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“Dedicated to Serving the Recreational Needs and Desires of the Physically Challenged Sportsperson”

Our Story

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc., (CTO) a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization, was founded in 1998 by a group of outdoor sportspersons, most of whom were physically challenged. Our founding members shared a common bond with thousands of other Wisconsinites – that being active in the outdoors is important to our mental and physical well-being.

Knowing this, Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. was created to help physically-challenged individuals share in the enjoyment of fishing, hunting, and other recreational opportunities by recognizing their abilities, rather than disabilities. CTO also strives to interact with other organizations, agencies, and our communities to improve their quality of life.

Our Mission

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. is:

“Dedicated to Serving the Recreational Needs and Desires of the Physically-Challenged Sportsperson”



A Volunteer Organization

Our organization is completely made up of volunteers. Our volunteers have many tasks:

- Building Deer Blinds
- Cooking
- Assisting Individuals with fishing and hunting events
- Driving gators for necessary transportation
- And more!

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization which enables us to carry out our mission!

Community Involvement

Each year CTO helps a group of disabled youths and their counselors set up a group fishing day. We show each child how to fish, bait the hook, and let them land the fish themselves. It is a rewarding day for all.



Events

CTO offers our members and volunteers a variety of outdoor and indoor recreational events. We typically offer 15-20 outings each year. CTO strives to keep our activities and membership costs affordable by hosting our annual Fundraiser/Sporting Clay Shoot and other fundraising activities.

CTO's Annual Sporting Clay Shoot/Fundraiser

CTO's Annual Sporting Clay Shoot/ Fundraiser takes place on the first Saturday in April and plays an important part in funding our events.



The Sporting Clay Shoot, consisting of 50 clay targets set up at different stations, is held at J&H Game Farm near Navarino. Many of the shooters come to compete and many to just have fun. Dozens of prizes that are generously donated by area businesses, organizations, and individuals are raffled off—including guns, fishing equipment, art work, collectibles, and much more. A free meal is included for shooters and volunteers.

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party is typically the first event of the year. CTO provides the main course and people can bring a dish to pass. After lunch we go bowling, play cribbage, or visit with old and new friends.

Archery Shoot

An Archery Shoot is held in the spring at an indoor range. Participants can practice their shooting, sight-in their bows, and then join in a little friendly competition if they'd like.

Shawno Lake Fishing Outing

CTO's annual Shawano Lake Fishing Outing is held the first Saturday in June to coincide with DNR's Free Fishing Weekend (no fishing license is required). Area pontoon-boat owners volunteer the use of their boats and boat operators, bait, food, and beverages are all provided. Fishing begins about 8 a.m. and we break about noon for a picnic lunch and a few fish stories. Your fish can be entered in the "Big Fish" contest and are cleaned and bagged for you to take home. Registration is required so we know how many boats to reserve.



Trout Fishing

Two Trout Fishing events are held each year (spring and fall) with the opportunity to catch some nice-sized rainbow trout. Fishing is in trout ponds, no fishing license is required, and your fish are cleaned and packaged for you. After fishing, lunch is provided.

Lake Michigan Salmon Fishing

In July, CTO offers Salmon Fishing on Lake Michigan charter boats. Space is limited to disabled persons only, as the captains and first mates provide any needed assistance. Fishing begins early in the morning and all equipment is provided by the charters. Reservations are required, as space is limited.

Pheasant Hunts

Pheasant Hunts are held each spring and fall at J&H Game Farm near Navarino. All-terrain vehicles to transport hunters out to the fields are provided, along with dogs and assistants, if needed. After hunting, lunch is provided and we share some exciting stories. The harvested birds are cleaned and bagged, ready for your cooler.

Wild Turkey Hunt

Our Spring Wild Turkey Hunt is a two-day event, in which CTO partners with the Clintonville Chapter of Shadows on the Wolf to provide property to hunt, guides, turkey tents, food, lodging, and fun. Everything is provided except your turkey permit, hunting license, and shells. Reservations are required, as space is limited.

Deer Hunt

A Deer Hunt for Disabled Hunters is offered by DNR the first week in October. CTO arranges properties to hunt and on the first Saturday and Sunday of the hunt provides blinds, transportation to and from blinds, hunting partners (if needed), as well as a delicious meal available from morning to early afternoon for hunters, volunteers, and landowners. If needed, tracking, field-dressing, and transporting of deer is available with the help of our volunteers. Hunters may be able to hunt some properties after the first weekend (based on availability of land and assistants). Reservations are needed by August 1st to comply with DNR requirements.



And More!

Other Events are sponsored by CTO throughout the year, including Timber Rattlers Baseball, Car Races, Trap Shooting, an "End of Summer" Picnic, and an annual banquet. Additional events are added from time to time, but all events are listed in CTO's newsletter and on our website. We're always looking for new recreational opportunities for our members, so if you have ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact us.

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. - Membership Application We invite you to join us!

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Circle the level of membership you'd like:
 Individual (annual) \$20 Individual (lifetime) \$100 Family (annual) \$30 Family (lifetime) \$150
 Sponsorship (annual - \$200) - any business, organization, or individual may send a disabled person* and assistant (if needed) to any CTO event
 (*does not have to be the same person attending each event)

Circle which applies: New Membership Renewal Gift (from): _____

Mail this application and check (payable to Challenge the Outdoors, Inc.) to address on back of brochure.
 Please contact me regarding: volunteering / donating / available hunting land / other (list below): _____