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GO-Day 2009



To combat the threats posed by today's indoor, inactive lifestyles – such as the growing obesity epidemic and the projection that today's kids will live shorter lives than their parents due to lifestyle choices – several hundred local, state and federal agencies, diverse nonprofit organizations in the health and youth-services fields, the recreation community and media interests teamed up to host the second annual **National Get Outdoors Day (GO-Day)** on June 13, 2009. The national effort was again led by the U.S. Forest Service (FS) and the American Recreation Coalition (ARC), but the number and diversity of the organizations involved nationally and locally increased sharply. Uniting these partners was a shared belief in the Mission of National Get Outdoors Day:

Unify public and private-sector interests in efforts to influence American lifestyles, especially among youth, in ways that maximize the physical, mental and other benefits derived from activities in the Great Outdoors through a focused effort to invite Americans to designated sites on a single day, as well as to highlight and assist the efforts of National Get Outdoors Day partners year-round.

GO-Day 2009 was built around offering opportunities for American families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities, regardless of past experience, skills or ownership of equipment. Those Americans currently underserved by visits to public lands and waters and youth – especially urban youth – were priority targets for the events. GO-Day organizers accepted a challenge: making the appeal of

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the great outdoors equal that of shopping malls and video games. And they met this challenge with exceptional results.

The second annual GO-Day featured over 60 official sites in more than 30 states – from Kingman Island in Washington, D.C. to Denver City Park in Colorado, from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington to the Talladega National Forest in Alabama. Collectively, these sites welcomed tens of thousands of new faces to the joy and healthy benefits of the great outdoors. The GO-Day events offered a mix of information centers and "active fun" areas – places where guests could climb a rock wall, ski on dry land, practice mountain bike skills, cast a fishing line, go geocaching, help pitch a tent and more. Many sites provided photo opportunities with characters like Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and other interesting creatures, and some sites featured areas that focused on other aspects of healthy living, including sustainability, good nutrition and outdoor ethics. The goal was to ensure that the fun and excitement of GO-Day triggered a resolution for participants to make getting outdoors part of their everyday lives.

In addition to activities at the GO-Day events, participants were invited to nearby follow-up opportunities, called EChO-events, occurring throughout the summer. EChO-events include introductions to mountain biking and fly-fishing, hikes with rangers to see wildlife, rock climbing experiences, kayaking and rafting and much more. EChO-events involve a hosting agency or organization and partners that assist by providing equipment and instruction. GO-Day also provided a great platform for providing the public with information on Great Outdoors Month activities, including National Trails Day® and the Great American Backyard Campout, and the special opportunities made possible by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's action designating one weekend each month during the summer of 2009 as fee-free for national parks! More information on the fee-free weekends can be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm>.

The pilot effort of National Get Outdoors Day was launched on June 14, 2008, in response to a growing number of disturbing reports about today's youth, particularly in relationship to their health and daily activities. Today's children spend 6.5 hours per day in front of a screen and are six times more likely to play a computer game than to ride a bike. Kids report that outdoor adventure is fun – but that outdoor activities are invisible, lost in a clutter of mass media ads, road signs and information over phones and computers, overshadowed by malls offering food, friends and "perfect" weather. Building on the success of More Kids in the Woods and other important efforts to connect Americans – and especially children – with nature and active lifestyles, the U.S. Forest Service and the American Recreation Coalition agreed to lead an inclusive, nationwide effort focusing on a single day when people would be inspired and motivated to get outdoors. GO-Day brought federal, state and local agencies, key enthusiast organizations and recreation businesses together to create a healthy, fun day of outdoor adventure aimed at reaching first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting children to the outdoors.

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The achievements of GO-Day 2009 are impressive:

- 25,000+ American families and children participated in GO-Day events across the nation
- Hundreds of partners (including over 200 new participating organizations) made GO-Day events possible due to their generous support, time and donations. Giveaways donated by The Coleman Company, Clif Bar, U.S. Forest Service and many more provided additional incentives for GO-Day participants to enjoy the outdoors beyond GO-Day
- 62 official sites in 32 states and the District of Columbia celebrated GO-Day; additionally, there were a number of non-official sites that helped achieve GO-Day goals
- GO-Day enjoyed widespread media coverage, including numerous print and online articles, radio spots, television and news features, YouTube clips, pages and articles on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, and more
- GO-Day was specifically mentioned in some of the 46 state proclamations of Great Outdoors Month and provided a showcase for local actions by governors and mayors

The visibility of GO-Day has only continued to increase as excitement about the event builds across the nation. Dramatic increases in partner organizations and media coverage demonstrate the growing enthusiasm and support for the event dedicated to getting people engaged in healthy, outdoor activities. The GO-Day National Coordinating Committee will continue gathering suggestions on how to build and improve GO-Day events across the nation. The suggestions already received for improving GO-Day 2010 include the following:

- Begin planning each event at least six months in advance. This schedule allows each site to have an achievable timetable for planning and advertising and optimizes opportunities to invite diverse groups of participating organizations and guests.
- Create a core planning committee or group for each event. Delegating responsibilities takes the stress off one planner and invites everyone to contribute their different skill sets to the event.
- Invite exhibitors to a planning meeting at the event site prior to GO-Day. Allowing exhibitors to ask logistical questions prior to the event day helps the event set-up run more smoothly.
- Provide maps to help move guests around the event in a logical manner. Make sure all guests are welcomed as they enter the event and receive a map of all activities offered.
- Keep exhibitors concentrated in one area. This set-up maintains a higher level of excitement and energy during the event and keeps any exhibitors from feeling left out of the action.
- Increase exhibits that focus on the health and wellness aspects of outdoor recreation. These exhibits can help people make the connection between outdoor recreation and healthy lifestyles.

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- Bring in exhibitors and participants from many different local cultures. It is important to make the outdoors relevant to culturally diverse audiences. Make sure these guests feel welcomed at the event by providing materials in many different languages.
- Increase visibility of volunteers. It's important to let guests easily know where to find answers to their questions.
- Encourage exhibitors to have hands-on activities for GO-Day participants. GO-Day events are meant to introduce guests to healthy, ACTIVE outdoor fun.
- Offer healthy food to guests to play up the connection between the outdoors and health.
- Consider live music or performances at the event to keep energy levels high.
- Have a back-up plan in case of inclement weather.

The GO-Day National Coordinating Committee welcomes any additional feedback from guests and participants of GO-Day 2009. Plans for GO-Day 2010 are already underway across the nation. If you would like to host a GO-Day event in 2010, please contact the American Recreation Coalition at arc@funoutdoors.com or 202-682-9530.

For more information on GO-Day, please visit: www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org.

National Get Outdoors Day Partners

National Get Outdoors Day Coordinators

*American Recreation Coalition
U.S. Forest Service*

National Get Outdoors Day Charter Champions

*American Horse Council
America's Byways Resource Center
Castle Rock RV Resort Campground
Clif Bar
The Coleman Company
National Marine Manufacturers Association
Pennsylvania Recreation Vehicle and Camping Association*

National Get Outdoors Day Partners

*ABC Radio Disney
Adrenaline High Kayak Outfitters
Aerie Wilderness Medicine
Alabama 4-H
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Allen Volunteer Fire Department
Alpine Rescue Team
Alpino and Denver Public Schools
American Diabetes Association and Por tu la familia*

*American Land and Leisure
American Red Cross
American Volkssport Association
AmeriCorps
Anniston Museum of Natural History
Anniston Outdoor Association
ATV Safety Institute
Audubon Society of Greater Denver
Arizona's Salt River Tubing & Recreation
Arizona State Parks
Aurora Parks and Open Space*

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*Avid4 Adventure
Back Country Horsemen
Bassmasters
Bay Area Discovery Museum
Bay Health Medical Center
Beckwourth Outdoors
Bees Are My Business
Bicycle Colorado
Big Bear Valley Parks and Recreation
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado
Big City Mountaineers
Bike Denver and Park Hill Bike Depot
Bluff Lake Nature Center
Bogus Basin Mountain Resort
Boise State University
Boulder History Museum
Boulder Mountain Fire Protection Division
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club
Bridges to Nature
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
Butler Outdoor Club
Cabela's
California Land Management
California Multi-Sport
California State University Northridge
Cane Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Capital City Queen
Carl's Bait Shop
Casa de la Esperanza
Cascade County Weed District
CBS Radio
Celebra la Ciencia
Cheaha State Park
Cheaha Trail Riders
Choose Outdoors
City of Albuquerque BioPark
City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation
City of Great Falls, Montana
City of Heflin Parks and Recreation
City of Lyndon, Kansas
City of Pierre, South Dakota
City of Vancouver, Washington
CityWILD
Clark County Winchester Cultural Center
Clark Public Utilities District Stream Team
Clear Channel Broadcasting
Clowns of Delaware
College Times News
Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education
Colorado Army National Guard
Colorado Cancer Coalition/Skin Cancer Task
Force*

*Colorado Department of Public Health and
Environment
Colorado Division of Wildlife
Colorado High Country Hikers
Colorado Lottery
Colorado Mountain Bike Association
Colorado Mountain Club
Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition Program
Colorado State Parks
Colorado Youth Corps Association
Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center and
Museum
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
Continental Divide Trail Alliance
Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Cottonwood Canyons Foundation
Cottonwood Institute
Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association
Crist Auto RV Sales
Dakotamart
Delaware Lieutenant Governor's Fitness
Challenge
Delmarva Rural Ministries
Denver Animal Care and Control
Denver Botanic Gardens
Denver Health Care Management
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Denver Parks and Recreation
Denver Public Health
Denver Water
Denver Zoo
Dragon Boat Festival
Eagle Claw
Earth Conservation Corps
Eastern Mountain Sports
Environmental Learning For Kids
Equada Outfitters
Federacion de Clubes Michoacan Unidos en
Nevada
The Fishing Guy
Florence Civic Club
Florence Fire Department
Florence Family Practice
Fort Pierre National Grasslands
Free Cycles Missoula
Fresh Air Family
Friends of Castaic Lake
Friends of Land Between the Lakes
Friends of Outdoor School
Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Trail
Front Range Earth Force
The Fund for American Studies
Future Fisherman Foundation*

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*Gander Mountain
George Washington Carver Outdoor School
Gifford Pinchot National Forest Recreation
Gifford Pinchot Urban Youth Program
Girl Scouts of the USA
Great Falls Bicycle Club
Greater Houston Off-Road Bicycling Association
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)
GreenThumbs
Headstart
Healthy U
Helena Outdoor Fest
High Plains Wildlife
Hoop Girl
Hub Club Rotary
Hudson Valley Orienteering
Izaak Walton League
Jacks
Jacksonville State University
Jefferson County Open Space/Lookout Mountain
Nature Center
Kaiser Permanente
Kansas All-Terrain Vehicle Association
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Kansas Highway Patrol
KCCR/JACK FM
KC Windsurfers
Kern River Outfitters
Kern River Tours
KUPD 98
Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics
Lake Forest Spartans Football Team
Latino Legacy – Amigos del Bosque
League of United Latin American Citizens
Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics
Lee Metcalf Waterfowl Refuge
Legacy Alabama Wildlife Federation
Lieutenant Governor of Colorado's Office
Lighthouse Bay Marina
Lincoln Financial Media
Lions Club
Little Caesars
Little River Canyon Field School
Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region
L.L. Bean
Locust Point Gun Sporting Clays
Lookout Mountain Nature Center/Jefferson
County Open Space
Los Angeles County Department of Parks &
Recreation
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana National Guard
Lovelace Healthcare*

*Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Maryland Bowhunters Society
Maryland Coastal Bays Program
Maximus/CHP+
Metro State College of Denver
Melvern Lake Marina
Melvern Pride Committee
Michigan Valley Community Church
Mile High Youth Corps
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Mount St. Helens Institute
Mountain River Adventures
Munford Volunteer Fire Department
National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People
National Forest Foundation
National Forest Recreation Association
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration
National Outdoors
National Park Service
National Ski Areas Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wild Turkey Federation
Naturally Beautiful Backyards
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish (with
Bass Tubs Inc.)
New Mexico State Parks
New Mexico Wildlife Federation
New Orleans Mountain Bike Organization
North American Butterfly Association
North Country Trail Association
The North Face
North Shore Trading Company
Northshore Marina
Olathe Ford RV Sales
Operation Military Kids/Colorado National Guard
Family Programs
Osage County Sheriff's Office
Outdoor Lab Foundation
Outdoor Recreation Information Center
Outward Bound
Park Hill Bike Depot
Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and
Activity
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission
Pennsylvania Game Commission
Pennsylvania Power and Light
People's Place
Pierre Biking Club
Pierre City Chamber of Commerce
Plains Conservation Center
Pocomoke JAKES*

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*Pomona Ski Club
Pontchartrain Hunt Retrievers Club
Portland State University Anthropology
Department (Urban Archaeology)
Presbyterian Healthcare
President's Council on Physical Fitness and
Sports
ProBuild
Public Lands Institute
Public Lands Interpretive Association
Pulling For Colorado
Putnam Highlands Audubon Society
Quest
Recreational Trails, Inc.
Recreation Resource Management and Grupo
Nuevo Leon
Red Barn Bicycles
REI
Responsible Recreation Foundation
River City Transit
Riviera Broadcasting
Road Trip Rentals, Inc.
Robin's Water
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory
Rocky Mountain MS Center
Rocky Mountain Sunscreen
Rocky Gap State Park
Ronda's Photography
Run the Bear Marathon (The Lighthouse Project)
St. Mary's Healthcare Center
Salisbury Zoo
Sam Houston Forest Equestrian Association
Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership
Scheels
Search and Rescue
Sierra Club
Snowbird Corporation
Snow Sports Outreach Society
South Dakota Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited
South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
Southern Nevada Agency Partnership
Southland Custom Calls
South Louisiana Trailblazers ATV Club
Spillway Remote Control Airplane Club
State of Alabama Department of Wildlife and
Freshwater Fisheries
Stay the Trail Program
Steamboat
Subway
Sun Company
Sutley's
Taco John's
Take a Family Fishing*

*Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Outdoor
Family Program
Thorne Ecological Institute
Toby's Outdoor Supply
Tonto National Forest
Tour Ice
Trail Riders of Houston
U-Count Parenting Initiative
United Methodist Church
United States Tennis Association
United Way of Delaware
University of Colorado Natural History Museum
University of Montana- MOTAR
Urban Connections
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
USDA Food and Nutrition Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Food Services
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. Power Squadron
Utah Federation for Youth
Utah Society for Environmental Education
Utah State Parks/Wildlife Resources
Vail Resorts
Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation
Vancouver Lake Crew Rowing Club
Vancouver Watershed Council
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Wahoo's Fish Tacos
Walmart
Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art
Wasatch Adaptive Sports
Washington Department of Ecology-Spill
Response Team
Washington Department of Natural Resources
Washington State Parks
West Kentucky Amateur Astronomers
Wicomico County 4-H
Wilbur Ellis
Wild Connections
Wilderness Association
Wildlife and Aquatics Programs and Fire
Prevention
Wilderness Education Survival Training
Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico
Wind in my Feathers
The Women's Wilderness Institute
Wonderful Outdoor World
The Wyland Foundation
Your True Nature*

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2009 National Get Outdoors Day Official Sites

ALABAMA

[Munford Elementary School Campus](#)
Munford, Alabama
Lesley Hodge
U.S. Forest Service/Munford Elementary School

[Coleman Lake Recreation Area](#)

Talladega National Forest,
Alabama
Jeff Gardner
U.S. Forest Service, Shoal Creek Ranger District

ARIZONA

[Arizona's Salt River Tubing](#)
Mesa, Arizona
Lynda Breault
Arizona's Salt River Tubing

CALIFORNIA

[Castaic Lake Recreation Area](#)
California
Lori Bennett
LA County Parks & Recreation

[Upper Kern River Clean Up Day](#)

California
Debbie Campbell
California Land Management

[Big Bear Discovery Center](#)

Fawnskin, California
Sarah Miggins
San Bernadino National Forest Association

[Bay Model Visitor Center](#)

Sausalito, California
Elizabeth Evans
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

COLORADO

[Denver City Park](#)

Denver, Colorado
Susan Alden Weingardt
U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region

[High Plains Environmental Center](#)

Loveland, Colorado
Sarah Fox
High Plains Environmental Center

DC

[Kingman Island](#)

Washington, DC
Mindy Meade
American Recreation Coalition

DELAWARE

[Kids Fest](#)

Linda Chick
Greater Milford Boys and Girls Club

FLORIDA

[Apalachicola, Osceola and Ocala National Forests](#)

Florida
Miki Gilloon
U.S. Forest Service

IDAHO

[Boise National Forest](#)

Boise, Idaho
Edna Rey-Vizgirdas
U.S. Forest Service

ILLINOIS

[The Morton Arboretum](#)

Lisle, Illinois
Gina Tedesco
The Morton Arboretum

KANSAS

[Melvern & Pomona Lakes](#)

Osage County, Kansas
Kenneth Wilk
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

KENTUCKY

[Land Between The Lakes NRC/ Golden Pond Visitor Center & Nature Center](#)

Golden Pond, Kentucky
Wytosha Stephens-Coney
U.S. Forest Service

LOUISIANA

[Bonnet Carre' Spillway Project](#)

Norco, Louisiana
Chris Brantley
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

MARYLAND

[Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center](#)

Eden, Maryland
Jim Rapp
Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center

[Rocky Gap State Park](#)

Flintstone, Maryland
Sarah Milbourne
Maryland State Parks

MICHIGAN

[Greenfield Village of The Henry Ford Museum](#)

Dearborn, Michigan
Kenneth Arbogast
U.S. Forest Service

[Lapeer County](#)

Lapeer, Michigan
Ken Elwert
Lapeer County Parks

MINNESOTA

[Cass Lake](#)

Chippewa National Forest,
Minnesota
Mary Nordeen
U.S. Forest Service

MISSOURI

[Wappapello Lake \(Spillway Recreation Area\)](#)

Wappapello, Missouri
Andrew Jefferson
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

[Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary](#)

West Alton, Missouri
Mindy Cory
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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MONTANA

[Bitterroot National Forest- Black Bear Campground and Centennial Grove Trail](#)

Montana
Julie Schreck
U.S. Forest Service, Boy
Scouts, Ravalli County 4-H

[Little Blackfoot River Corridor](#)

Montana
Debbie Anderson
Montana Discovery
Foundation

[HideOut Mountain at the Florence Park](#)

Florence, Montana
Roger and Sharon DiBrito
Florence Community

[Great Falls](#)

Great Falls, Montana
Jane Weber
Lewis & Clark National Forest
and Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks

[Spring Meadow Lake State Park](#)

Helena, Montana
Craig Marr
Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks
Helena National Forest

[Gaynor's Resorts](#)

Whitefish, Montana
Nancy Gaynor
Gaynor's Resorts

NEVADA

[Spring Mountains National Recreation Area](#)

Mt. Charleston, Nevada
Tricia Mynster
U.S. Forest Service

[Hunter Lake Trail](#)

Reno, Nevada
Wes Hoskins
Friends of Nevada
Wilderness

NEW HAMPSHIRE

[Beaver Brook Association](#)

Hollis, New Hampshire
Celeste Barr
Beaver Brook Association

[Highland Center](#)

Bretton Woods, New
Hampshire
Sara DeLucia
Appalachian Mountain Club
Highland Center

[Squam Lakes Natural Science Center](#)

Holderness, New Hampshire
Janet Robertson
Squam Lakes Natural
Science Center

NEW JERSEY

[Cora Hartshorn Arboretum](#)

Short Hills, New Jersey
Erica Fisher
Cora Hartshorn Arboretum

NEW MEXICO

[Tingley Beach](#)

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tera Little
U.S. Forest Service,
Southwestern Regional Office

[Elephant Butte Lake State Parks](#)

Desert Cove Campground
Elephant Butte, New Mexico
Kay Dunlap
New Mexico State Parks

NEW YORK

[Taconic Outdoor Education Center \(TOEC\) Fahnestock State Park](#)

Putnam Valley, New York
Paul Kuznia
New York State Parks

NORTH CAROLINA

[Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site/Forest Discovery Center](#)

Pisgah Forest, North Carolina
Cindy Carpenter
U.S. Forest Service

OHIO

[Wayne National Forest, Leith Run Recreation Area](#)

New Matamoras, Ohio
Dave Greenwood
U.S. Forest Service

PENNSYLVANIA

[Keystone State Park](#)

Derry, Pennsylvania
Chris Kemmerer
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

[Nescopeck State Park](#)

Drums, Pennsylvania
Chris Kemmerer
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

[Presque Isle State Park](#)

Erie, Pennsylvania
Chris Kemmerer
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

[Parker Dam State Park](#)

Penfield, Pennsylvania
Chris Kemmerer
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

[Washington's Landing](#)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

[Moraine State State Park](#)

Portersville, Pennsylvania
Chris Kemmerer
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

[Nockamixon State Park](#)

Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Chris Kemmerer
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

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SOUTH DAKOTA

[Steamboat Park](#)

Pierre, South Dakota
Ami Garrigan
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers

TENNESSEE

[J. Percy Priest Lake](#)

Nashville, Tennessee
Kathryn Wall
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers

TEXAS

[Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site](#)

Anderson, Texas
John Lindon
Texas Parks and Wildlife

[Blanco State Park](#)

Blanco, Texas
Mary Alice Partain
Texas Parks and Wildlife

[Palo Duro Canyon State Park](#)

Canyon, Texas
Bernice Blasingame
Texas Parks and Wildlife

[Sam Houston National Forest-Double Lake Recreation Area](#)

Coldspring, Texas
Tamberly Conway
U.S. Forest Service-National
Forests and Grasslands in
Texas (NFGT)

[Daingerfield State Park](#)

Daingerfield, Texas
Craig Johnson
Texas Parks and Wildlife

[Lake Texana State Park](#)

Edna, Texas
Cindy Baker
Texas Parks and Wildlife

[Franklin Mountains State Park](#)

El Paso, Texas
Kelly Serio
Texas Parks and Wildlife

UTAH

[Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort](#)

Snowbird, Utah
Dave Fields
Snowbird Ski and Summer
Resort

WASHINGTON

[City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center](#)

Vancouver, Washington
Robin Rose
U.S. Forest Service

[Edmonds Willow Creek Hatchery/Habitat Demo Garden Work Party Day](#)

Edmonds, Washington
Laura Spehar
Edmonds Backyard Wildlife
Habitat Project

WYOMING

[Curt Gowdy State Park](#)

Cheyenne, Wyoming
Paul Gritten
Wyoming State Park, Historic
Sites and Trails

[LaBonte Canyon](#)

Douglas, Wyoming
Tim Byer
U.S. Forest Service, Douglas
Ranger District

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2009 National Get Outdoors Day Photos



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Add Eleven**



**GO-Day 2009
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GO-Day is an outgrowth of the Get Outdoors USA! campaign, which encourages Americans, especially our youth, to seek out healthy, active outdoor lives and embrace our parks, forests, refuges and other public lands and waters. Working with the FS, Get Outdoors USA! hosted six recreation forums in early 2007 and learned that public lands were missing the right triggers to capture the attention of today's youth. The GO-Day concept was first tested at the Outdoor Recreation Village at Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Arizona, which drew over 100,000 visitors. For more information on the Outdoor Recreation Village, visit <http://www.funoutdoors.com/node/view/2016>.