2019 Big Game Hunt Requests

Attention Outdoor Buddies members who want to hunt big game in 2019!

It is time to start planning for 2019 big game hunts. Disabled members who want to participate in Outdoor Buddies sponsored big game hunts in 2019 must submit an online big game hunt request via the Outdoor Buddies website. If you have not already submitted your big game hunt request(s) please do it now!

You can submit your request at: [http://outdoorbuddies.org/join/](http://outdoorbuddies.org/join/)

Early submission of your hunt request gives the Outdoor Buddies big game hunt committee time to match your request with available hunting opportunities prior to the April Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) deadline for license applications. Early submission of your hunt request increases the likelihood of being selected for a hunt.

Please notify us if you know of any landowners who may give us permission to hold an Outdoor Buddies hunt on their property. You can contact one of the following members of the big game hunt committee; Larry Sanford (970-218-5356), Dwaine Robey (303-877-8584), Nick Filler (720-644-4842), or Jim Piper (303-932-1209).

We look forward to seeing you in the field and reading your stories about your hunt.

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Buy Your Banquet Tickets Now

2019 Outdoor Buddies Banquet

Please make plans to attend the 2019 Outdoor Buddies banquet. This year’s event celebrates thirty-five years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The funds raised at the annual banquet are critical to the success in meeting our mission to provide outdoor adventure experiences for disabled persons and youth. With your help, this year’s banquet will provide necessary funds for Outdoor Buddies to continue, improve, and expand its programs.

Don’t be left out! The 2018 banquet sold out and we anticipate that the 2019 banquet will be a sell out so make your reservations now!

The 2019 banquet will be held at the Hyatt Regency Aurora Denver Conference Center in Aurora on Saturday, April 6th.

Don’t forget to invite all your friends and family to come too! Consider purchasing ten (10) tickets which will reserve a table for your group. That way you and your friends will be assured that you can share a table at the banquet.

Banquet tickets can be purchased using the form included on page 9 in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at: [http://outdoorbuddies.org/annualfundraiser/](http://outdoorbuddies.org/annualfundraiser/)

Do you want to stay overnight at the Hyatt Regency after the banquet? Why not make it a fun “get-away” weekend and sleep in on Sunday morning? Outdoor Buddies has arranged for discounted lodging for $104.00 plus tax for banquet guests. You can make your lodging reservation online at: [https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DENHY/G-ODR4](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DENHY/G-ODR4)
Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Hunt at Drake Land Farms
Saturday, March 30th
Youth Hunters are invited!

Outdoor Buddies and Colorado Youth Outdoors will host a pheasant hunt, on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Drake Land Farms is a hunting club started in 1980. The property includes 867 acres with 1.5 miles of the South Platte River. It is ideal habitat for the event we are planning.

This event is being coordinated by Christopher Nowak who is Outdoor Buddies Treasurer and a member/owner of the Drake Land Farms hunting club.

This event promises to provide a lot of shooting because we are planning to plant more than one hundred pheasants. Shooting is reserved for disabled members and youth hunters, except for “back-up” shooters.

Outdoor Buddies will provide some adaptive equipment for disabled hunters who may need a little help getting around for their hunt. We will have our “Go-Getter” ATV device as well as four Action Track chairs.

This will be an all-day event starting at 9:00am. Lunch will be served.

At the end of the hunt harvested birds will be cleaned and divided among participants who want them.

Participants must register in advance.

Directions to Drake Land Farms
Take Interstate 76 toward Wiggins
Take Exit 66A onto CO Hwy 39 going north
Go approximately 6 miles (If you cross the South Platte River you have gone too far.)
Watch for Outdoor Buddies sign
Exit to the West into Drake Land Farms

To register for this event please call or send a text message to Larry Sanford at 970.218.5356.

Outdoor Buddies at Colorado Springs Sportsman & Boat Expo

Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Colorado Springs Sportsman & Boat Expo again in 2019. The Expo will be held at the Colorado Springs Event Center located at 3960 Palmer Park Boulevard in Colorado Springs February 22 through 24.

Anyone wishing to help with staffing the booth should contact Dwaine Robey (303-877-8584) to get more information and to volunteer.

Bison Cow Hunt 2018
By Stephen Red Owl

Being Native American, I’ve never had the chance to take part in the traditional “becoming a hunter” bison hunts.

I was excited to hear my name called as the winner of a drawing for the bison hunt at the 2018 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

I had been hoping to win this opportunity of a lifetime and many years of putting my name in the drawing! Though it’s not the same as a tribal hunt, I feel like a void was filled as an avid hunter and Native American.

I received the email in late November to get ready for an early December hunt. I arrived early with my friend and our two sons to be greeted by Outdoor Buddies’ Dwaine Robey, Ron Dudley, and Nick Filler at a café in Hartsel, Colorado.

After breakfast, we made our way to the Downare family owned ranch where they do business as the Elk Mountain Cattle Company.

We were able to walk around and see some buffalo and elk which had been corralled. We were getting very excited and the boys were super excited to join in the fun. I really appreciated that I could share this experience with my five year-old son as it is important for me that he has a passion for hunting too.

We met with one of the family members, Travis, to discuss shot placement and an outline of how the hunt would go. Then it was time to load up and head out to the field.

As we drove up to the herd, the bison moved away. As we continued to pursue them, they continued to move away.

This is a photo from last year’s event.

It was a beautiful sight as the herd kept moving away from us.
Then we drove to the top of a hill with the herd below and set up for my shot.

We positioned ourselves on top of a hill looking down at the herd of bison and prepared for my shot.

Travis pointed out which cow to shoot. We ranged it at approximately 125 yards for the shot.

I waited until she was away from the herd and stopped moving; then I lined up for a lung shot.

I waited until my target bison moved away from the other animals, then lined up for a lung shot.

I really appreciated that I could share this experience with my five year-old son!

The crew loaded the bison into my truck.

We said our thanks and goodbyes and headed back home.

At the butcher’s shop, the cow weighed in at 347 pounds and I received 280 pounds of processed meat.

Fun fact; we learned (according to the butcher) – the fat had turned yellow which means the cow was grass-fed (no sage brush).

The meat filled up a brand-new freezer and our whole family is looking forward to having awesome buffalo steaks, roasts, and hamburger throughout this next year.

I can’t thank Outdoor Buddies and the Downare family enough for such a great experience for everyone involved!
**Vet Connect Regional Event in Loveland**

The first annual Veteran and Family Resource Connecting Event in Northern Colorado & Southern Wyoming will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. Outdoor Buddies will have a representative at this event.

This is a **REGIONAL** event, not just local, from Denver to Casper.

**Why should you come to this event?**
- Connect: Veterans to Veterans
- Connect: Families to Families
- Veterans to qualified resources
- Veterans to qualified jobs

**Who is this event for?**
- Veterans
- Active Duty
- Families

Event location:
Embassy Suites
4705 Clydesdale Parkway
Loveland, Colorado

There will be free admission and free parking.

For more information go to:  
http://www.qualifiedlisteners.org/vetconnect/

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**Saint Vrain State Park Annual Fishing Experience**

This fun, family-friendly fishing event is open to the public and will be a great way to kick off the Spring fishing season! Hope to see you there!

- When: Sat. March 16th 9am – 1pm
- Where: St. Vrain State Park at the Blue Heron lake  
  [https://goo.gl/maps/TeE7io8WQKB2](https://goo.gl/maps/TeE7io8WQKB2)

If you have them, bring your State Parks pass (or purchase day pass), fishing gear/license (if you have it). If you don’t have gear/license, come to learn and cast and have fun.

To catch fish at the lake, you’ll need a current Colorado fishing license! You can purchase one at the park or at your local fly shop or hunting/fishing store or online at [Colorado Parks & Wildlife](https://goparks.com).  

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**Outside My "Comfort Zone"**  
*By Sharon Hall*

Having started my hunting adventures after my 40th birthday, my hunts are filled with firsts that seasoned hunters are much more accustomed to.

I am generally extremely cautious and slow to pull the trigger. Painfully slow in fact. Questioning and questioning again my bullet placement and precise biology of my prey.

This hunt happened quickly! Not only animals beginning to move, but hunter, gear, vehicle and location on the move as well. This presented a challenge outside my “comfort zone.”

We had glassed an area that was heavy with elk tracks the day before. Sitting dead center of what looked like a down town road map of Los Angeles, in elk sign; we saw nothing but two magpies all day.

Not defeated, we were determined to find those elk that had wandered through that snow. So, bright and early, the next day, we return.

My husband and I were there a bit before Dwaine arrived. So as we’re glassing the hillside, we see his truck pass us and travel down the road. When he returned, Dwaine informed us a herd of 50+ elk are on the opposite side of the road, and grazing over the ridge. The time to move is now, because they will spot us and move off quickly.

And move we did; simultaneously transferring spotting gear and mode, to hunting gear and mode.

When we arrived at the location it was the biggest heard I had ever seen. I knew we were busted, because the heard was already moving off to my left. No time to waste. I set my gun up, look down my scope and the first thing I saw was antlers. “Nope,” I say to myself. "You are not what I'm after." Next thing I see is a cow, adult cow, "You are legal," I think to myself. Then like a machine, I place the cross hairs and pull the trigger. Boom, schwaat! I know it's a hit. I hear my hubbies voice, "Hit her again" because she is still standing, and we are trying to avoid a long search and recovery.

Boom, schwaat! Another hit. The herd circles her...? When they moved off, one cow remained, she is mine, and she is not going anywhere. It was amazing! So quick! It built my confidence as a hunter to know I could have so much going on and accomplish so much so fast!

Sharon is a happy hunter posing with her large cow elk.
Dwaine later asked me how big the bull was that I saw. I had to chuckle, I was moving so quick, I had no idea! He could have been a satellite; he could have been a 6X6. All I saw was the antler rising next to the ear, and my brain said, “Nope, not this one.” I’m proud that I processed and identified my target so fast and accurately. It was a 163 yard shot. I am so glad that I got to enjoy this beautiful hunt with Outdoor Buddies. It was a perfect morning. I couldn’t ask for anything better.

Late Season Deer Hunt at Drake Land Farms
By Darrell Bowen

This year is the first time I have been on a deer hunt with Outdoor Buddies since joining the organization. I am pleased to report that it was one of the best hunts I’ve had since I became a member.

My grandson, Aaron, and I met with our guide Chris Nowak on Thursday, January 17th, at Drake Land Farms about 1pm. After unloading our gear into Chris’ truck in case we had to stay the night, we left the lodge using my vehicle.

For those who have never been to Drake Land Farms, this property encompasses 857 acres of prime deer habitat. We started cruising and looking for any deer that might be up and about. However, after three trips around the property, we saw no deer. We did however have one unexpected adventure. I got stuck in some soft sand on one of the roads. Chris didn’t even know about it.

After trying to dig out, Chris finally went back and got his truck and pulled me out. The sun started to set, we started back to the lodge to call it a day. Chris and Aaron got out and went into the trees to check. She was still alive, Chris who had taken my gun, put her down. During the field dressing, I noticed that her body was full of blood, upon examination; it showed that I had made a clean heart shot.

My Memorable Elk Hunt
By Joshua Lyon

Hi! I’m Josh and I want to share with you one of the most memorable hunts I have ever had.

I like to give some history and background with stories like this. So I’m thirty-six years old with a wonderful wife and two kids (9 & 10). Over nine years ago I was injured while under the knife, during a surgery, causing very severe pain. It has been a very long road full of unexpected twists and turns, ups and downs. I was finding myself falling back into being a pill addict again.
Four years ago I stopped taking any pills all together. This was the best choice I had ever made. I feel like I’m getting my life back. I have found that God’s Creation is my addiction from hunting elk and deer to sheds and mushrooms. My family and I love the mountains.

Here we go, I had my antlerless elk tag in hand, with my Grandpa’s 30-06 sighted in, hunting pack double checked, truck is full topped off and I’m pumped. It has been six years since the last elk harvest and I was told that the average is one elk every seven years give or take. I was very optimistic being on year six that this could be the year.

The hunt was scheduled for January 27th. My Outdoor Buddies guides were Dwaine Robey and Patrick Nichols. We were to meet up at 6:30am close to the ranch we were going to hunt. We pulled up to the gate and I jumped in Dwaine’s truck. We were in some very deep snow and made it about a half mile in before we decided we should turn around so we don’t get stuck. While turning around we got stuck. What an adventure already. Patrick was kind enough to walk back to get my truck to pull us out. We were able to pull Dwaine’s truck out and at that point Dwaine decided that we should try a different ranch down near Wetmore where there is less snow. We all agreed that the snow may have pushed them down some.

We took the beautiful drive down the mountain to Wetmore and the weather was much more tolerable and a lot less snow. Dwaine and Patrick took me onto a cattle ranch that was really big. I felt very blessed to have access to hunt this ranch. We parked close to the entrance to glass before driving in. Within ten minutes I spot a bull about 1,500 yards away. He was in no hurry to go anywhere so we watched him for about fifteen minutes when Patrick spotted another bull really far away. So we hung out for a while to see if any cows were with them. There were no cows that we could see. Seeing these bulls got me very excited. We left them alone to go look at another part of the ranch.

Dwaine and Patrick gave me the tour of the ranch while looking for the cows. I was feeling really good about this hunt at this point. I have hunted enough to know when things feel right. We drove around for a long time without any luck. We stopped to glass a bunch and we talked about life and its adventures. We were having way too much fun but we didn’t find any elk in this area so we thought we should go back to check on those bulls from earlier to see if the cows had joined them.

Back to the spot with the bulls we pulled through the gate and glassed to see if we could find those two bulls from earlier. It took no time at all to find them again. They didn’t seem to have any cows with them so we drove deeper into the ranch to get a better look.

Dwaine parked the truck and we started glassing. Within twenty minutes we spot a pair of elk; one is a tall spike and the other one didn’t have antlers. But there were a few variables to take into consideration. We were about a mile from them so it was hard to tell if it was a cow or a small spike. Because of how far away it was we hung out and watched it and then came up with a plan of action.

After spending several minutes wondering I decided to try to hike in and put a stalk on the elk. Patrick got a pretty good look and he said he thinks it is a cow. At this time my body is starting to feel the adrenaline. When I feel that feeling about an animal it’s on.

I decided it was time to hike up there and get a closer look. I asked Patrick if he wanted to go for an adventure. He decided to stay back and keep an eye on it for me. Good plan in my book, less scent with one guy than with two. I put on my pack, grabbed my Papa’s 30-06 and I was off.

It was rugged terrain with scrabble, cactus, ravines, and a steep incline. I knew that there would be dues to be paid later with stiffness and pain for a few days. These were conditions that I wholeheartedly accepted. This was real hunting and I was relishing every second of it.

I was walking through a field straight for them and came across a twenty-five-foot canyon that was big. I had to hike around to find a way to cross it. At that moment I jumped five head of cattle and they ran across the canyon showing me the easiest way to cross. Now that I’m on the other side of the canyon I needed to get my bearings back. Thanks to Dwaine and Patrick they guided me in via arm signals.

At this point the elk were out of sight and I was getting tired. I did my best to overcome the fatigue thanks to the shot of adrenaline and the pursuit of an elk my head was in the game. As I creep through the junipers I had no idea how blessed I would be. I was trying to keep quiet and be aware of the wind as I get closer. I was dialing in on high alert and heart racing when I jumped an owl out of a tree. It was awesome as it flew away at only ten yards. I hardly slowed down to watch it as there was an elk waiting for me over the hill. I was becoming overwhelmed with the emotion when a coyote ran twenty yards in front of me. I hunt coyotes so it took everything I had to let him walk by but once again the elk are on the other side of the hill waiting on me and I was being called to them.

Then there eight deer standing about seventy-five yards away and I thought to myself what kind of hunt is this? This was unreal. Then I got nervous when they spotted me and I was still five hundred yards from the elk. I needed to keep going to get closer. I was closing the gap on the elk and keeping an eye on the deer trying not to spook them. That didn’t work very well.

The deer spooked and took off in the direction of the elk blowing at me. My heart sank. I kept going anyway and told myself “I got nothing to lose now”. I was creeping along at this point still trying to get closer and managed to get within about two hundred fifty yards away when I spotted them.

A lot of time had gone by since I had last seen them so they weren’t in the same spot. Oh my; it took all I had to calm down enough to use the range finder. I’m comfortable shooting up to three hundred yards with this gun so it was time to set up for a shot.

But I still needed to make sure it was a cow. So I watched for a while with my binoculars to make sure. It was a bull! Oh man my adrenaline spiked when I saw the antlers were half as tall as the ears. His antlers were definitely less than five inches, making him a legal target for my antlerless elk tag.

This was the bull that was waiting for me. I was in range and shaking like a leaf. I got in prone position, using my backpack as a gun rest to help steady my gun and chambered a round. At this moment I was overwhelmed with the thought that I was about to take this elk with my Papa’s rifle. It just became real. It took way too long to get the shot off but he was in no hurry so I took my time and squeezed the trigger. I hit him high and back but he didn’t move. Without thinking twice I jack another round. He was still standing in the same spot when I got the cross hairs back on him. I squeeze the trigger again and he goes down. I asked myself “What Just happened?”
Dwaine and Patrick were watching from a mile away. I called them to find out what they had seen. We decided to stay put to make sure we don’t jump him.

Several minutes go by while I reload my rifle and get myself under control. Patrick is on his way to help. Dwaine is still at the truck to keep an eye out for the elk as I start to walk up to where he went down.

He is still alive! He is looking at me through the bushes. I swallow my tongue. I tried to use the hill between us to put myself in a better spot to finish him. As I dropped down to close in he disappeared. Oh no; he is gone!

I walked up to the point of impact where I had expected to find a dead elk. Patrick joined me and we found a good blood trail.

We decided to eat a snack and take a break so we would not keep jumping him and end up losing him. Thirty minutes later we followed his blood trail over the top of the bluff we were on and jumped him again. This time he was crashing hard. We were sure he had died at the bottom. I said a prayer as I looked at the next mountain he could go over. God answered my prayer as we get to the bottom. The bull takes a hard turn and runs straight for a two-track trail that we can drive the truck to. Thank you Lord, Patrick and I had never seen a blood trail like this before. We were certain he wasn’t going far.

By then Dwaine had hiked in to join us in the search for the elk. We were confident that we were going to get the elk so Dwaine and I walked back to get Dwaine’s truck.

But I still needed my truck to load the elk in so Dwaine took me back to my truck. By the time we got the trucks back where the elk was Patrick had found him still alive and finished him for me. Thanks Patrick.

We did it! When I was nearing the location of the elk in my truck I saw Patrick standing victoriously with his arms up high. I was able to back my truck right up to it.

That was the first time I was able to see him up close. WOW! He has a big body. When I got out of the truck and laid hands on him I learned he was a two or three year old bull that had broken off both sides of his antlers.

Is this really happening? He is a stud. In my book it’s harder to find two broken antlers than two great big antlers. He turned into a very special bull for me.

My family was so thankful to put elk meat in the freezer.

My son, Olin, decided he wanted to pick up a knife and help this time. Olin also helped with the European mount with the skull. That was another special moment for me. My daughter, Colette, chose to watch. And my awesome wife, Hannah, helped with all of the processing.

Thank you Outdoor Buddies, especially Dwaine and Patrick, for all your help.

And a special thanks to the landowners who allow us to hunt on their land!
Become an Outdoor Buddies Banquet Sponsor

Be an integral part of making the 2019 Outdoor Buddies banquet a success by becoming a sponsor!

Outdoor Buddies banquet sponsors are individuals and businesses wishing to partner with Outdoor Buddies in our mission to improve the quality of life by providing outdoor adventure experiences for persons who have been deprived of those opportunities. For some of our participants who have struggled with the overwhelming demands of their disability, the positive experience achieved through Outdoor Buddies programs has been the turning point in giving them hope for the future. Outdoor Buddies provides for access to many of Colorado’s special places and shares in the value of outdoor experiences regardless of physical abilities, race, color, creed, religion, sex, or family status.

In addition to showcasing your sponsorship, contributions to Outdoor Buddies are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal income tax laws.

Outdoor Buddies is offering three levels of sponsorship for the 2019 Fundraiser Banquet. They are:

**Platinum Sponsorship**  $1,500.00
- Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
- Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website and Facebook page for six months
- Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for six editions
- 100 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
- Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
- Announcements at the banquet

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- 50 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
- Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
- Announcements at the banquet

**Corporate Sponsorship**  $750.00
- Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
- Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website and Facebook page for one month
- Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for two editions
- Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
- Announcements at the banquet

To become a sponsor please use the Sponsor Form shown on page 8.

Outdoor Buddies Raffles

By Terry Gleason

An important part of the Outdoor Buddies annual fundraising effort is the raffle ticket sales leading up to the annual banquet. Again this year we are offering an outstanding selection of raffle prizes.

We must have a successful raffle season to allow us to continue and hopefully expand Outdoor Buddies programs for handi buddies and our youth.

We request that members of the Outdoor Buddies family be generous in purchasing raffle tickets thru the mail or by contacting a member of the Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors listed in this newsletter.

To purchase your raffle tickets through the mail, send your request and check to:
Outdoor Buddies
%Terry Gleason, Secretary
7710 South Lakeview Street
Littleton, CO 80120

Or contact Terry by phone at 303-868-2579.

In 2018 several Outdoor Buddies members, many from out of Colorado, contacted Terry and he was able to take their credit card info over the phone and get them tickets. Let’s keep that going in 2019 and make this the best year ever for raffle sales! Remember Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer organization. We have no paid staff and very low expenses. All funds raised go directly to helping us complete our mission as we have for thirty-five years.

A description on the raffles offered by Outdoor Buddies is shown on page 7.
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FIVE GUN RAFFLE
One Winner Takes All

Winner drawn on April 6, 2019

Winning tickets will be drawn at the Outdoor Buddies Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center on April 6, 2019.

For tickets contact: Terry Gleason
303-888-2579
terryjgleason@gmail.com

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WIN THIS $1,000 CABELA'S GIFT CARD!

Winner can exchange the Cabela's Gift Card for a Bass Pro Shops Gift Card for an equal amount if desired.

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When you want to get away from all the hustle in the city, you can be shopping at Cabela's, which is an adventure all on its own. Get out into the great outdoors.

At Cabela's you will always find what you need for fishing, hiking, snowing, hunting and camping.

$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for $50
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 6, 2019.
Do not need to be present to win.

Cow Bison Hunt
This hunt will take place in early December 2018 on a private ranch in Park County, Oklahoma. The fee includes the guided hunt, all food and lodging, and license fees.

$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for $100
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 6, 2019.
Do not need to be present to win.

Winners will be notified by mail.

Winners will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and release of liability.

Winners will be responsible for all other expenses not covered by the prize, including travel, lodging, and processing.

Outdoor Buddies believes that everyone should have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. We are proud to support wildlife conservation and habitat preservation.
SPONSOR FORM
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
April 6, 2019
Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver
Conference Center
SHOWCASE YOUR COMPANY
BY SPONSORING OUR BANQUET

BANQUET SPONSORSHIP
This is a great opportunity to show your support of Outdoor Buddies. A limited number of Sponsorships are available for the annual fundraiser banquet on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Sponsorship Levels (Please check the box of your choice.)

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Please complete the Sponsorship Order Form below and submit it to the address shown on the form or return to any Outdoor Buddies Board member for processing.

SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM

To: Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
   Christopher Nowak, Treasurer
   2918 Raleigh Street
   Denver, CO 80212

I would like to be a sponsor of the 2019 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

From: ____________________________________________
   NAME ____________________________________________
   STREET ADDRESS ______________________________________
   CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____________________________
   TELEPHONE NUMBER ________________________________

Name to be displayed on promotional material and at banquet: ____________________________
   CORPORATE NAME ________________________________

Message (Optional): ____________________________
   YOUR MESSAGE __________________________________

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 at the address above, I will send a check later.
   ☐ Please charge to my credit card account, Outdoor Buddies will follow up to assure privacy and protection of your information.

Signature ____________________________ Date: ____________

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OUTDOOR BUDDIES

FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2019

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. The 2019 banquet celebrates **thirty-five years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be on **Saturday, April 6, 2019** at the **Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center**. The Conference Center is located at 13200 East 14th Place in Aurora, Colorado.

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 $50.00 per person for the banquet dinner and the evening’s program. Children, age twelve and under, will be admitted for $15.00. The children’s ticket includes a Kid’s Meal of Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots, Macaroni and Cheese, and Fruit.

The adult dinner includes your choice of a three-course meal of Chicken, Beef, Salmon, or Vegetarian. Drawing from the fresh, bountiful Colorado harvests, the Executive Chef and his culinary team select the region’s best organic and authentic ingredients to feature on its award-winning menus.

Cash bars will be available.

The program will include current information about Outdoor Buddies activities and a few “surprise” agenda items.

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

If you cannot attend the banquet, perhaps you 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](http://www.outdoorbuddies.org) **or fill out and return the form below to:** Outdoor Buddies, Inc., Christopher Nowak, Treasurer, 2918 Raleigh Street, Denver, CO 80212. To order by phone call **(303) 717-7159**.

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To: Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
Christopher Nowak, Treasurer
2918 Raleigh Street
Denver, 80212

I would like to request _____ Adult ticket(s) for the Outdoor Buddies Banquet.
Menu choice(s): Chicken ___, Beef ___, Salmon ___, Vegetarian ___.
Please accept my payment of $50.00 for each ticket.
I would also like to request ___ Kid’s Meal(s) at $15 per meal.
Enclosed is my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _________.

From: ____________________________________________________________

NAME

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STREET ADDRESS

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
## Upcoming Events Calendar

Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.

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<td>Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>February 22-24</td>
<td>Colorado Springs Sportman &amp; Boat Expo at the Colorado Springs Event Center.</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.</td>
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<td>Vet Connect – Connecting Veterans to Resources Regional Event at Embassy Suites in Loveland.</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies will have a representative at this event.</td>
<td>Fred Solheim (303) 818-7600 <a href="mailto:WarriorsOnCataract@gmail.com">WarriorsOnCataract@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>March 16</td>
<td>Colorado Parks and Wildlife Annual Fishing Experience at St. Vrain State Park.</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies will staff an information table at the event. Outdoor Buddies members are invited for a day of fishing.</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popsllarrys@gmail.com">popsllarrys@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>March 30</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Hunt at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado.</td>
<td>All day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served.  Shooting is reserved for disabled members and youth, except for “back-up” shooters.</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popsllarrys@gmail.com">popsllarrys@gmail.com</a> Sean Dunlavy, CPW (303) 522-4602 <a href="mailto:sean.dunlavy@state.co.us">sean.dunlavy@state.co.us</a></td>
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<td>Outdoor Buddies 2019 Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center located at 13200 East 14th Place in Aurora.</td>
<td>Mark your calendar. Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center.</td>
<td>Nick Filler (719) 359-3641 <a href="mailto:nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org">nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>June 9 Sunday</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Everyone is welcome!</td>
<td>There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of fishing, shooting, games and demonstrations.</td>
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<td>August 3</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado.</td>
<td>All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC 13600 Lanewood Street Brighton, Colorado.</td>
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