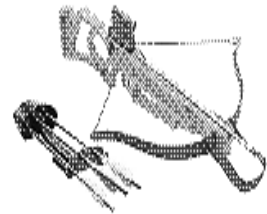
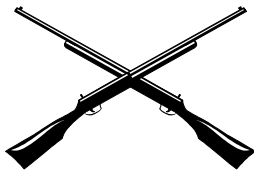


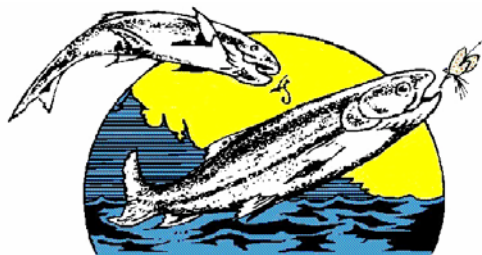
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Presidents' Message: By Mark Baehr

It's been an honor and my sincere pleasure having served as your president for the past year. Wow, time really does fly when you're having fun! I do know your board of directors is hoping the next president will shorten up the agendas however. Hey nobody's perfect. Throughout the past 7 years, that I've been involved with CTO, the two things that never changed (and never will) are my steadfast belief in our mission and always putting our members' best interests 1st and foremost. CTO is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of directors, members, supporters, and friends that make up the backbone of this great organization. I'm proud to call them my friends and consider many of them part of my extended family. They have been and are more than willing to make the personal sacrifices (selflessness) and commitments to ensure your organization will remain the great organization it has become and I have the utmost confidence that they will continue to work together to meet the needs and desires of the people CTO is dedicated to serving. From my perspective our future is bright and I look forward to being a part of it. I hope you do too. *Now get out there and challenge the outdoors!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ATTENTION MEMBERS: Starting with this newsletter if you are an annual member the date (for example: 6-07) next to your name on the mailing label indicates the month and year your membership fees are due.

SPECIAL DEER HUNT 2006

OCTOBER 7-15, 2006

BY: BILL MAYVILLE

August 25, 2006 is the deadline date for you to sign up to participate in the Challenge the Outdoors, Inc hunt. We have about 2500+ acres to hunt on this year. **I will need helpers to place blinds on these properties starting the first week in September.** Hunters can come out and get familiar with their hunting spot starting at this time also.

If you will be able to help with deer blinds contact me at [715-758-8363](tel:715-758-8363) or leave a message with your name and phone number. Any hunters who have their own blinds and want to get them out ahead of time — call me. At this time I have 37 hunters listed. **Shoot Straight!!**

PS: If anybody knows of someone with land that would allow disabled hunters to hunt with cross-bows please contact [Bill Mayville](mailto:Bill.Mayville@challengetheoutdoors.com) at [715-758-8363](tel:715-758-8363),

YOUTH AND LADIES DAY — J&H GAME FARM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

I would encourage everyone who has this day free to get there. EVERYTHING that has to do with the outdoors is there. All is free to youth and ladies and MEN—it will cost you just \$2.00 for the food. Again Challenge the Outdoors, Inc will sponsor and work the trout pond. We need fish cleaners, hook baiters and netters. **SEE THE ENCLOSED POSTER IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION!!**

For those of you who want to shoot your bow or cross bow, an area will be set aside for you. A great day can be held by all!

Get there!! Larry

TROUT—O—RAMA AND PICNIC #8

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

Larry Zander

A hearty bunch of trout we've got! They survived weeks of nasty hot weather and now (as of 8/4/06) are again feisty and willing to feed. The largest fish caught so far this year was 18 1/2 inches caught by Gary Thyes. Of course his (as with a few other CTO members) one foot ruler has 16 inches.

When you come to these Trout—O—Rama's (as with all our functions) don't just bring your fishing equipment but also a good appetite. Thanks to Bill and Karen Baehr and all their helpers there is always more than enough par excellent food. However, we do ask you to bring a dish to pass if you can. And, as always, I like sticky gooey stuff.

It is also a good idea to bring your own cooler with ice for the fish you catch and take home. Don't worry about weather. There is shelter in case of showers. Let us all look forward to another great outing.

Boating Season is Here!!

For this boating season CTO has again rented a slip on Shawano Lake in Cecil. Our slip rental runs from May till October, so there will be plenty of time for getting out on the lake for fishing and or sightseeing opportunities. **At our April Board of Directors meeting it was decided that CTO will pick-up the cost of gas for our members who use the boat as long as at least 1 physically challenged member is included in the party on board. Now that's an incentive to get some of our physically challenged people out fishing this year!!** Gary Thyes has volunteered to give hands on instructions on how to operate our pontoon boat and will make time for those wanting and needing to learn how. He will teach operational skills and basic maintenance of our boat. We are also requiring that **all** members wanting to captain our boat have prior boating skills and knowledge of how to operate it properly. A boating operational checklist has been developed and should help keep potential problems to a minimum. To reserve the pontoon boat please contact Gary Thyes at: (920) 737-6854 or (715) 758-6854. If you are a member and have a date in mind that you would like to go fishing/ sightseeing please call the contact person to see if the pontoon is available. CTO and the Challenged Sportspersons we serve are looking forward to another great boating season and we hope you can and will take an active roll in making it an even greater success. **Tight Lines to All!**

Giving Back

By: Jeff Pagels, CTO Director

Do you ever wonder why the Larry Zanders, Bill Mayvilles and the hundreds of other volunteers of CTO do what they do for CTO? Volunteering to help others or good causes, heightens a persons level of "humanness". When asked, volunteers commonly say the reason they volunteer is the great feeling they get helping out. Many times, the volunteers say they get more out of helping out than those who get helped out.

Just because many members of CTO are in some way disabled, it does not mean you also cannot become a volunteer to help others in or away from CTO. If you think enjoying the hunting, fishing, kayaking, shooting, eating good food and the many other activities sponsored by CTO is really neat, just wait until you take the next step up to being a volunteer.

What do you think is better? Catching a nice trout at the Zander trout pond or helping someone else catch a nice trout? No need to answer now, try volunteering and then tell me your answer.

Another aspect of giving back centers on our plight with our respective disabilities. Many of us need to rely on medications upon medications and expensive adaptive equipment just to stay alive and functioning in some capacity. How many of you take a moment to reflect on all the improvements to our lives has occurred because of those medications or fancy wheelchairs and what it has given us to improve our quality of life.

Simply put, instead of feeling sorry for myself because it costs me \$2.35 every time I cath, I feel lucky someone developed a process to actually let me cath. I feel that if others have given me opportunities to enjoy a better life, then I better make the most of those opportunities given to me by trying to live a good life including helping others. Make a personal resolution to "give back" to make this world better however and whenever you can.

Challenge the Outdoors Awards Program

At a recent meeting of the CTO Board of Directors, a decision was made to create an annual group of awards to be given out starting with the 2007 Banquet. The program is going to be put in place to encourage CTO members to get outside and challenge themselves in the outdoors.

Details are still being finalized, but it was agreed that the awards would be either gift cards or actual high quality outdoor gear to make it worthwhile for both able and disabled members to join the excitement.

Tentative categories include:

Biggest Buck: (number of points and longest inside spread distance in inches) Photograph required.

Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside: One of our members this year overcame a deep fear of water and started to fish on one of our fishing docks. Next step is to get in a boat. Try and top that one to win.

Biggest turkey: (weight in pounds) Photograph required.

Deepdodo Award: For the member who takes the biggest challenge in the outdoors. (Jeff Pagels not eligible for this award!) At the banquet, Jeff talked about the time his boat drifted away from a boat landing and he had to swim after it to save his brand new motor. Or, last hunting season, Bill Mayville on crutches and Harland Chapman on an ATV tried to find each other at dusk in the woods...ask one of them, very funny. Try and top those to win.

Longest fish: (length in inches) Photograph required.

Longest Trout at Zander Pond: (length in inches) Photograph required or verified by a member of the Zander Family.

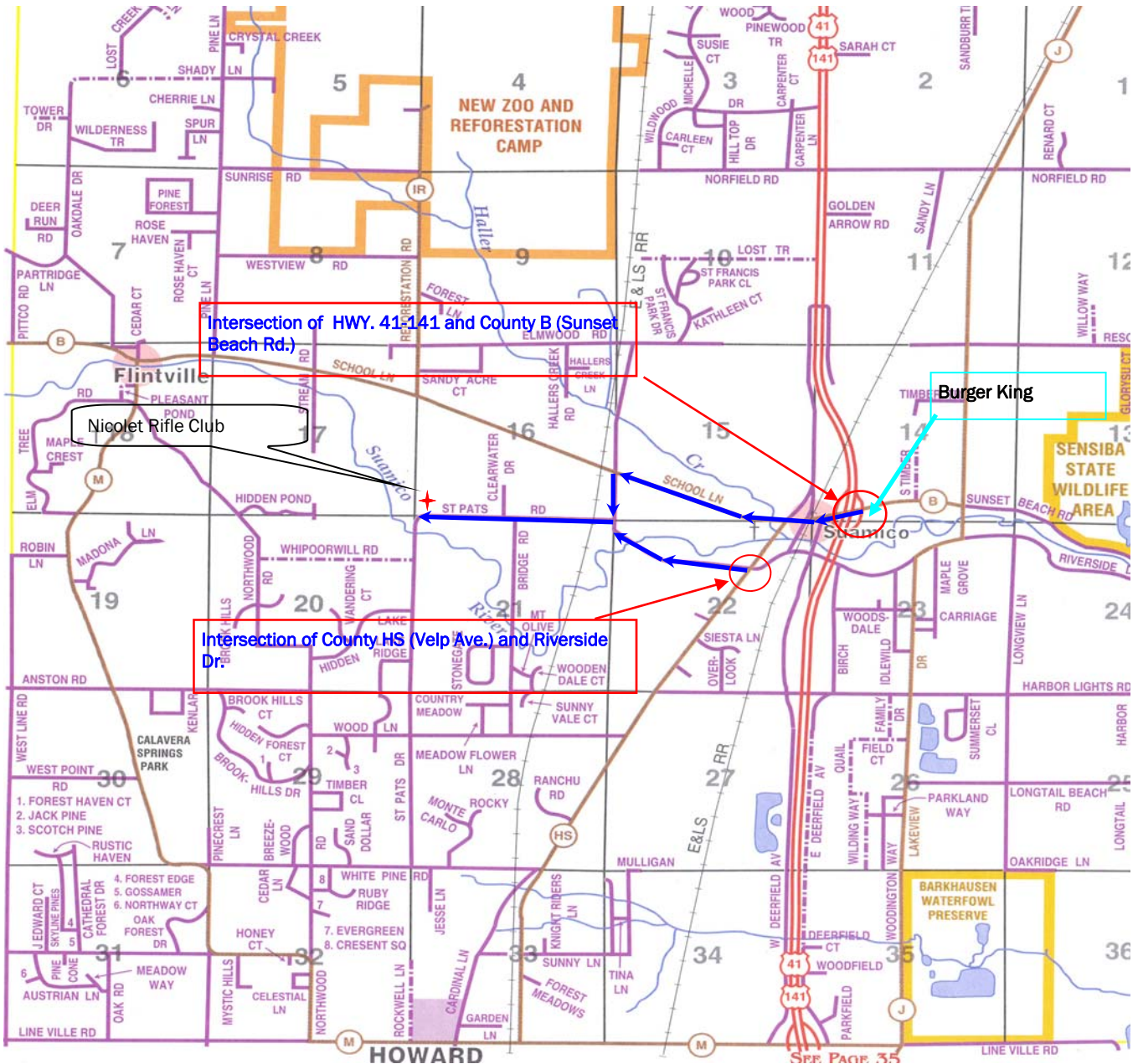
Top score for Disabled Shooter at the J&H Sporting Clays Fund Raiser: Bust the most clay pigeons and win.

Top score overall for Disabled Shooter at the Cecil Conservation Club: Muzzleloader and .22 categories and attendance at those shoots.

Volunteer of the Year Able bodied: For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors.

Volunteer of the Year Disabled: For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors.

More details to follow in future newsletters but start measuring and thinking about how you or someone else might be a candidate for one or more of the awards.



Directions to Nicolet Rifle Club for Sept. 23, 2006.

Traveling to Suamico from either North or South on Highway 41-141. Exit Highway 41-141 at the county Highway B (Sunset Beach Rd.) intersection in Suamico. Head West on School Lane approx. 1.5 miles. Turn left (South) on Riverside Dr. Travel South on Riverside approx. one quarter mile to St. Pats Rd. Turn right (West) on St. Pats Rd.. Go approx. one third mile on St. Pats Rd. Nicolet Rifle Club will be on the right hand (North) side of the road, just before St. Pats Rd. makes a sharp left (South) turn. Don't forget to bring eye and ear protection along as none will be provided and both must be worn to use the range. If you have any questions up until Sept. 22, 2006 the day before the shoot feel free to call Toby Malchow at 920-434-1663, Bob Mayer 920-469-2021, or Bob Bird at 920-740-3410. If you need help or directions on the day of the shoot. You can call Toby's cell phone at 920-819-8888, or the Nicolet range at 920-434-4946. **Please!! Only Call the Nicolet Rifle Club number on the day of the shoot. Anyone answering the phone on other days will not have information about the shoot. Call Toby, Bob, or Bob.**

**CTO First Annual
“Sight in your gun day”
Saturday: September 23, 2006**

By: Toby Malchow

Where: Nicolet Rifle Club, Suamico WI. Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm. Map and directions are on Page 6 in this September newsletter and is posted to the CTO website, and also in the files section of our chat group (you can join the chat group by sending a blank e-mail to: ctoforme-subscribe@yahoo.com).

Nicolet Rifle Club inc. has graciously offered Challenge The Outdoors Inc. exclusive use of their range for the entire day. NRC volunteers will run the sight in portion of the shoot and staff the range. The sight in is free of charge to any disabled hunter that has a class A, B, or C, disabled hunting permit. Shooters are required to provide their own firearm, ammunition, hearing and eye protection. Hearing and eye protection are mandatory to use the range (none will be provided). This sight in will be for firearms only (no bows) firing a single projectile (no fine shot or patterning). Bring your rifle, pistol, muzzleloader, or slug gun. You may bring more than one gun, but depending on how busy it is, may be asked to rotate to the rear of the line after each weapon is sighted in (to give others a chance to sight in too). Please bring any adaptive equipment you use for hunting along to display and share ideas with the other hunters. CTO will have an information tent on adaptive equipment set up. Food and beverages will be available. A CTO committee has been formed to oversee the event. The committee members are: **Toby Malchow, Bob Mayer, and Bob Bird**. If you have any questions, ideas, or equipment you wish to display. Contact Toby at 920-434-1663, Bob Mayer at 920-469-2021 or Bob Bird at 920-740-3410.

Fourth Annual CTO Banquet

By: Larry Zander

The fourth annual CTO Banquet was another absolute success. I know of no one who did not have a good time visiting and meeting new and old friends. As always, the food was excellent and anyone who went hungry that day: wasn't there. Much laughter and, yes, even tears. Laughter because all were having a good time and tears, when memorial plaques were given to survivors of three board members no longer with us.

Three members of Shadows on the Wolf honored Challenge the Outdoors, Inc with not only their presence but, President Dennis Conratt presented CTO with a beautiful plaque for the contribution CTO made to the construction of two handicapped assessable fishing piers at Koepke Park in Shiocton. (Stop and check them out!) This plaque of honor along with one given to us by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation will be present at as many Challenge the Outdoor, Inc functions as will permit.

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc would like to thank some of the people that made this banquet a success. Thanks to Steven Lang and Jeff Pagels for the very inspirational talks they gave. Also we would like to thank the people who donated items for the raffle: Autumn Longbeard Chapter NWTF, Seymour Area Whitetails Unlimited, Paul Vanden Plas, Mike Lyga, June Rotter of Ambrosius Framing & Gallery, and CTO members: Ivan Craig, John Hammen, Pat Nieuwenhuis, and Ron Mischler. Finally, Thanks to all of you that came to the banquet and we hope you enjoyed it and we will see you again.

**NEW MEMBERS
JULY—AUGUST, 2006**

**ROBERT WINNEKINS
MICHAEL SMITH FAMILY
CLIFF HAWS
JAMES SCHULTZ
JUSTIN BROCKMAN FAMILY
STEVE NOOYEN
JOE BROWN, JR**

[Cost Sharing Program for Adaptive Equipment Catching on!](#)

When we created our cost-sharing program, in Dec. of 2004, we weren't sure what kind of response we would get. A year and one-half later we're glad to report that we've had several members take advantage of the program purchasing crossbows, hand cranks, and an adaptive thumbhole gunstock. We are still waiting for our 1st adaptive fishing equipment request. For those unfamiliar with our cost sharing program here's how it works. **CTO will help our physically challenged members purchase adaptive hunting or fishing equipment by picking up to ½, but not to exceed \$100.00, for the cost of the piece(s) of equipment 1 time per year.** For example, say Jane purchases a crank for her crossbow and it cost \$150.00. CTO would reimburse Jane \$75.00. To receive reimbursement for a piece of adaptive equipment you are considering purchasing or to see if a piece of equipment you've purchased qualifies please contact Jean or Harland Chapman at: (920) 525-1123. ***Note, keep your receipt and get a duplicate copy of the original because we will need a copy for our records. And if you return the item please reimburse CTO.** There are many sellers of adaptive equipment so shop around and check our website out for links to sellers and suppliers and as always **please show patronage to the many businesses that have been so good to us over the years by giving them your and our business.** For a list of these businesses contact **Larry Zander at: (920) 525-5637.** Thank you.

CTO LOAN CLOSET IS ALWAYS OPEN!!

We currently have the following pieces of gear available: 20 camouflaged hunting blinds, 4 crossbows (with case, quiver, arrows, and broad heads), 2 Archery target bags, 2 electric fishing rod & reel combos, several small tackle boxes with terminal fishing tackle (hooks, jigs, sinkers & bobbers), 3 shooting chairs, several gun/bow rests, 4 Ice fishing shelters (Donated by The Wingettes of the WOW), an adaptive bowling ball, and a complete set of adaptive golf clubs (Donated by CTO member Pete Jensma). To check a piece of equipment out or donate contact either **Larry Zander at: (920) 525-5637, or Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218.** If you have a suggestion on a piece of equipment that you think our members would find useful please forward the idea to one of the directors for action.

We are in the process of making a complete inventory of all equipment owned by Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. and where it is located. If you have borrowed any CTO equipment and it is still in your possession please contact **Lisa Narmore at: (920) 759-4925 or Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218. Thank You.**

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

In 2006 CTO will again be accepting requests from our physically challenged members for grants or sponsorships that will allow them to attend outdoor recreational events sponsored by other organizations. In the past members have received grants and sponsorships to attend events sponsored by; Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc., Twist of Fate, Inc., and Ski For Light, Inc. For members to be considered for the grant or sponsorship we are requiring that they be active and in good standing with our organization. Being active could mean; helping with our fundraisers, putting up fliers, handing out brochures at an informational booth, serving on a committee, etc. Requests will be considered on a case by case and a first come first served basis. To be considered for a grant or sponsorship and to learn of volunteer opportunities please contact; **Bob Mayer (920) 469-2021 or by email: crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net or contact Mark Baehr (920) 766-9218 or by email: baehr68@aol.com**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 22, 2006 RIVER RAIL, SHIOCTON

At the membership meeting held on July 22, 2006 the following Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. members were elected to the vacant positions on the Board of Directors.

ONE YEAR

Toby Malchow

TWO YEARS

Bill Floor

THREE YEARS

Jean Chapman

Peter Lathrop

Bob Mayer

Ron Mischler

Patrick Nieuwenhuis

These new (or reelected) members join the following on the Board of Directors.

ONE YEAR

Gina Hackel

Bill Mayville

Dean Sprangers

Larry Zander

TWO YEARS

Harland Chapman

Bob Bird

Jeff Pagels

Lisa Lindbom

At the time of this article the new officers for 2006-2007 had not been elected. This will be done at the Board of Directors meeting on August 15, 2006.

If you wish to know who these officers are the results will be listed on the Website following the meeting. (You may also check page 10 of this newsletter as posted on the Website.) If necessary you may call 920-525-1123.

Fishing Has No Boundaries 2006 Schedule

Fond du Lac Aug 26-27 (800) 937-9123

Milwaukee Sept 30 (800) 243-3462

PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. Board of Directors meeting are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We welcome your presence and input.

Sept 19, 2006—Muehl Public Library, Seymour
6:30 p.m.

Oct 17, 2006—Muehl Public Library, Seymour
6:30 P.M.

COMPUTER HELP AVAILABLE

CTO member Toby Malchow has offered to help CTO members and their families with any computer help they may need. This would include such things as adding memory, installing software, adding drives, sound cards, modems, networking cards, general troubleshooting, etc. If you need help call Toby at (920) 434-1663 anytime after 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Communication is Still Key!! So, Let's try this again!

With our newsletters coming out every other month there are times when we have time sensitive information on dates and events that we know our members and friends want and need. The quickest and most efficient way to get the info out to most folks is by E-mail but we can't get it to you if you're not signed up to our Information/chat-group e-mail list. It's really simple and easy to get signed up! Send a blank e-mail, with nothing in the message area, to: ctoforme-subscribe@yahogroups.com. You will get a confirmation e-mail back asking you to join. Even if you don't have email get a family member or friend to sign-up and ask them to keep you informed. Just to let you know that this is a chat group where members are free to post anything they feel others may be interested. **Thanks.**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

MY INTERESTS ARE: FISHING___ HUNTING___ VOLUNTEER___ OTHER___

If you checked other, please explain: _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR : NEW MEMBERSHIP ___ RENEWAL___

___ \$ 20.00 FOR A SINGLE ___ \$ 30.00 FOR A FAMILY___ \$ 100.00 LIFETIME___\$150.00 LIFETIME FAMILY

DUE TO MY FINANCIAL SITUATION I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP ___

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC. AND SEND TO:

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