



**BRING ON THE SUMMER- OUTDOOR FESTIVAL**  
**MAY 24, 2025, 11:00 am -5:00 pm,**  
**RIVER BOTTOM PARK**  
**OUTDOOR GAMES \* FOOD \* MUSIC\* for Youth & Adults**

*Schools out – Let’s celebrate the start of summer fun for the whole family!*

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Friends of Youth and Nature is hosting this second annual outdoor festival to highlight summer activities for our youth and families: outdoor games, science/nature/library programs, kid’s camps sign-ups, art/dance/music classes, sports competitions, and creative ideas for summer fun in our community.

[Friends of Youth and Nature](#) (FOYAN) is nonprofit facilitating opportunities for local youth to engage in new outdoor sports and nature experiences which can help develop resiliency and confidence. FOYAN facilitates the “Together for Resilient Youth” (TRY) alliance with the following partners: Casa 7jd, Haven House, Partners Mentoring, Families Plus, Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club, Hilltop Family Resource Center, Mexican American Development Association, and Voyager Youth Services. These groups are working with FOYAN to host this festival. Proceeds will facilitate outdoor/field trip programs for these groups and other youth in Montrose County.

The venue will include over 20 stations with kid and adult friendly outdoor activities, a host and DJ, sweet treats, food and drinks. Top of the hour competitions will include duck races, pie/watermelon eating contest, frozen t-shirt contest, dance demos, and yard games (obstacle course, three-legged race, etc.). FOYAN is organizing a skateboard competition, youth and adult disc golf, basketball and cornhole tournaments.

Last year, Over 1500 youth and families attended the Outdoor Festival. We are reaching out to the activity providers from 2024 to host an activity again in this summer. These entities include: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Ute Museum, Dinosaur Museum, Montrose Children’s Museum, Montrose Recreation District, Hispanic Affairs Project (HAP), Mexican American Development Association (MADA), Bill Heddles Recreation Center, Montrose Art Center, Great Old Broads of the Wilderness, Colorado Canyons Association, Black Canyon Audubon Society, Montrose Regional Library (book bike), Scouting America, Girls Scouts of America, and the Nature Connection. In addition, several of our youth (TRY) partners will provide activity teasers to encourage youth to sign up for their programs. Activities are still in the planning stages but will include a photo booth (beach time), dino dig, bubble station, chalk art, nature mystery box, and many more.

This festival is a primary fundraiser for Friends of Youth and Nature (FOYAN) in Montrose and Ouray Country. Funds will cover the costs of getting more kids outside in coordination with staff from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Montrose Recreation District, and other partners. Specifically, the funds will help cover the cost of bus transportation for Montrose/Ouray County School District field trips, provide scholarships for underserved youth (CASA 7JD, Partners, Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club, Haven House, Families Plus, MADA, Hilltop, and Voyager Youth Services) and other community youth for camps, field trips, and nature

learning events, expand the free outdoor gear library items available for youth partners of Friends of Youth and Nature in Montrose and Ouray Counties

Time outdoors has proven to help kids build confidence and resilience, promotes healthy lifestyles, and develops skills for problem solving.

Please consider joining us to showcase what you are offering our local youth this summer: workshops, camps, programs, outdoor skills/games, nature activities. Friends of Youth and Nature and all our partners would welcome your support in our effort to get more kids and families outside this summer, trying new activities, learning new things – all promoting healthy, active lifestyles!

Show our community that you are “all in” for summer fun.

For more information about Friends of Youth and Nature, please visit our website:

[friendsofyouthandnature.org](http://friendsofyouthandnature.org). Please let us know as soon as possible if you are willing to commit to this event!

Thanks, Anne

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