ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Colorado Youth Outdoors

Where RELATIONSHIPS Grow

WELCOME

A good cast doesn't happen by accident. It takes patience, practice, and a willingness to keep trying. Strong relationships are built the same way—not in one grand moment, but through countless small moments spent together. At Colorado Youth Outdoors, outdoor recreation provides the setting, but relationships are the true purpose. As you read this report, you'll see the impact that intentional time together continues to have on families across Colorado.

Our work at CYO is built on these moments. And when you step back, you can see how thousands of them add up to something remarkable.

In 2025, relationships helped us expand our reach across Colorado. In Colorado Springs, we established a place to call home, partnering with local organizations to bring archery, survival, shooting sports, and fishing opportunities to families in the region. In Northern Colorado, a story about accessibility inspired the completion of a wheelchair-accessible fishing dock, ensuring more people can enjoy time together on the water.

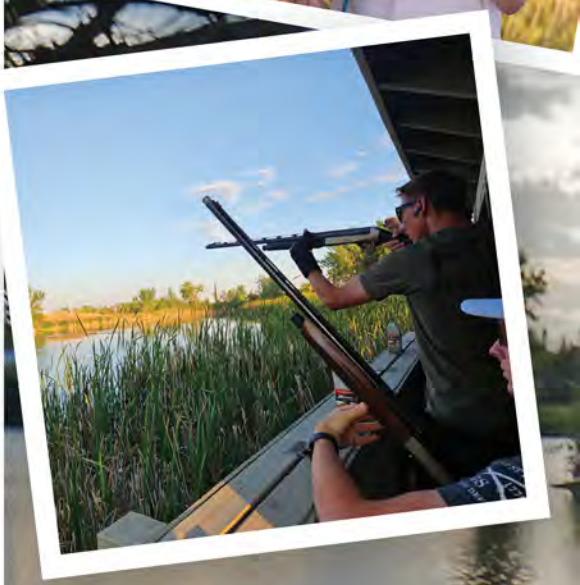
Relationships also fueled future growth. A generous gift helped launch our mobile programming initiative, bringing outdoor recreation opportunities to communities beyond our campuses. Additional support from community partners transformed that vision into a truck, trailer, equipment, and new programming opportunities beginning in 2026.

And through partnerships with conservation and industry leaders, Colorado Youth Outdoors received a gift of 131 acres in Northeast Colorado—an investment that expands the possibilities for future generations.

These accomplishments may look like properties, equipment, and infrastructure on paper. But at their heart, they represent something much more important: opportunities for families to spend meaningful time together.

None of this happens because of a single donor, volunteer, participant, or staff member. It happens because thousands of people share a belief that strong relationships matter. Thank you for being part of that story.

BOB HEWSON
CEO, COLORADO YOUTH OUTDOORS



"We developed a sense of camaraderie. It has also imbued me with a sense of respect for him as my son. As I watch him accomplish tasks with a high degree of proficiency, I can't help but begin to see him as a young man rather than just a little kid."

CORE PARENT

Colorado Youth Outdoors Charitable Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

“Our communication is improving, frustration for him seems to be overcome faster and we are able to problem solve easier.”

CORE PARENT

“It is my 13th time through and I still learn and have fun!”

CORE PARENT

At Colorado Youth Outdoors, we build relationships through traditional outdoor recreation.

WE BELIEVE TIME SPENT TOGETHER IS TIME WELL SPENT.

WHAT MAKES CYO UNIQUE

Colorado Youth Outdoors teaches archery, fishing and shooting sports - but that's not why we're here. Our programs are designed to help parents and kids connect over challenging activities, shared experiences, and time spent outside. We also incorporate our 'PACD toolkit'; encouraging further conversation using the verbs participate, appreciate, communicate and dedicate.

CORE

ADULT WITH YOUTH
SPRING, SUMMER, FALL SEMESTERS

Created for parents/mentors and teens/pre-teens to build their relationship while learning traditional outdoor activities in Fort Collins and Colorado Springs. We teach fly tying, small bore, shotgun, camp survival, archery, spin fishing and fly fishing.

Summer Camp

YOUTH PEER-TO-PEER
WEEK-LONG DAY CAMPS, SUMMER

A week-long adventure for youth 10-14 years old in Fort Collins. Activities include archery, spin fishing, fly fishing, fly tying, shooting sports, canoeing, and camp survival. Parent attendance is required on Friday afternoon, when each camper teaches their adult what he/she learned all week.

Intermediate CORE/ Adventure Series

ADULT WITH YOUTH
SPRING, SUMMER, FALL SEMESTERS

An opportunity for CORE program participants to further their skills in Fort Collins. Our Adventure Series opportunities include destination fishing trips and hunting excursions.

Partner Programs

PEER-TO-PEER
YEAR-ROUND

School field trips and events, hosting other nonprofits – CYO's partner programming is a great way to spend quality time with peers while learning a new skill in Fort Collins.

IMPACT STORY

Our experience with Colorado Youth Outdoors CORE in the fall of 2025 is something my daughter Shiloh and I will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Like many parents, life got busy. Schedules filled up, conversations got shorter, and time together felt more like passing moments than meaningful connection. CORE changed that—completely. Every Thursday night for 12 weeks became "our" time. What started as a simple commitment turned into something we both looked forward to all week: our standing "date night" and the playful competition of who was going to buy dessert after CORE...of course Dad always bought!

Through fishing, archery, and shooting .22s, we weren't just learning new skills—we were rediscovering each other. We laughed a lot. We struggled together at times. We celebrated the little wins. And somewhere in the middle of all that, real conversations started to happen again—the kind that don't come from forced talks, but from shared experiences and quiet moments side by side.

One of the most impactful parts of the program was how intentional it was about connection. The discussion prompts sparked meaningful dialogue that carried over into our drives home and even into the rest of our week.

And the thankful journals? That was a special touch. It gave us both a chance to slow down, reflect, and appreciate not just the experience—but each other. By the time we reached the final Game Feast and raffle night, it felt like more than just the end of a program. It was a celebration of growth, of memories made, and of relationships strengthened—not just ours, but among all the families who shared the journey.

If you're a parent wondering how to reconnect with your child, how to break through the noise of everyday life and build something lasting—this is it. Colorado Youth Outdoors CORE isn't just an activity program. It's an investment in your relationship with your child.

Take the time. Show up. Go on the adventure.

You won't regret it—and neither will they.

MATT IMSCHWEILLER
CORE PARTICIPANT

EXPANDING OUR MISSION

Field trips, hosting other nonprofits and corporate trainings — it's an honor to share our mission with the following organizations.

BUSINESSES

Bank of Colorado
Banner Health
Box Elder
Career Rise
Centennial Fighting Sticks
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Colorado Young Presidents' Organization (Colorado YPO)
Connell Resources
Denver Bassmasters
Gnar Runners
Larimer County Sherrif's Office
Limagrain Cereal Seeds
LoCo Think Tank
OTT HydroMet
Scheels

NON PROFITS

3 Hopeful Hearts
American Adventure Sports Club
Big Thompson Bow Hunters
Boys and Girls Club Larimer County
Chill LLC
Colorado Uplift
Connections for Independent Living
Cottonwood Institute
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA Larimer county)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Greeley Dream Team
Jacob's Center
Little Wilderness
Outdoor Buddies
Poudre Wilderness Volunteers
Project Healing Waters
Respite Care
Revital
River Deep
Shiloh House
Youth for Christ Weld County

SCHOOLS

American Legacy Academy
Ascent Classical
Berthoud Middle School
Bethke Elementary
Bill Reed Middle School
Centennial Board of Cooperative Educational Services (CBOCES)
Centennial Elementary
Ferguson
Fossil Rigde High School
Kinard Middle School
McGraw Elementary
Mead High School
Mountain View High School
New Vision Charter
North Valley Middle School
Peakview Academy PK-8
Poudre High School
Ressurection Christian School
Riverview PK-8
Rocky Mountain High School
Sanchez Elementary
Severance High School
Severance Middle School
Timnath High Scool
Transition Pathways/Cooper Home
Turner Middle School
Unified Athletics Berthoud
Williamsburg Academy
Windsor High School

"When you're in a wheelchair, you see things and think, 'I wish I could do that.' At some point, you stop wishing. Outdoor Buddies' partnership with CYO helps those folks get outside doing things they assumed they could no longer do. Bluegill dock is a great example - people listened to those wishes and found a way!"

Larry Sanford
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF OUTDOOR BUDDIES

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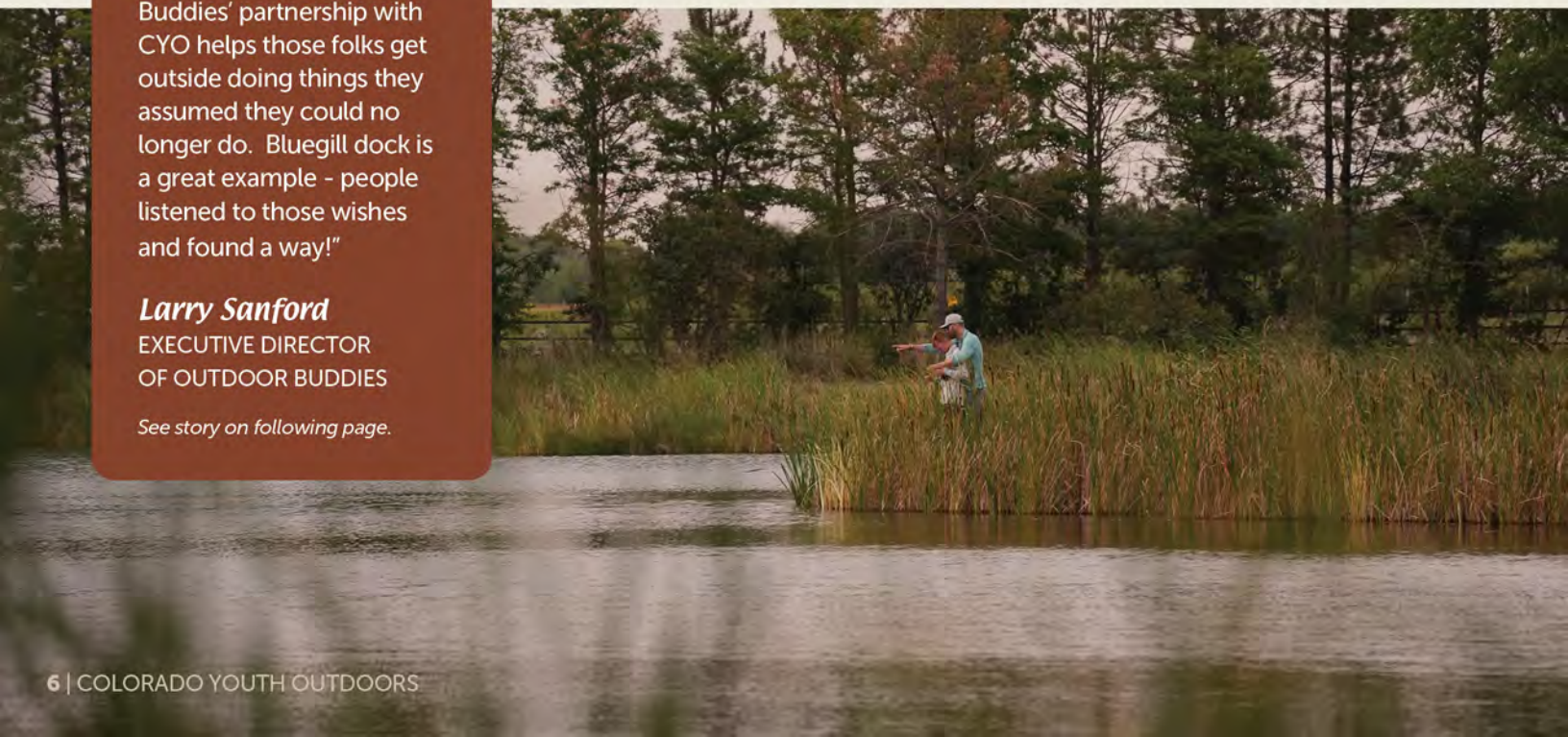

Bluegill Dock opened on Outdoor Buddies Family Day, bringing mobility-impaired folks and their families out on the water together.

A Legacy Made Accessible

What began as Louis Swift's vision nearly four decades ago became reality in 2025, when Colorado Youth Outdoors opened the Bluegill Dock—a one-of-a-kind accessible fishing dock designed to allow anglers using wheelchairs to experience the water while they fish. Thanks to the support of JE Dunn and several community partners, the project provides more opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy the water together.

READ MORE
www.coloradoyo.org/news/cyo-introduces-accessible-fishing-dock/

Conservation Meets Connection in Colorado Springs

In the spring of 2025, CYO partnered with the Pikes Peak Real Estate Foundation to activate unused portions of Venetucci Farm, a Colorado Springs landmark.

Together, we're inviting people back outdoors—onto land protected by a conservation easement—while preserving the natural character that makes it so special. It's a partnership rooted in a shared goal: connecting people with conserved land while ensuring it remains protected for generations to come.

Venetucci Farm has become the perfect home for CYO's archery instruction, where youth and trusted adults strengthen their relationships while creating new memories on this historic property.

Be in the Know About CYO

NEWSLETTER

We publish once a month. Sign up:
Fort Collins: coloradoyo.org/contact-us/cyo-newsletter
Colorado Springs: coloradoyo.org/contact-us/colorado-springs

PROGRAMMING

CYO has programing in Fort Collins and Colorado Springs.
coloradoyo.org/programs

GET INVOLVED

From volunteering to sponsorship, leaving a legacy to finding your next job, there's many ways to support CYO!
coloradoyo.org/get-involved

EVENTS

CYO programming is only possible through the generous support of those who attend CYO events. 40% of our budget comes from fundraising and outreach events.

From clay shoots to cornhole, a country shin-dig to a Christmas extravaganza, CYO has something for everyone.
coloradoyo.org/events

DONATE

Join in on the investment of time well spent. Over 13,000 people served in 2025; help CYO reach even more folks in 2026.
coloradoyo.org/donate

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OUR COMMUNITY

2025 was another great year for CYO fundraising-our events raised $1,000,484. We're humbled by the support from the CYO community.

The Maverick

Sporting Clay Shoot

PARTICIPANTS **672**
VOLUNTEERS **450**

The Scoot

Country Shin-dig

PARTICIPANTS **700**
VOLUNTEERS **90**

Holes & Hops

Cornhole Tournament and Brewfest

PARTICIPANTS **290**
VOLUNTEERS **26**

Winter Wonderland

Drive-thru Light Experience

PARTICIPANTS **9,461 CARS**
(Average of four people per car-approx. 37k people)
VOLUNTEERS **240**

2025 Giving

CORPORATE DONATIONS **$154,193**
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS **$97,701**

Volunteers by the Numbers

1,247 VOLUNTEERS DONATED **9,046** HOURS

TOTAL MONETARY VALUE OF CYO VOLUNTEERS **$361,750**
(Wage in 2025 was $39.99/hr in Colorado)

13,278

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN 2025

WE WENT THROUGH

3 MILES

OF PARACORD TO MAKE BRACELETS

(AND POSSIBLY SAVE A LIFE)

1 IN 4

CYO PARTICIPANTS COME THROUGH ON A SCHOLARSHIP

CORE CLASS COSTS $1,000 PER PAIR.
THANKS TO DONORS, WE ONLY CHARGE **$300**

WE GREW

10,000

PUMPKINS

459

NEW DONORS

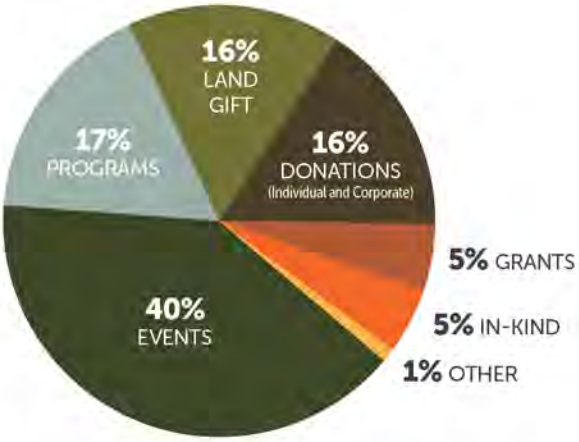
45

BEEHIVES ON PROPERTY PRODUCED 2,327LBS OF HONEY

FINANCIALS

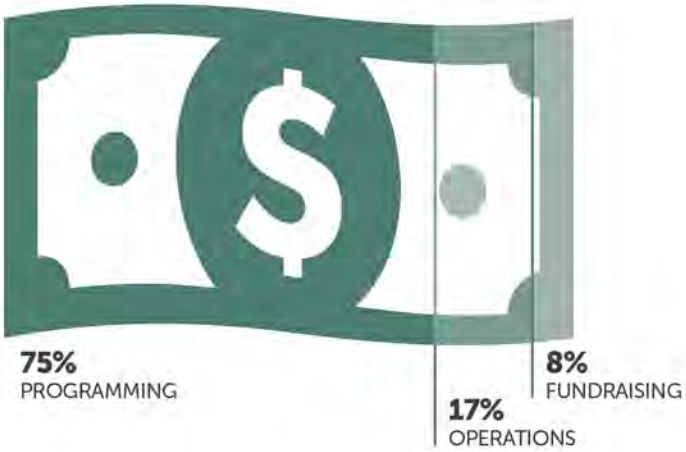
Revenue

TOTAL: $2,536,766



Expenses

TOTAL: $2,463,279



Colorado Youth Outdoors (CYO) remains in a strong financial position, supported by a diverse base of donors, corporate partners, grant funding, and community supporters who believe in its mission of building relationships through traditional outdoor recreation. This financial stability enables CYO to invest confidently in programs, facilities, and long-term conservation efforts that will benefit Colorado families for generations to come. Careful stewardship of resources and a commitment to long-term sustainability ensure that CYO can continue expanding its impact while remaining financially sound.

A recent example of this strength and community support is Chevron's generous donation of 131 acres near Nunn, Colorado, in Weld County. The property, known as Tepee Ring Ranch, will be protected through a conservation easement and will expand opportunities for youth and families to experience outdoor recreation.

This gift reflects the confidence that partners such as Chevron have in CYO's stewardship and vision. It further strengthens the organization's ability to serve thousands of participants each year through meaningful outdoor experiences while ensuring that these natural resources remain protected for future generations.

> "I understand more of what the boys do outside because of CORE. And my boys smile at my attempts to participate and converse with them about guns and fishing. They see me trying and interested in what they are interested in."
>
> CORE PARENT

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my sincere appreciation to the individuals, families, foundations, and corporate partners whose generosity makes this work possible. Their investment in CYO is an investment in stronger families, healthier communities, and the next generation of outdoor stewards.

CHRISTIAN BORDEWICK
FINANCE COMMITTEE, CYO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Don't miss our upcoming fundraisers!

CYO programming is only possible through the generous support of those who attend CYO events. Just like our programming, we believe the best way to do something is by having a good time doing it.

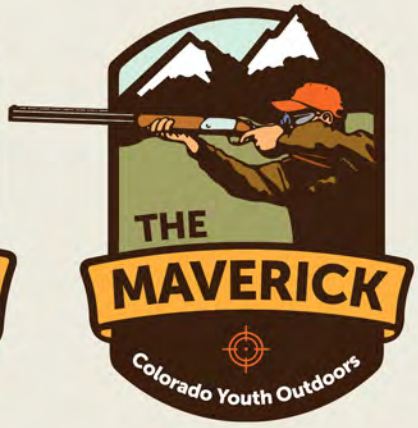
coloradoyo.org/events

SEPT 25, 2026

Live band, dinner and drinks – it's CYO's country shin-dig

THANKSGIVING-NEW YEAR'S EVE

Drive-thru holiday light show



APRIL 30– MAY 1, 2027

Clay shoot at Sylvan Dale Ranch

June 29, 2027

Golf tourney, CYO-style!