Check out the latest Outdoor Buddies outdoor adventures!

Outdoor Buddies
Fundraiser Banquet
April 18, 2020
ANNOUNCING

OUTDOOR BUDDIES
FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2020

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. The 2020 banquet celebrates thirty-six years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be on Saturday, April 18, 2020 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 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.

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

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Buy Tickets Online

Download Invitation and Mail-In Form

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Outdoor Buddies Raffles

An important part of the Outdoor Buddies annual fundraising effort is the raffle ticket

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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 mobility-impaired and youth participants.

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

Purchase by Phone Contact
Terry Gleason at 303-868-2579

In 2019 many Outdoor Buddies members, several from outside 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 2020 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.

Raffle Items
(click to see larger flyer)
5 GUN RAFFLE – WINNER TAKE ALL
ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD

Bergara B14 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle

Browning Maxus 12 Gauge Shotgun

Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon 300 WIN MAG Rifle

Browning X-Bolt 7mm08 w/Leupold Scope Rifle

Springfield Hellcat 9mm Pistol

For tickets contact:
Terry Gleason
303-868-2579
terryjgleason@gmail.com

$100 per ticket
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 18, 2020
Do not need to be present to win.
You will have the chance to bid on these items by attending our annual banquet. We have some truly special prizes, and all proceeds go to supporting outdoor adventures for our members.
Whitewater Raft Trip Through Canyonlands National Park
Click for Video--Thank You, Warriors on Cataract!

Be sure to bid on an Outdoor Buddies whitewater adventure accompanying 20 of our Disabled Veterans on an all expense paid memorable and enriching 3-1/2 day raft trip down the scenic Colorado River from Moab Utah to Hite Marina in the upper reaches of Lake Powell. This trip will be a memory of a lifetime. These trips are conducted by Sheri Griffith, WorldWide, OARS, and Navtec Expeditions, National Park Service licensed commercial river operators. The usual fee for such a trip is $1500.00 per person, and Moab motels run about $3000/night, so this trip is valued at approximately $1,800.00 per person. There is an auction reserve of $1000. Two trips will be offered.

There are 4 launch dates to choose from; May 13, May 20, and May 28 as well as an All-Female Disabled Veteran 4-1/2 day trip on September 25. You need to be in Moab the day before the launch.

There are usually two days of flat water into beautiful Canyonlands National Park with side ventures of Indian petroglyphs, small Indian ruins, a petrified forest, a hike up to the Doll House and the Land of the Standing Rocks. If the sun gets hot, a dip in the river is right at hand.

The Cataract rapids are encountered on the third day in Cataract Canyon. In extreme water years these rapids can be rated 5 on a scale of 5. We are expecting a moderate flow year, but the rapids are still exciting and refreshing. Safety is always foremost. The boats are highly stable “J-rigs”, having 10 separate air chambers with 20,000 lbs awash displacement, or large rowing rafts.

Cuisine is quite good; typically stuffed shells, steak, chicken for carnivores and omnivores and a vegetarian menu for herbivores. Menu suggestions from vegetarians are encouraged. Bacon, eggs, and cowboy coffee are served at breakfast.

The personal gear requirement is quite simple; just outdoor clothing, a hat, camera, toiletries, a flashlight or headlamp, sunscreen, and a sleeping bag and pad. No special outdoor talents are required as camping is easy and relaxed. The clear Canyonlands skies afford a spectacular view of the night sky.
Trip Coordinator
Dr. Fred Solheim

Banquet Wine Bottle Raffle

The Outdoor Buddies 2020 Fundraiser Banquet is fast approaching! On Saturday, April 18th we will be at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center.

Please join us in creating a great auction item for numerous bottles of wine! Bring a nice bottle of wine and receive **10 bucket raffle tickets**, no limit. All bottles will be auctioned off in lots based on how many bottles are donated.

Thank you for your support of Outdoor Buddies and for helping make this year's banquet a great success!

Bucket Raffles

We have all sorts of bucket raffle items to win this year. Come to the banquet and win these items below and many more.
Smith Castaway Sunglasses With Carrying Case

Eberlestock F65 Little Big Top

Option Archery Quivalizer QV-M

Outdoor Edge RazorPro 3.5 Inch Knife and Carrying Case

Scent Blaster Active Scent Dispersal System

Sawyer 1 Liter Filtration System

Become an Outdoor Buddies
Be an integral part of making the 2020 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.

**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

**Gold Sponsorship $1,000.00**
Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website and Facebook page for three months Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions 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
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 18, 2020.

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

☐ Platinum Sponsorship $8,500.00
  - 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 of your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for six editions
  - 120 raffle tickets for your attendees
  - Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
  - Announcements at the banquet

☐ Gold Sponsorship $6,000.00
  - Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
  - Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website and Facebook page for three months
  - Acknowledgement of your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions
  - 90 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 of 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

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.

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SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM

To: Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
Christopher Novak, Treasurer
2018 Raleigh Street
Denver, CO 80212

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

From: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ City, State, Zip: ___________________________

Name to be displayed on promotional material and at banquet: ___________________________

Message (Optional): ___________________________ Corporate Name: ___________________________

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: ___________________________

Download Sponsorship Form

Reminder To Submit Outdoor Buddies Hunt Requests
Don't forget to submit your hunt requests! You should have received your big game brochures, so we hope you are getting excited for the 2020 season! Mobility impaired hunters: If you haven't already, please submit your hunt requests on the Outdoor Buddies website. We have limited slots to take members on hunts, so make sure you submit requests as early as possible. We will randomly draw participants and notify you which hunt code you should apply for. Preference will be given to hunt requests submitted by February 28th!

Outdoorbuddies.org

A Beautiful Day on the Lake
At 6 AM Saturday morning, February 2nd, I was ready for a day of ice fishing at Tarrayall Reservoir. I was waiting for Terry Gleason and his son-in-law Ben Schreiner. They were very gracious to offer me a ride that day, but just had to be ready early, since they had to set up for the Outdoor Buddies Outing. I didn’t mind, as I enjoy getting up early in the morning especially when fishing is involved. You also have a better chance to see some wildlife early in the morning. We had just turned off onto Hwy 177, when Ben spotted a herd of elk, about 500 yards off to our left. It was wonderful to hear him describe the herd to me and being blind, I could imagine the beauty of the small herd against the climbing mountain peaks. Only a few miles later down the road, Ben spotted a small herd of big horn sheep. “How exciting!”

By the time we got to the reservoir, it was already getting above freezing and the forecast for the day was to be in the mid 40s. There wasn’t a hint of a breeze and a few guys were already catching trout on the frozen lake. I soon was set up at a hole close to Derek Shoaf, who assured me I would be getting bit! Not long after I dropped my ice jig with a plastic minnow, a trout started playing with my line. I waited to feel some weight, but the fish went away. I kept jigging the minnow and soon I was getting another nibble. This time I didn’t wait and jerked the rod up. Nothing was there and I had missed another one. Meanwhile, Derek had reeled in another trout. Soon I was rigged up with a meal worm, like Derek was using, but I must not have been holding my jaw just right, as I didn’t get any more bites.

Ben kept bringing me coffee and donuts in the morning and soon it was time for a chile lunch. A bit of wind had come up and it got a little cooler, but still great weather for the first day of February in the mountains. Derek came over to my hole in the ice and put down his fish finder to see if anything was down there. I jigged my meal worm and soon it came into view. It was looking at my bait, but after a few seconds, it swam away without taking a nibble. That’s how the rest of the afternoon went, but I did take home some fish that the others had caught.

It was such a beautiful day on the lake and even though I didn’t catch a fish, I had such a great time with the Outdoor Buddies group. Thanks again to Derek for helping me fishing and to Ben, who was always checking on me if I needed anything. Terry introduced me to Steve Medberry, who I wanted to meet and thank for creating a newsletter that my computer could finally read to me. A great accomplishment for the
Outdoor Buddies outreach for the blind to be able to listen to the newsletter. Thanks to Terry Gleason for giving me a ride to Tarryall and giving me a wonderful description of the surrounding landscape.

-Lynn Janssen
## Upcoming Events

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<td><strong>Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at the Cabelas in Thornton</strong></td>
<td>March 10</td>
<td>Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584, <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>Board meeting starting at 6:30pm. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in</td>
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<td><strong>Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Hunt at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado.</strong></td>
<td>March 21</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356, <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>All day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting is reserved</td>
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<td>for disabled members and youth, except for “back-up” shooters.</td>
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<td><strong>Outdoor Buddies 2020 Banquet Hyatt Regency Conference Center</strong></td>
<td>April 18</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><strong>Mark your calendar.</strong> Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center.</td>
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<td><strong>Spring Hunter Sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.</strong></td>
<td>April 25</td>
<td>Bill Gowdy (303) 489-9411, <a href="mailto:billgowdy@msn.com">billgowdy@msn.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds</strong></td>
<td>June 7</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356, <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Everyone is welcome! There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of fishing, shooting, games and demonstrations.</td>
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<td><strong>Summer Hunter Sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.</strong></td>
<td>July 25</td>
<td>Bill Gowdy (303) 489-9411, <a href="mailto:billgowdy@msn.com">billgowdy@msn.com</a></td>
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<td>**Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near</td>
<td>August 1</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356</td>
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<td>Brighton, Colorado.**</td>
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All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC
13600 Lanewood Street, Brighton, Colorado.

Outdoor Buddies Family Outing at Tarryall Reservoir
Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate a variety of activities for members and their families and friends. Overnight camping is encouraged. More information will be provided as the event date nears.

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

Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors

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Director  
720-261-1857

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Director  
303-932-1209

Frederick Solheim  
Director-Warriors on Cataract  
303-818-7600

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Non-board members are welcome. Please RSVP in advance.

Meetings are held from **6:30pm-8:30pm** at the locations and dates below.

Mar 10 - Thornton Cabela's  
Apr 7 - (Banquet Planning) HYATT REGENCY AURORA-DENVER CONFERENCE CENTER
May 12 - Lone Tree Cabela's
June 9 - Thornton Cabela's
July 14 - Lone Tree Cabela's
Aug 11 - Thornton Cabela's
Sept 8 - Lone Tree Cabela's
Oct - None
Nov 10 - Thornton Cabela's
Dec 8 - Lone Tree Cabela's

Event Calendar

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