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BOEC's Internship Program

by Hannah Lang

The BOEC's Internship Program is designed to provide opportunities for individuals interested in outdoor/experiential education, therapeutic recreation, and recreation management to gain professional experience and knowledge in this growing field. The unique program offers 26 internships during the winter and summer seasons. Interns truly get hands on experience in all aspects of programming and have the opportunity to expand their interpersonal and technical skills. Each season the BOEC is able to bring in a new group of interns that ignite new ideas and creativity that are utilized in all of our programming areas.

The winter interns make a six-month commitment from early November through the end of April, working primarily for the Adaptive Ski/Ride Program based at Peak 9. After an intense month long training, the interns become an integral part of the ski office, first as assistant instructors and quickly advancing to primary instructors for people with various disabilities and special needs. During the winter, interns may spend their day helping students get on and off the lift, as well as introducing them to adaptive skiing and helping them improve their current skills. The winter also allows interns to assist in the facilitation of wilderness courses with a variety of groups, such as the Children's Hospital of Denver for youth with cleft lip and/or cleft palate, 71st EOD for wounded military members, Adventures Within courses for adults with multiple sclerosis, and much more! These courses require interns to be involved in pre-planning, such as course design and food shopping, as well as group facilitation and team building exercises. These courses are a great learning experience for the winter interns and allow them to get to know their students on a different level outside of the ski lesson.

2013-2014 BOEC Winter Interns at Francie's Cabin Hut Trip

This past winter also marked the first season of interns assisting the Keystone Adaptive Center (KAC). They had a unique opportunity to assist in the daily operations while also supporting special events and groups that participate in lessons at Keystone. Here is an introduction to the two interns at the KAC this past winter:

Haley Keller
Haley is originally from Buffalo, New York and graduated from Penn State in December 2013 with a degree in Outdoor Recreation. She really likes dogs, purple, skiing, and snowboarding. Haley had the best summer ever working as an intern for the BOEC's Wilderness Program in 2013 and worked the winter with KAC.

Jackie Foote
Jackie is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and attended Albion College and received her degree in Biology. She then continued her education in the Marine and Wetland Science graduate program at Coastal Carolina University. Her career has taken her from the Florida Keys to South Carolina to Breckenridge, where she volunteered for the BOEC last winter and rediscovered her passion for skiing and outdoor education. She was thrilled to join the KAC this winter and created positive learning environments for students of all abilities.

Here is an introduction to the twelve Breckenridge Winter Interns of 2013-2014:

Bekah Munnikhuysen
Bekah is from south Maryland and studied at the University of Maryland. She loves outdoor sports, such as running, climbing, biking, and skiing. She absolutely loves to share these interests with others. She also enjoys traveling and exploring the world!

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Summer and Winter Interns (2013-14)

*All highlighted in feature article

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BOEC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center is to expand the potential of people with disabilities and special needs through meaningful, educational and inspiring outdoor experiences.

Update from the Director

It has been a jammed-packed year since our newsletter went out last winter. BOEC continues to grow, our programs continue to excel and our students continue to come away with fantastic learning experiences! Some highlights from summer 2013 to now:

Bruce Fitch and Tim Casey at The Summit Foundation Awards

Our 30+ year partnership with The Children's Hospital resulted in a collaboration with their Cerebral Palsy Program, called CamPossible. Youngsters aged 7-11 with this disability worked on gaining control of their mobility and pushing their limits through daily tasks and outdoor activities.

Three Summit Ascent Programs helped young female survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse from the 5th and 18th Judicial Districts utilize the outdoors to confront trust and self-esteem issues and experience success and accomplishment.

Paralympic Sports Tampa Bay brought eight motivated young athletes with spina bifida, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy for a five-day program with rafting, kayaking and the ropes course.

A number of programs and special events welcomed wounded military veterans and their families for downhill skiing, snowboarding, fly-fishing, rafting, canoeing, camping and other initiatives. These participants showed us a few things about resiliency and pushing limits despite physical and emotional challenges.

We enjoyed a record-breaking year in the Adaptive Ski Program, in terms of both participant days and revenues. A total of 3,299 ski and snowboards lessons were conducted. Our committed and talented staff went above and beyond to deliver the best experiences available for people with special needs. The expansion and remodel of the Adaptive Ski School at the base of Peak 9, completed in November 2012, continued to make a significant difference in the quality of the lesson experience. We were able to offer a great experience both on and off the hill.

BOEC was thrilled to be named The Summit Foundation's Outstanding Non-Profit Organization for 2013 at the 23rd Annual Philanthropy Awards on November 22nd.

Long-time Adaptive Ski Program Director Gene Gamber was inducted into the National Disabled Ski Hall of Fame at a special ceremony in Breckenridge on December 7th. These awards speak to the outstanding staff and reputation that the BOEC has in the non-profit and adaptive communities.

The BOEC signed a 50-year lease with the Town of Breckenridge for our administrative office, and renewed our lease of the Wilderness campus for another 25 years. This is proof of the value of their support and the continued strength of this partnership after 38 years.

In the back office, we are hard at work planning for the long-term vitality of the BOEC. The BOEC Board of Trustees has completed a new strategic review process in preparation for a major capital campaign designed to address our key needs for the next five years. Projects under consideration include the renovation of the administration building on Wellington, upgrades to the Griffith Lodge and activities on the site, housing options for our seasonal staff and building the

Gene Gamber Inducted into Ski Hall of Fame

The BOEC's Adaptive Ski Program Director Gene Gamber was inducted into the National Disabled Skiing Hall of Fame at the closing banquet for Ski Spectacular on December 7th.

Gene spoke to over 500 guests about the impact working in the Adaptive Ski Program and for the BOEC has had on his life.

Gene, who has lived in Colorado since 1979, first participated in adaptive skiing when Breckenridge hosted the National Handicap Ski Championships in 1982. After volunteering for the event through the BOEC, he continued to volunteer and was named the BOEC's Ski Volunteer of the Year for the 1990-91 ski season. He eventually became the BOEC's first paid ski instructor and has served as the Director for over 17 years.

Gene is well-known in the adaptive skiing community, through his work with the BOEC and guest instructing at a number of other programs. He has participated for over twenty years in the Disabled American Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, now held in Snowmass and the Ski Beech Mountain Adaptive Ski Clinic in North Carolina. He was given the Gean Baron Memorial Award in 2002 at this event for his many years of contributions.

When Gene started, adaptive skiing was in its infancy. He has participated in the sport's progression throughout the years, as the equipment and techniques have evolved dramatically. He is especially known for his specialized expertise in the adaptive disciplines of mono-skiing and blind guiding. He is as a charismatic leader who demands the best from his staff and volunteers. A natural teacher, he enjoys both working with people with disabilities and mentoring the instructors who work with these populations.

At the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Gene stated, "I'm not an inventor, an innovator nor am I an organizer and author. I'm simply the caretaker of an adaptive sports program." Most who know him would agree that he is being humble. Gene has played a critical role in making the BOEC one of the best programs in the world. He would tell anyone, however, that the rewards of the job have made it one of the best parts of his life. As he says, "you get more than you give."

Lisa and Gene Gamber celebrate with friends and family at the Induction Ceremony.

endowment to better feed our Scholarship Fund. More on these developments in the coming months.

Looking ahead, our summer season will be busy as usual. We are running six multi-day Wilderness Programs for the Brain Injury Alliance, one of our oldest agency partners. There are a number of trips and retreats planned for wounded military veterans and their families that use the outdoors to aid in the healing process.

Thanks to all of you in the BOEC village—students and their families, staff, interns, volunteers, trustees, donors, and friends. I hope to see you outside this coming year, doing the things we all love to do!

Best,

Volunteer Profile – Sandy Olbright

by Jodi Flickinger

Sandy Olbright is as much of a local as non-native Summit County folks can get. She moved here in 1978 with her soon to be husband EJ, they got married in Keystone in 1979. She has had all three of her children in Summit County, two of which graduated from Summit High School. Sandy worked for many years as a para-professional in Dillon Valley Elementary with students who had special needs. This is why she makes such a great BOEC volunteer. Sandy claims she retired from DVE to travel with her husband but we all know it was because she wanted to spend more time at the BOEC. Sandy was our rookie volunteer of the year for the 2011-2012 season. She has been put on many tough lessons through the last three years, but she always keeps a smile on her face and goes with her motto "It is always a great day of skiing with the BOEC."

Sandy Olbright volunteering on a ski day with Return to Adventure Group.

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Carlyn Crispell
Carlyn is a Breckenridge native and has been skinning up the surrounding mountains since she could walk! She is an extremely talented artist, climber, raft guide, and can cook a mean curry dinner.

Cody Graham
Originally from small town Alabama, Cody, is on an adventure of a lifetime. Even though he did not have much experience in the mountains, he brought a wealth of knowledge in working with people with disabilities due to six years of camp directing. He has an uncanny talent for ski biking and was the first intern to be requested by name for a ski lesson.

David Falk
David is from Cleveland, Ohio with hopes of getting into medical school. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Economics. He is an intelligent person and absolutely loves to ski. David had much to offer the BOEC and was a valuable asset to the intern team.

Harriet Skinner
Harriet is an import from the UK and fell in love with the Rocky Mountain snow after studying Geography and Snow Science in Montana. A snowboarder at heart, she brought wonderful wit and joy into everyone's day.

Jessa Hoffman
Jessa is an aspiring medical student from Golden, Colorado. She is a recent graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont with a degree in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. She has a great sense of humor, big heart, and an even bigger Chevrolet Suburban.

Kevin Sundheim
Kevin is an experienced snowboard instructor from New Hampshire. Before coming to the BOEC, he instructed adaptive snowboard lessons for New England Disabled Sports. This internship served as a part of his degree in Adventure Education at Plymouth State University. Kevin brought a lot of energy and passion to his work, which was a great asset to the BOEC team.

Matt Liston
Matt grew up in Boulder, Colorado and recently graduated from Colorado College with a degree in Classics-History-Politics and a minor in Arab and Islamic Studies. The last few summers have been spent working at Camp Manito-wish YMCA in Wisconsin where he led canoeing and sea-kayaking trips in the US and Canada. He has spent the majority of his youth on the mountains skiing and snowboarding.

Mike Geurink
Mike is a dynamic outdoorsman who came to the BOEC with quite the impressive resume. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse with a degree in Recreation Management, he headed to work for the Peace Corps in Guyana, South America at a school for youth with disabilities. After the Peace Corps, Mike worked six years for John Snow, Inc. in Washington DC. Mike has a contagious positive outlook on life, which was appreciated by the BOEC.

Mya Magney
Mya is from Minnetonka, Minnesota and has a degree in Kinesiology from the University of Vermont. Mya ski raced for six years in Minnesota and Vermont during her high school and college years. She loves the outdoors and always has a smile on her face.

PJ Schaefer
PJ is a snowboarder from Edison, New Jersey and graduated from Rowan University with a degree in Health and Physical Education. He first stepped on a mountain at five and has not stopped since. PJ's hobbies include volleyball, teaching and eating chicken nuggets.

Rachel Cohen
Rachel hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is a self-proclaimed music critic, food guru and yoga champion. Powered by a combination of laughter, smiles, fruits, veggies and a fun-loving attitude, she uses her passion for therapeutic recreation to leave her mark wherever she goes.

Summer interns make a four-month commitment from May 15th through the end of September working primarily for the BOEC Wilderness Program. The summer begins with three weeks of intense training. During this time interns gain an understanding of the operations of the BOEC while also becoming comfortable with the adaptive equipment utilized in the different programming areas. Throughout the summer, interns get hands on experience in all programming areas and become staff on wilderness courses. The responsibilities include planning, implementing/facilitating, and evaluating courses. Courses range from one to fourteen days in duration and are either held at our wilderness site or in a mobile format (camping, canoeing, or rafting trips off the BOEC site). Interns play a vital part of the BOEC team and help plan the menu, pull the gear, facilitate the high ropes course, canoeing, hiking, climbing, cycling, and other outdoor adventures. The summer internship allows for interns to gain experience working in outdoor/experiential education, recreation management, therapeutic recreation, and working with people with disabilities, as well as a chance to take advantage of Colorado's summer experience.

Here is an introduction to the eleven new Breckenridge Summer Interns of 2014:

Ahna Mitley
Ahna is a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse with a B.S. in Recreation Management. Her favorite activities include playing outside, especially ice skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hiking, rollerblading, kayaking, paddle boarding, and camping. She is a river rat and loves to spend time at her family's boathouse on the Mississippi River.

Aryn Tuizing
Aryn grew up in Portland, Oregon playing on Mt. Hood, climbing trees and rocks, skiing, snowboarding, and mountaineering. She came to Colorado to study Integrated Sciences, Spanish, and

2014 BOEC Summer Interns on a River Training Trip

Leadership Studies at the University of Denver. She loves spending time outside and cannot wait to be a part of the BOEC team for the summer.

Blake Stretton
Blake is studying Parks and Recreation Management at Northern Arizona University. Being active in the outdoors is one of his passions whether it is skiing, cycling, climbing, rafting, or just hanging out with good company.

Brett Burns
Brett is from Sheboygan, Wisconsin and pursued a dual major in education and special education from the University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh. He has a deep passion for the outdoors and wilderness. He spent many of his past summers working with kids of all ages at a YMCA Camp in Wisconsin.

Carly Davis
Carly grew up in St. Charles, Minnesota and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington in May of 2013 with a degree in Exercise Science and a minor in Sports Psychology. She interned at Challenge Aspen this past winter, where she fell in love with the field of adaptive sports.

Emily Waller
Emily is from Lunchbury, Virginia. Once completing this internship, Emily will earn her Bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University in Therapeutic Recreation and a minor in Psychology. She has worked as a trip leader at the Outdoor Adventure Program at Old Dominion University for the last three years and is excited to build upon her skill sets over the summer.

Melissa Lyster
Melissa was born and raised in McCook, Nebraska and since a young age has been infatuated with sports and anything that involves being outside. She has a passion for fishing, kayaking, scuba diving, climbing, and hiking. Through her experiences as a camp counselor, director, and coach she has fallen in love with sharing her passion for the outdoors with others.

Hank Evans
Hank is a recent graduate from Radford University with a degree in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism with a double concentration in Outdoor Recreation and Tourism. He grew up in a small town in the northern tip of Virginia (Lovettsville) where he has spent most of his life outside whether it was for leisure or work.

Olivia Casey
Olivia is from Sandown, New Hampshire and is currently studying Adventure Education at Plymouth State University. She has always been an outgoing, outdoorsy person with a passion for exploration and continuous learning. She loves to climb and has been doing so for the past eight years and recently fell in love with paddling.

Sarah Robins
Sarah is from Charlotte, North Carolina and is a graduate from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a major in Recreation Therapy and a minor in Psychology. Her outdoor passions include climbing and surfing, but she cannot wait to broaden them with her internship at the BOEC.

Zach Tinker
Zach was born and raised in Littleton, Colorado and has been fortunate enough to participate in a wide range of outdoor experiences since a young age. He loves to hunt, fish, camp, hike, ski, and canoe. He will be graduating from Metropolitan State University of Denver with a degree in Recreation Professions with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation once the internship is complete.

If you would like to make a donation to support BOEC's Internship Program please contact Marci Sloan at marci@boec.org. To learn more about the Internship Program contact Hannah Lang at internship@boec.org or visit our website at www.boec.org.

The Little Known AMAZING History of the BOEC Climbing Wall by Doug Sandok

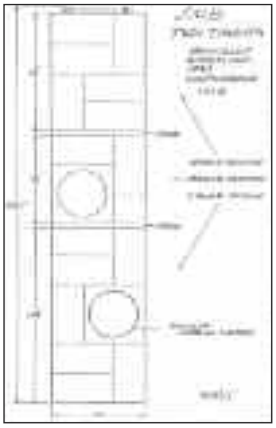
Designed by Jean-Marc Blanche, and known as the JMB "Twin Towers" Competition Climbing Wall, the wall was contracted by Jeff Lowe's company and built during the summer of 1990 by JMB Sport Climbing Designs for use at the 1990 North Face Berkeley World Cup Competition. This was the first World Cup climbing competition in the United States.

"For Bay Area climbing fans it was the culmination of a dream that had begun two years earlier, with the first rumors that a World Cup was coming to Berkeley…"

At this competition some of the greatest climbers in the world climbed on the surface of what is now the BOEC climbing wall. The list of climbers at that competition is a veritable who's who of modern rock climbing and has many of the legends of the day who were pushing the limits of the sport. They include Lynn Hill, a local Coloradoan and probably the best climber in the world at the time and still one of the best ever. Climbers came from France, Britain, Germany, Austria, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Canada, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Australia, and Korea.

Robyn Erbesfield	Tom Herbert
Isabelle Patissier	Dale Goddard
Hans Florine	Pete Takeda
Galen Rowell	Scott Franklin
Michael Kennedy	Bird Lew
Lynn Hill	Francois Legrand
Ron Kauk	Tony Yaniro
Jim Karn	Steve Schneider
Christian Griffith	Ben Moon
Bobbi Bensman	Jerry Moffatt
Will Gadd	

Billy Roos, who was one of the builders of the wall recalls, "It was the first World Cup competition in the United States. They were all there. It was a big deal."



The wall was built by Billy and a crew of his friends and coworkers at JMB Sport Climbing Designs in Colorado, to articulate forward and backward for the competition - another unique design element at the time. "Pretty impressive construction". It was then trucked out to the Greek Theater in Berkeley, California in August for the competition and erected in roughly 18 hours. "It was a great venue", says Roos.

The wall is considered one of the best walls ever used in international competition. Each tower was assembled to provide identical panel configurations that enabled route setters to either set identical routes for a large number of competitors, or to prepare one wall while the other was in use. In addition the top and bottom sections of each wall are hinged to adjust the angle from low angle slabs to steeply overhanging walls. The twin towers allowed "two climbers at a time, head to head" which hadn't been done before in climbing competitions. Billy remembers: "It was way ahead of it's time" and describes the unique construction process using polyester resin and sand. "It was the first

of it's kind in the United States."

For the World Cup, each of the Twin Towers was assembled in three "superpanels". The top and bottom superpanels were hinged to the center superpanel. Each of the panels was mounted on a galvanized steel frame which was subsequently mounted on the superpanel For the World Cup, the entire wall was mounted on heavy duty scaffolding. After the three day competition it was dismantled and driven back across the country to Colorado and never used again until it was sold to the BOEC. For all that effort and innovation, it turns out the Berkeley competition was the only time the full wall was ever used. Approximately half of the original wall lives at the BOEC and is used every summer at the BOEC by our adaptive and school groups.

The BOEC purchased the wall from a group of former JMB Sport Climbing Designs ™ employees in May 1993. The wall was brought via truck to the BOEC program site in 4' X 8' sections, where it

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Stay Active in the Outdoors, with Parkinson's!

by Doug Sandok

February 2014 marked the third winter the BOEC has offered the Outdoor Active Retreat (OAR) for people with Parkinson's. This year the course was February 24-28, right before the Global Community Conference on Parkinson's Disease "Beyond the Limits" in nearby Keystone, Colorado. The course had the highest attendance of any we have run yet, including the two summers we have offered them.

With growing evidence supporting the role of exercise and activity in reducing symptoms of Parkinson's as well as delaying the onset of symptoms, we felt it was important to provide a course where we could keep skiers and outdoor enthusiasts with Parkinson's active and doing the things they love. We provide the specialized equipment, technical support, instruction, and encouragement to get outside and be active. Those of us who have built a life around being in the outdoors as much as possible know how important this is to one's quality of life, regardless of whether you have Parkinson's or not.

The Outdoor Active Retreats are designed to offer a positive, supportive environment where people living with Parkinson's disease can safely be active in the outdoors and pursue the types of activities they are passionate about with proper, support - both from BOEC staff and from other participants. On each course we have learned and developed new activities and introduced new elements as well as the usual information and sharing between participants. Over the years it has proven to be a tremendously uplifting and inspirational retreat for everyone. We work effectively with issues of balance, freezing, coordination, energy levels, temperature control, and speech and cognition that are common with Parkinson's disease.

Though activities differ in the summer and in the winter, we base out of the Scott Griffith Lodge at the base of Peak 9 in Breckenridge. Winter programs focus on Alpine Skiing and summer programs enjoy adaptive cycling and kayaking on Lake Dillon. Various programs have incorporated adaptive yoga, the "Delay the Disease" exercise program, specialized food preparation for health, as well as various other exercises and activities.

Most of all the OARs are fun! And that's what it's all about in the outdoors. Come join us and bring your skills and talents this summer or next winter. We will bring our talents and skills too, to make sure you can keep enjoying the great outdoors of Colorado that give us all so much joy.

Keep in touch about upcoming courses for people with Parkinson's like a cycling and camping expedition in Utah, and a multi-day hut trip through the mountains of Colorado!

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was reassembled, with some major innovations, by Steve Holmes.

The sections of wall that the BOEC did not purchase were apparently traded to Outward Bound in Leadville, Colorado for a 15 passenger van, and some of the round moveable pieces of the structure have been attached to the outside wall of one of the other builders' wood and metal shop in Marshall, Colorado. I believe they can still be seen there. For a time, Outward Bound had their panels of the climbing wall set up for staff to boulder (unroped climbing practice) in Leadville.

"It's a great outcome", say Roos. "Nobody ever thought it would be used that way. It's great that it's still in use. Does Jeff (Lowe) know?"

Fundraisers Set Records in Attendance and Funds for BOEC

by Marci Sloan

The BOEC organizes several special events throughout the year that generate funds in support of BOEC programs and to aid in our mission of allowing all abilities to experience outdoor adventures. Event support and committed donors have been especially important to the BOEC's success over the years. The following major fundraisers help support our adaptive programs and we thank our partners and the community leaders behind these initiatives. Also mentioned are generous fundraisers that are coordinated by individuals or groups and raise money for the BOEC by donating a portion of the profits.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour – Hosted by the BOEC in February at the Riverwalk Center, this high adrenaline event netted over $25,000 and sold out the Riverwalk at over 750 seats. A variety of the best sports, adventure and cultural films in the world were hot off the heels of the Banff Festival. Thanks to our sponsors: Grand Lodge on Peak 7, Town of Breckenridge, FirstBank,Unity Snowboards, Breckenridge Dental Group/Drs. Warner, Rehn & Poulos, Empire Burger, Kicking Horse Coffee, Mountain Outfitters, NRC Broadcasting, Peak Provisions, The Hermitage Bookshop and Summit Daily News.

Breckebeiner 60K Ski & Snowshoe Bash – The 11th Annual Breckebeiner 60K brought in a new record high of over $30,000 to benefit the BOEC's General Scholarship Fund. Thanks to our major sponsors: Gene & Therese Dayton, The Breckenridge Nordic Center Staff, Grand Lodge on Peak 7, Town of Breckenridge, Vail Resorts Echo, Boston Beer Company, RUNA, KSMT, Summit Daily News, and the hundreds of skiers and snow enthusiasts who came out to support this great event! The Breckebeiner 60K is also an end of the season celebration. There was great food this year donated by Vail Resorts Echo, beverages, live music by Helmut Fricker of Vail and Gene Dayton, costume contests and team/individual prizes. The Breckebeiner 60K is made possible through the generosity of Gene and Therese Dayton and the staff of the Breckenridge Nordic Center.

Nordic Skiers enjoy logging their kilometers at the Breckebeiner 60K.

Gene and Therese Dayton, Superman and woman present top fundraisers of the Breckebeiner 60K with certificates donated by Vail Resorts Echo.

Grand Lodge on Peak 7 Team won Best Group Costume Contest.

Cinco de Mayo – This annual event in memory of Willie Whalen, former adaptive ski instructor for the BOEC, hosted by Mi Casa Restaurant & Cantina and Storm Enterprises, drew hundreds of attendees and raises about $20,000 annually to the BOEC. Over the years, this has led to a total of over $385,000 for the BOEC!

Mi Casa Staff checking out the silent auction at Cinco de Mayo.

"Tee It Up for Wounded Warriors & Keystone Adaptive Center" Golf Scramble – A new record of over $15,000 was raised to benefit Keystone Adaptive Center and our Wounded Warriors Fund. Tee It Up also sold out at 144 golfers in 2013! The Keystone Adaptive Center opened in 2005 to serve people with disabilities and special needs through outdoor

Locals Liquors/Peak Provisions Team.

recreation including adaptive skiing, snowboarding and adaptive cycling. The Keystone Adaptive Center serves as an adjunct office to the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) which has been in operation for more than 38 years. The Scotty McFadden Foundation was inspired to share in this fundraiser in honor/memory of Scotty McFadden, a passionate Army Helicopter Pilot and Adaptive Ski Instructor who was always helping others.

St. Anthony Summit Medical Center Team at Tee It Up.

Team Backcountry Brewery at Tee It Up.

Mark from Mountain Pride Cleaning & Restoration (Eagle Sponsor) meets wounded military players at Tee It Up for Wounded Warriors and Keystone Adaptive Center.

Thanks our major sponsors: Mountain Pride Cleaning & Restoration, Grand Lodge on Peak 7, Joseph Wilson, Briar Rose/Empire Burger/Park & Main/Giampietro, Peak Provisions/Locals Liquors, Vail Resorts Echo, Keystone Ranch Golf Course, KSMT, Summit Daily News, and Bryan and Jo Ann Hartwig. Thanks to all the team and individual golfers for coming out to support our adaptive programs to help those with special needs.

2nd Annual Patrick J. Savino Cocktail Party & Fundraiser - Hosted by Mary Jo Savino in memory of Patrick J. Savino this event last fall in Chicago raised over $15,000 for the BOEC! The BOEC is honored to be the recipient of the funds and an event that raises much awareness of the great work we do to help those with special needs. Thanks to all the guests of the fundraiser and all who made donations in honor & memory of Patrick J. Savino.

We're Open Open – Hosted by PGA Pro Philip Tobias of Keystone Ranch Golf Course. Tobias generously donated the raffle sales proceeds which were over $1,900 to our Keystone Adaptive Center Programs.

Arts Alive Gallery & BOEC presented ADVENTURES IN FOOD & ART, An Adventure Filled Fundraiser For The Senses Last fall, the worlds of art, food and adventure blended at Arts Alive Gallery where artists prepared an international buffet of entrees with wines to match. Guests mingled with artists, learned about their art & enjoyed an unforgettable evening. Arts Alive is a local Artists' Co-op Gallery presented by the Summit County Arts Council. Artworks include paintings, ceramics, fiber art, stained glass, custom jewelry, sculpture and photography. Forty unique artists are represented at the gallery. Thanks to all the artists and all who attended as much awareness and funds were raised for the BOEC.

Bruce Fitch thanks Diane Jaynes for all her work coordinating Adventures in Food & Art.

Artists from Arts Alive Gallery showcase their artwork.

Annual Milhouse Memorial Run/Walk – In memory of Luke "Milhouse" Oldenburg this event in Fort Collins has raised over $14,000 to benefit BOEC's Visually Impaired Programs. To learn more check out livelifelikeluke.org on the Firstgiving website.

Copper Pin Program – Thanks to Copper Mountain Resort for their support of the BOEC through allowing us to sell several transferable ski passes! Thousands of dollars have been raised for the BOEC through this program.

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ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Vertical Challenge – A local's effort to raise money for the BOEC ALS programs, led by Tim Casey and Larry Crispell and involving a number of local ski mountaineers, pledges funds based on the number of vertical feet they have skinned up Peak 8. Over $26,000 has been raised as a result of their efforts.

Boston Beer Company and G.F. Rutkey Distributing – Through a donation of a portion of beer sale proceeds over the winter this wonderful group raised $1,400 for the BOEC.

The North Face—Breckenridge – Conrad Anker came to Breckenridge as part of the 2013 Never Stop Exploring Speaker Series. The live nationwide tour invites adventure fans from across the country to share in the incredible tales of 14 top athletes from The North Face Team. Conrad recounted his incredible story of climbing in the world's most extreme conditions to Breckenridge residents on October 12th. In "The Impossible Climb", presented by The North Face and The North Face Breckenridge Store, Anker offered an inspirational look at the depths of human endurance and shared his amazing journeys. Anker's climbing career runs the gamut from Everest to Arctic big walls, but the vertical Sharks Fin on India's Mount Meru pushed him the hardest. Demanding two grueling expeditions and a teeth-clenching dose of suffering, Meru was Conrad's ultimate expedition. All proceeds from the private reception and raffle sales went to the BOEC. Thanks to Steve and Susan Lapinsohn and The North Face over $3,350 was raised for the BOEC!

Steve and Susan Lapinsohn were the hosts of The North Face Breckenridge reception.

Conrad Anker signs autographs and meets Hannah Lang and Claire DiCola of the BOEC.

Don't miss these great future events that support the BOEC.

Mark your calendars now…

North Pole Adventurer: Ryan Waters – Thursday, August 21st, 6-9 p.m., Colorado Mountain College.

Eat. Drink. Give. – Plan to have lunch, dinner and drinks at Kenosha Steakhouse on Wednesday, June 25th. They will be donating 5% of total sales on this day to BOEC!

"TEE IT UP FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS AND KEYSTONE ADAPTIVE CENTER" Golf Scramble will be on Monday, August 25, 2014 at Keystone Ranch Golf Course. Lunch, door prizes, a scenic course, and contests all to benefit our military and adaptive programs make this a great day to tee it up! Details and registration at www.boec.org. We are looking for Hole and Corporate Sponsors! Please contact Marci at marci@boec.org if interested.

2014 North Face Never Stop Exploring Speaker Series – October 4th.

Please contact marci@boec.org if you are interested in learning more about any of these special events. We are looking for corporate sponsors, committee members, food donations, door prizes, silent auction items and volunteers. To learn more about BOEC events visit WWW.BOEC.ORG and/or "like" our page on Facebook under Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center.

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North Pole Adventurer Ryan Waters to Visit Breckenridge for BOEC Benefit

Ryan Waters is a professional mountaineer, guide and polar adventurer. He is the first American to complete the Adventurers Grand Slam by climbing the highest mountain on each continent - the Seven Summits - plus skiing unsupported full ski expeditions to the North and South Poles. Ryan is the also the First American to ski unsupported to both the North and South Poles which he did via unconventionally difficult means. In 2010, along with his expedition partner Cecilie Skog he became the first person to ski unsupported and unassisted across Antarctica during a 70 day, 1,117 mile/1,800 kilometer crossing of the continent via the South Pole. On May 6th, 2014 along with Eric Larsen, he completed what has been described as "one of the most difficult expeditions in the world", a 53-day full unsupported ski trip to the North Pole from Cape Discovery Canada. The team braved 500 miles of shifting sea ice, pressure ridges, swimming open water leads, and polar bears while filming a documentary to be aired on the Animal Planet television network. He is the veteran leader of climbing expeditions all around the world including 14 expeditions to 8,000 meter peaks in the Himalayas. With his captivating photography and his self deprecating humor, he motivates and inspires while stressing the importance of teamwork and keeping a positive attitude no matter the situation.

Ryan Waters has generously offered to visit Breckenridge and speak about his explorations at Colorado Mountain College with proceeds benefitting the BOEC on Thursday, August 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. Details at www.boec.org and on the BOEC's Facebook Page.

Photos by Eric Larsen

The Frisco Rowing Club

offers an adaptive program for anyone interested in getting into performance shell rowing on Lake Dillon.

For more info their website is http://www.friscorowing.com

Email: friscorowing@gmail.com

Phone: 970-409-8435.

They are out rowing 7 days a week in the mornings 6-10 am.

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The BOEC thanks our wonderful, committed, hard working staff who reached the following milestones in their employment. We congratulate them and thank them for their work and dedication.

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The BOEC would like to thank the Davignon Charitable Fund for the generous grant to cover adaptive equipment for our Ski Program. We were able to purchase a ski bike and mono-ski this year. The mission of the Davignon Charitable Fund is to provide financial support to individuals and organizations to educate, enhance and assist persons with physical disabilities, primarily youth and soldiers. It was founded by Dean and Shirley Davignon as a family operated foundation in order to help persons who face physical challenges. The Summit Foundation also provided funding last year to help with our adaptive program needs and assisted with the purchase of the mono-ski. A special thanks to both!

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Monday, August 25, 2014

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