former Broncos participating included Mark Jackson (wide receiver 1986-1992), Larry Evans (linebacker 1976-1982), and Billy Thompson (defensive back 1969-1981).

Former Colorado Rockies pitcher, Jason Hirsh, was also a participant in the event.



(left to right) Chris McGriff, Billy Thompson, Larry Evans, Dustin Robey, & Dwaine Robey.



Rick Upchurch (left) prepares to auction a Billy Thompson football jersey while Billy is ready to autograph the jersey for the winning bidder.



Dustin Robey (left) poses with former Colorado Rockies pitcher, Jason Hirsh, after purchasing Jason's autographed Rockies shirt.

**Please Join Us for the
2018 Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Shoot
Saturday, August 4th**



For the fourth consecutive year, Outdoor Buddies is honored to hold the annual Sporting Clays Tournament at Colorado Clays Shooting Park.

We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the event. Whether you have a disability or are able-bodied, we need your support to make the clay shoot a success. Volunteers will help run the stations and guide participants through the course. Please contact our volunteer coordinator at stevemedberry@gmail.com to sign up.

Conveniently located just 30 minutes northeast of Denver, only 6 miles from Denver International Airport, an easy drive from the entire Colorado "Front Range", Colorado Clays Shooting Park offers the region's most complete shooting range experience.

Please Come Join Us at Colorado Clays

We would love for you to join us for this fun-filled day in the outdoors.

The cost is \$75 per shooter or \$300 per team of four. Shooters may register as an individual or as a group of two, three, or four. Teams are made up of four shooters each; groups of less than four will be paired with other shooters. Individual shooters are also invited and very welcome to participate.

Pastries and coffee will be provided at the start of our day.

Participants can register and begin practice at 9:00 am and the shoot begins at 10:00 am.

Lunch will be provided free of charge for all participants. It is guaranteed to please the most discriminating palate!

Disabled shooters are encouraged to participate. Outdoor Buddies volunteers have experience in helping disabled persons use adaptive equipment when necessary. Please do not let your disability prevent you from enjoying this Outdoor Buddies event!

Please go to the Outdoor Buddies website and register now! You can register using the form on page 9 of this newsletter or online at:

<http://outdoorbuddies.org/claysbenefit/>

**Outdoor Buddies Needs Volunteers
and Access to Hunting Properties**

Outdoor Buddies continually strives to increase capacity to assist disabled persons and youth. To do that it takes increased numbers of qualified volunteers to carry out Outdoor Buddies programs.

In addition to qualified volunteers, Outdoor Buddies needs additional hunting properties where qualified helper/guides can assist disabled members and youth hunters in their pursuits of outdoor adventure experiences.

If you have interest in being a volunteer please contact Outdoor Buddies Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Medberry, for information on how to get started. You can reach Steve at 720.255.9453 or stevemedberry@gmail.com.

If you have information regarding potential hunting properties please contact Dwaine Robey at 303.877.8584, Larry Sanford at 970.218.5356, or Nick Filler at 719.359.3641.

**Rich Cori Memorial Sight-In
at
Green Mill Sportsman's Club
July 28, 2018**

By Wally Hunt



Green Mill Sportsman's Club is hosting an Outdoor Buddies sight-in at their facility to honor the memory of Richard (Rich) Cori who passed away on July 28, 2015. Rich was a staunch supporter of Outdoor Buddies and served on its Board of Directors for several years.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 28th.

Only 30 persons can be accommodated at this event so make your reservations soon. To reserve your spot at the sight-in please contact Wally Hunt at (303) 985-2293 or wahunt1716@outlook.com.

There is no charge for the event and soft drinks, water, doughnuts, etc. will be provided. There is electricity at the ranges and hot coffee will be available.

Location – Go three miles west of I-25 (Exit 232) to Bonanza, take first left at Green Mill Road (dirt road) and continue for ¾ mile to the facility.

Eligibility – Handi-Buddies (disabled persons) and Able-Buddy helpers. Youth (under age 18) who possess a hunter safety card are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult relative or guardian. Handi-Buddies will be given an opportunity to shoot first before others.

Registration – Registration will begin at approximately 8:00 AM and shooting will start at approximately 9:00 AM. A valid driver's license, passport, or other photo identification is required and a liability waiver must be completed by all attendees.

Ranges – Rifle ranges with 25, 50, 100, and 200 yard targets are available. A pistol range is also available. Range qualified personnel will provide assistance. Targets, spotting scopes, shooting benches, and sandbags are provided.

Eye and ear protection are required! If you do not have eye and ear protection devices they will be available at the range. Sporting rifles, handguns, and black powders guns are okay. **No fully automatic weapons will be allowed.**





OUTDOOR BUDDIES FUNDRAISER SHOOT

HOSTED BY COLORADO CLAYS SHOOTING PARK

Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, relying on able bodied volunteers to help disabled individuals and disadvantaged youths enjoy the best of what Colorado natural resources have to offer.



Awards will be given for highest scoring teams

First time shooters are welcome and encouraged to participate!!!!

The event will be held at Colorado Clays Shooting Park

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Registration 9 am - Shoot at 10:00 am - Lunch at 1:00 pm

Practice targets available at 8:00 am.

\$75 per shooter or \$300 per team of 4

Registration fees include targets and lunch – Golf cart rentals available.

Address: 13600 Lanewood Street, Brighton, CO 80603 (303) 659-7117

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,500 entitles the sponsor to a team of 4 shooters, shells for four shooters, golf carts for four shooters, and signage and recognition at the Sporting Clays Event.

SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000 entitles the sponsor to a team of 4 shooters, golf carts for four shooters and signage and recognition at the Sporting Clays Event.

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$750 entitles the sponsor to a team of 4 shooters and signage and recognition at the Sporting Clays Event.

To register please fill in and mail the Registration Form on the back of this page

Or go to www.outdoorbuddies.org to register online.

REGISTRATION FORM



Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event Colorado Clays Shooting Park

13600 Lanewood Street, Brighton, CO 80603, (303) 659-7117

August 4, 2018

Make checks Payable to: **Outdoor Buddies, Inc.**

Please submit individual, team, and sponsorship registrations no later than August 1, 2018.

Yes, I would like to sponsor and participate:

____ Gold Sponsor \$1,500 ____ Bronze Sponsor \$750
____ Silver Sponsor \$1,000 ____ Team of Four Shooters \$300
____ Individual Shooter(s) at \$75 each

LIST ALL TEAM SHOOTERS:

(Teams are made up of 4 shooters each, groups of less than 4 will be paired with other shooters.)

Team Name (if any): _____

Sponsor Name (if purchasing sponsorship): _____

1st Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

2nd Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

3rd Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

4th Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

To pay via credit card enter information below.

Credit Card No: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Code: _____

AMEX _____ MC _____ VISA _____ DC _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Please Mail your registration and check to:
Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
555 Highlands Road
Westcliffe, CO 81252



Upcoming Events Calendar

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>
June 24-25 Sunday & Monday	Outdoor Buddies Fishing & Shooting at Tarryall State Wildlife area!	There will be opportunities to fish and shoot from a vehicle.	Jim Piper (303) 514-8944 geopros@q.com or Dan Brown (843) 816-0901 fk15pts@yahoo.com
July 10	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Lone Tree Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
July 28	Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt1716@outlook.com
August 4	Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado.	All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC 13600 Lanewood Street Brighton, Colorado.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
August 14	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Thornton Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
September 11	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Lone Tree Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
September 15	Outdoor Buddies Fishing Outing on the Cache la Poudre River west of Fort Collins. Directions will be provided to those who register with Larry Sanford.	Everyone is welcome. Outdoor Buddies will provide lunch, soft drinks, and fishing assistance for those who want it. There will be two Actiontrack wheelchairs available if needed.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com
November 13	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Thornton Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
December 11	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Lone Tree Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org