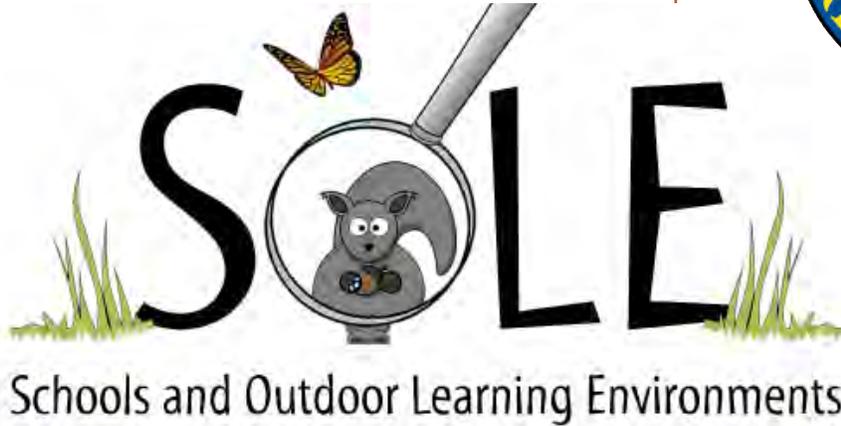




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Family Newsletter

Get Out and Grow Wild

Spring Edition, 2019



Kids grow better *outside*

Spring is a good time to start planning your outdoor adventures - either in your backyard or in a new wild place, away from home. It is also time to make reservations for your favorite camping spot.

One of the most challenging parts of raising a Generation Wild child is finding easy stuff to do outside. [Backyard Hacks](#) is a series of short, fun how-to videos of things you can do with kids in the backyard.

The videos include: how to create a worm hotel, plant a sock garden, bake sun oven s'mores and make a soda bottle sprinkler! Generation Wild also has more great ideas on what to do outside this spring. See examples from their [100 things-to-do-list](#) below.

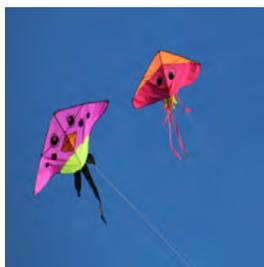
#4 CREATE A SIDEWALK MURAL

Fun and easy to do at home. Erase and repeat.



#17 FLY A KITE

On a windy day let your kite go wild and free on the spring breeze.



#36 PLANT A SEED

Plant a seed and watch it grow. Then replant it in your summer garden.



How Are We Funded?

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of the Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces.

Half of GOCO funds are dedicated to CPW projects, including support for environmental education programs and youth outreach. Colorado Lottery games fully fund SOLE, making us all winners!

Fun Outdoor Activities

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UNTRAMMBLED LANDSCAPES: EXPLORE STATE WILDLIFE AREAS

State Wildlife Areas (SWAs) are state- or privately-owned lands that offer wildlife-related recreation to the public. While most activities focus on hunting and fishing, each SWA has different allowed activities, based on location and available resources.

Find information about SWAs [here](#)



ARCHERY

Did you know that Colorado Parks and Wildlife has 3-D ranges? Check out the ones at Barr Lake or Cheyenne Mountain. Other State Parks have standing ranges and may offer archery clinics that teach safety and good shooting skills.

Find an archery range [here](#)

Find additional State Park ranges [here](#)



COLORADO FISHING ATLAS

Whether you are a seasoned angler or you have never picked up a rod before, finding a place to fish in Colorado has never been easier! The [Colorado Fishing Atlas](#), is the latest interactive mapping tool offered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. It allows you to search for fishing opportunities by species, specific interest or proximity to your location.





Web Tools to Find Outdoor Fun

Here are a few websites with information and ideas on where to go and what to do. Print this page or save the web addresses to quickly find events and outdoor activities.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's website has several great pages:

- [“Things to Do”](#)
- [“Places to Go”](#)
- [“Events and Festivals”](#)

Recreation.Gov hosts information about national parks, fish and wildlife refuges, national forests, etc. <https://www.recreation.gov/>

Be sure to mark your calendars for fee free days in National Parks:

- January 21
- April 20
- August 25
- September 28
- November 11

ReserveAmerica.com is a one-stop website for making reservations at lodges, campgrounds, marinas, day use areas and tours. [Learn more.](#)

Gear Up for Less!

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has placed backpacks in public libraries that can be checked out! Find a library near you [here](#).

Most State Parks with a visitor center or public office also offer an outdoor activity backpack for check-out. These backpacks have materials that will help families explore and learn about the Park. Find additional information [here](#).

Did you know you can rent gear or buy used gear at a discounted price? The companies below simplify getting outdoor recreation gear, so you can spend more time enjoying the outdoors.

- [Gear To Go Outfitters](#)
- [Mountain Side Gear Rental](#)
- [Outdoor Geeks](#)
- [REI Used Gear and Rentals](#)
- [Wilderness Exchange Unlimited](#)



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Respect and Care for Colorado!

When venturing out to enjoy Colorado's peaks and prairies, we need to respect the places we all own and share. We each have a responsibility for taking care of our beautiful State. Take only pictures, leave only foot prints.

By practicing these 7 Leave No Trace Principles, you will help conserve Colorado's beautiful attractions for future generations.

Leave No Trace is a way to care for Colorado.

1. Know Before You Go.
2. Stick To The Trails
3. Trash the Trash:
Pack it in and Pack it Out
4. Leave It As You Find It
5. Be Careful with Fire
6. Keep Wildlife Wild
7. Share Our Trails and Parks

For more information on Leave No Trace, visit LNT.org.



- Local Family Events -

- March 20** ◆ **SPRING EQUINOX FULL MOON DRUM CIRCLE**
WEDNESDAY MARCH 20, 6:30PM-8:00PM
 Nature & Wildlife Discovery Center, Mountain Park Campus, 9112 Mountain Park Road, Beulah, CO 81023
 Event is to acknowledge the sun's halfway point on its travel between the winter and summer solstices. There will be drumming around a fire-circle. Dress to be outside. Registration required. \$5.00-\$10.00
 For more information click [here](#).
- March 24** ◆ **SPRING EQUINOX WATERCOLOR SAUNTER**
WEDNESDAY MARCH 24, 11:00AM
 Nature & Wildlife Discovery Center, Mountain Park Campus, 9112 Mountain Park Road, Beulah, CO 81023
 The early spring landscapes offer opportunities to capture the emerging beauty of new life through watercolor paints. This event is suitable for all levels of watercolor painting experience, including beginners. Painting supplies will be provided. Registration required. \$5.00-\$10.00
 For more information click [here](#).
- March 29-30** ◆ **2019 APPA LINEWORKERS RODEO**
SATURDAY MARCH 30, 8:00AM-4:00PM
 Rock Ledge Ranch, 3105 Gateway Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80804
 The rodeo is a great opportunity for customers to get an up-close look at workers and the skills they use to keep the power on in our community. Competitors will demonstrate how they can climb power poles, hang transformers, rescue injured workers, and perform rope tosses. Free. Park at Garden of the Gods
 For more information click [here](#)
- April 14** ◆ **BAT APPRECIATION DAY: WILLIAMS CANON PROJECT AND CAVE OF THE WIND**
SUNDAY APRIL 14, 10:00AM-2:00PM
 Cave of the Winds Mountain Park, 100 Cave of the Winds Rd, Manitou Springs, CO 80829
 Come learn fascinating facts about the Cave's bats! Bats have an important role in Colorado's ecosystems. Strap on your helmet and test for caving skills in CaveSim, an exciting hands-on simulated cave experience. Free, however tours are available at additional cost.
 For more information click [here](#).
- April 19** ◆ **CAMP FRIDAY AND CAMP ROCK**
FRIDAY APRIL 19, 8:30AM-4:30PM
 Greater Arkansas River Nature Association, Mount Ouray State Wildlife Area CO 80206
 Camp Friday and Camp Rock activities are led by GARNA. Activities include rock hunt hike, wetland exploration and migratory songbirds. There will be two groups: k-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade.
 For more information click [here](#).



- Local Family Events -

- May 4** ◆ **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION - SALIDA**
SATURDAY MAY 4, 8:00AM-1:00PM
Riverside Park, Salida
Come join in the festivities to celebrate Earth Day.
- May 11-12** ◆ **MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND AT PUEBLO ZOO**
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 11 AND 12
Pueblo Zoo, 3455 Nuckolls Ave. • Pueblo, CO 81005
Celebrate the moms in your life this Mother's Day weekend! Moms and grandmas receive FREE admission. Your child or grandchild is your ticket in!
For more information click [here](#)
- May 17-19** ◆ **5TH ANNUAL PIKE PEAK BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL**
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 17-19, VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND TIMES
Friends of El Paso County Nature Centers, El Paso, CO81201.
The Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival focuses on the spring migration along Colorado's Front Range. Develop and refine your identification skills of birds by sound, or learn how a local land trust has cooperated with ranchers to preserve the majestic Pikes Peak viewshed, or look for Flammulated Owls. You can also discover your artistic side through a wildlife and nature-sketching workshop with a local birder-artist. Registration is required.
For more information click [here](#)
- May thru July** ◆ **GREATER ARKANSAS RIVER NATURE ASSOCIATION-SUMMER NATURE CAMPS**
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAY
Greater Arkansas River Nature Association, 128 E. First Street, Suite 205, Salida, CO 81201.
These camps are for kindergarten through 6th graders.
For more information click [here](#)

