



Where RELATIONSHIPS Grow

Latest News Summer 2017

Building Relationships Through Traditional Outdoor Recreation

Big Game Adventure Series



The Big Game Adventure Series kicked off with a bang, lots of them! Liberty Firearms Institute was gracious enough to let us use class room space as well as four 50 yard range lanes. The participants learned the difference in calibers related to each big game scenario and the importance of selecting the correct load for the right animal. Participants shot four different rifles; .243, .308, .708 and the big boy, the 300. The class was a great experience for someone who is just getting started in big game hunting.

The second part of this adventure series covered the basics of firearm safety, hunt planning, field ethics, tracking tips and techniques, and field dressing. The Scheel's team joined us for the day, while also providing a gift of a field dressing knife for each participant. The classroom portion provided different scenarios of "Shoot or Don't Shoot". We presented photos with different situations, collateral shots, horizon shots and/or not having the proper tag to harvest the animal shown in the photo. The participants enjoyed this practice and only a few got tickets from the warden.

The last part of this adventure involved getting outside and getting our hands dirty! Venturing out to the archery course, there where two tracking situations. Participants determined the animals point of impact and began to follow a blood trail. Do to great teamwork and tracking skills that they had learned, participants were able to successfully recover the animals. We could have shown slides and charts and talked about this until we were blue in the face, but nothing sticks like actual experience! After they recovered their animals, the participants got a "hands on" field dressing experience. Field dressing an animal is one of the most important steps of hunting big game. The participants physically dressed the animal and learned knife safety and how to properly leave sex identification and why it is important. It was rewarding to hear all of the excitement of our new big game hunters as we ended the day. We would like to thank the Scheels team for providing field dressing knives, volunteering and providing Traeger grilled cooked food . Yum! We would also like to thank Liberty Firearms Institute for gifting their classrooms and ranges to us during this crucial part of our Big Game Adventure Series. A full photo album from the course can be viewed at coloradoyo.org.

- Tyson Tabler

The Maverick Volunteer's



CYO Maverick Volunteers,

Wow - Great people, perfect weather, good times and the FANTASTIC volunteers created our most successful Maverick event ever! For the first time ever, I experienced the “behind the scenes” view of the Maverick. What a show! The volunteer effort to insure that the Maverick experience is that the best sporting clay shoot arounds truly impressive .

The daily events began with a coordination breakfast for the “family” of The Maverick committee. Immediately, after the breakfast, each individual takes off to conquer their assigned tasks - it is a true picture of harmony.

The Maverick setup and teardown requires heavy lifting which is accomplished by the many hands of our great CYO volunteers. The list is long and includes setting up throwers, hauling hundreds of boxes of shells and clays to the stations, checking in teams, setting up tents, tables and chairs, folding 240 shirts each day, and includes filling in prairie dog holes so no one twists an ankle. The list also includes running each of the shooting stations, picking up trash, distributing lunch, making sure the carts are all clean and run well, renting guns, icing the drinks, and of course picking up all of the broken clays.

Each day of The Maverick, over 200 volunteers showed up to help make sure that our Maverick shooter participants would have an exceptional time. The Maverick feedback indicates the goal was 100% achieved. In the end, it was heartwarming to see the volunteers be able to spend time Sunday morning having fun and further developing relationships, along with shooting some select stations prior to the course pickup. I consider myself blessed to be a small part of such an amazing team and feel lucky to have had the opportunity to be able to peek behind the scenes.

On behalf of the entire Board please accept our **THANK YOU** to all of our great CYO volunteers. YOU were a part of creating the best Maverick yet - we couldn't do it without you.

Truly,

Rick Tucker
Colorado Youth Outdoors
Board Liaison to the Maverick





THE SCOOT BARN DANCE SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2017

SWIFT PONDS

4927 E. County Road 36 - Fort Collins

Pig Roast ~ Open Bar ~ Live Music ~ Dancing ~ Raffles

Sean Curtis and the Divide

From 5:30 till the cows come home

TABLE FOR 8 ~ \$500

TICKETS ~ \$75

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CYO Legacy Campaign

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To ensure that CYO can continue to provide impactful programming to youth and adults, we need your help. We are about \$200,000 into our \$1,500,000 campaign. We are looking for your help to join the campaign and connect a friend to CYO. Some donation options are detailed below. They range from a \$10 monthly gift up to a \$200 monthly gift for a Set in Stone. A one-time gift of any amount is always welcome. There are brochures and information available to help those of you who want to reach out to your friends and family to leave a Legacy for CYO and future families. There is also an opportunity to invite potential donors for a tour on the last Friday of every month. We invite you and your guests for a tour, informational presentation, and lunch. Contact Gregg Knoll at 970-663-0800 for more information or to set up a meeting to share our vision and the opportunity to be involved.

How you can leave a Legacy

The CYO Legacy Campaign is designed for those who represent the general community with a passion to support CYO's mission. The campaign's focus is geared toward involving additional donors. Certainly, there will be opportunities for large gifts of support; however, this campaign is about including a wide variety of donors through various giving levels. Join CYO in our campaign to leave a lasting legacy for future families in Northern Colorado and beyond, as we continue Building Relationships through Traditional Outdoor Recreation. This "Legacy" lives on through your generosity.

Monthly Giving Options

CYO Legacy Donors \$10/month x24 months=\$240: Ensure the future of the Northeast region CYO mission and outreach and enable the organization in annual programming.

CYO Legacy Donors \$25/month x24 months=\$600: Ensure the future of the Northeast region CYO mission and outreach and enable the organization in annual programming

CYO Legacy Donors \$50/month x24 months=\$1200: Ensure the future of the Northeast region CYO mission and outreach and enable the organization in annual programming.

CYO Set In Stone Legacy Donor (1'x1')-\$75/month x24 months=\$1800 each: CYO is looking for 100 individuals or companies to be Set in Stone Legacy Donors. These 1 foot by 1 foot stones can be engraved with the individuals or companies name(s) and a message or quote of your choice.

CYO Set In Stone Legacy Donor (2'X2')-\$200/month x24 months=\$4800 each: CYO is looking for 40 individuals or companies to be Set In Stone Legacy Donors. These 2 foot by 2 foot stones can be engraved with the individuals or companies name(s) and a message or quote of your choice.

*One time gifts at any amount are accepted and appreciated! Specific benefits are associated with some levels.

If questions, contact Gregg Knoll at 970-663-0800 or gknoll@coloradoyo.org



From Volunteer to Instructor



Colorado Youth Outdoors is proud to welcome another great instructor to the staff. Alyson, has had a full journey through the CYO experience. Here is her story:

From the first time I stepped foot inside Richardson Hall at Colorado Youth Outdoors, I was impressed with a sense of passion from every individual I encountered. CYO's mission inspired me to get involved, as it seemed to be the perfect marriage between my love of teaching and the outdoors. However, I had no idea how incredible of an experience it would be until I began volunteering in the core program this last spring. I had the unique opportunity to mentor a participant throughout the 15 weeks. This allowed me to not only build a great relationship with my mentee, but also experience the program in a way that

most instructors do not get to. I was able to collaborate with instructors and provide feedback as I experienced the program through the lens of a participant. As an educator, there is nothing quite as fulfilling as teaching someone who is excited to learn, and this is exactly what I was able to do during the core program. The boy I worked with had never experienced many of the things that I consider to be some of my most treasured pastimes. As we learned new skills together, as well as shared the knowledge we had of other skills, I was able to truly grasp what makes CYO such a special place. We went from being complete strangers to true friends. We shared our struggles, as well as excitements, within our lives and time at CYO. I can only imagine the power this could have on a parent-child relationship. As the spring came to an end, I felt a sense of sadness as I knew our weekly conversations were coming to an end; however, I also felt excited, as he assured me he would return in the fall.

In early June I participated in the Train the Leader course that CYO offers. This allowed me to grow my knowledge of outdoor recreation education even more, as well as collaborate with other like-minded educators. This course was far more than simply learning how to use a compass or shoot a rifle. Rather it focused on being intentional through our instruction of these skills, as well as the relationships we build. As I reflected on my time in the spring core program, and the relationship that was formed, it was likely that some of it would have occurred without much effort; however it would have occurred at a very surface level. CYO is not simply a place to go fishing, or shoot a bow, but rather a place to intentionally build and strengthen the relationships that you treasure most in your life. If we are passive, or unintentional about these relationships, they can slip into a place we never imagined before our very own eyes, however, if we care for them, work to strengthen them, and have intentional goals, it is incredible how powerful they can become.



At the end of June, I worked a week long camp at CYO. The majority of the participants in this camp were high school boys at risk of not graduating. The Train the Leader course echoed in my mind throughout that week as I saw boys longing for a relationship in their life that was steadfast and reliable. They needed far more than a week of recreation, but rather a week of safety and encouragement from a supportive and dedicated group of individuals. While fishing, or walking the archery range with the participants, conversations occurred that were vulnerable and authentic. Walls were broken down, fears were conquered, and new relationships were formed. These students left CYO at the end of the week knowing that whatever lie ahead of them, they had strengthened old relationships, as well as built new ones. The power of relationships is unmatched by any amount of fame or fortune in this life, and my time at CYO has helped me to truly grasp that in my life.

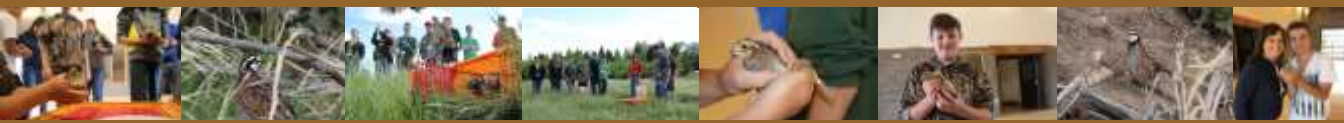
- Alyson Brehm



Quail Introduction Program

**What an amazing event with the Quail Conservation!! We had an absolute blast!!
Thank you to CYO for offering this amazing experience!!
- Shannon K.**

Advanced Roofing Technologies of Windsor, Colorado recently gifted CYO roughly 100 bobwhite quail to help launch the quail introduction program at Swift Ponds. Several current and past core program participants assisted in this program. This adventure series consisted of educating participants on quail habitats, and the importance of their conservation from both a hunting and non-hunting perspective. Participants got hands-on experience identifying the sex and banding each quail. The quail were released at different areas of Swift Ponds property. There are many animals at Swift Ponds and the introduction of quail will be yet another value add to future programs and wildlife conservation on the property. The participants enjoyed learning and releasing the quail. Many participants and guests on the property have enjoyed sitting the quail at different locations of the property since this series.



Fall Programming

Middle School Programming starts August 29th, 2017

Every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30PM

High School Programming starts August 30th, 2017

Every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30PM



Spin Fishing Venture

MS: Aug. 29 - Sept. 12

HS: Aug. 30 - Sept. 13



Archery Venture

Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

Sept. 27 - Oct. 4



Shooting Venture

Oct. 10 - Oct. 24

Oct. 11 - Oct. 25



Survival Venture

Oct. 31 - Nov. 14

Nov. 1 — Nov. 15

For more Information and Registration at

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The Maverick 2018



May 4th & 5th

Sporting Clay Fundraiser • May 4th and 5th • Sylvan Dale Ranch

The Maverick sporting clay course is set up exclusively for the Colorado Youth Outdoors annual fundraiser. The unique Maverick location and design are sure to make a person stop and take notice. The 2018 Maverick will be held at the Sylvan Dale Ranch in the foothills of west Loveland.

Don't miss the Horseshoe tournament & BBQ at CYO Swift Ponds campus on Friday night.

Colorado Youth Outdoors Board, Staff and Committee, would like to say THANK YOU to all Maverick participants! We know that you have plenty of choices to support many wonderful causes. Your choice to support CYO through The Maverick is quite humbling. The 2017 shoot provided perfect Colorado weather, breathtaking scenery, a custom course to shoot, and wonderful people. We hope that you enjoyed the shoot and we greatly appreciate your participation.

We feel very fortunate to have so many great supporters, which allow us to provide opportunity for our participants to build their relationships through traditional outdoor recreation. CYO is proud to turn your financial support into hours of intentional relationship building recreation. We are also very proud to use your funding to further develop one of the nation's finest traditional outdoor education campuses. With tens of thousands of guests to this campus, we feel we are truly making an impact on family relationships. The Maverick shoot and your participation are critical to this endeavor.

As you are most likely aware, we were fortunate enough to have sold out Friday team sponsorships; 5 months prior to the shoot. Unfortunately, being completely sold out led to some previous participants unable to attend this year's Maverick Fundraiser. Likewise, our Saturday teams were just 4 teams away from having a complete sell-out. The Maverick is committed to a limit of 60 teams per day.

We hope that you will join us May 4th and 5th, 2018 at The Maverick Fundraiser shoot. Please contact Shayne at Shayne@coloradoyo.org for more information.





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Mission

Colorado Youth Outdoors is Where Relationships Grow! CYO exists to build relationships through traditional outdoor recreation. We strengthen relationships between youth and their parents, teens and significant adults, youth with their peers, families, and all of our clients with the amazing natural resources in Colorado. At Swift Ponds, our 240 acre outdoor education and recreation facility, we build relationships through traditional outdoor recreation, including fishing, fly tying, archery, shooting sports and so much more.

Providing an environment that fosters relationships, and providing the time to learn and enjoy outdoor recreation, is the truly unique gift of CYO. CYO has grown from a school based evening program to a site based regional program in Northern Colorado serving multiple communities and the youth and families within them. The programming that we provide creates fun, lasting memories, and a lifelong love of the outdoors.

Intentional Teaching and Measurement

PACD

Participate

Try all activities

Be Together

Work as a team

Share your experiences

Volunteer

Communicate

Share

Active Listening

I Message

Be positive

Non-Verbal

Appreciate

Say Thank you

Affirmation

Celebrate Success

Be Grateful

Dedicate

Commit to work together

Do your best

Be Present

Pay it forward

We believe that it is essential to be intentional about what you are teaching and want to achieve with your participants. With our focus on relationships we start and finish our sessions with a focus on PACD, and build life lessons and relationship examples into our activities. At CYO, we run our core program in three week ventures. These ventures are taught in two to three hour blocks one night a week, but can be done in six hour one day activities. We focus on one traditional outdoor activity and build in relationship building content and activities. At CYO, we call this a Quality Relationship Unit (QRU), six hours of quality time learning and participating in a fun outdoor activity while building your relationship. Our core program is built for parents, or a significant adult, and pre-teens and teens. We also have peer programming for youth and adults. We encourage you to think of building activities and outings that incorporate the concept of Quality Relationship Units. We encourage our users to be intentional about using these opportunities to enjoy nature and build relationships.

