



Outdoor Pursuits



What Does Outdoor Pursuits Mean to You?

Dear COP Supporter,

The next year is critical for Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, and we are asking you as a loyal friend to help us continue the outdoor activities that mean so much to all of us.

COVID-19 changed our lives in more ways than anticipated, and we had to operate COP within the regulations of the Ohio Department of Health. In 2020 events such as GOBA, XOBA, and TOSRV were cancelled, and others created with no more than ten participants.

In 2021 we offered Western Ohio Bicycle Adventure (WOBA), XOBA, and TOSRV, but registrations were below capacity. The boaters offered water activities during the second half of the season.

We plan to continue 84 years of outstanding programs you won't find anywhere else in Ohio: from TOSRV to XOBA and GOBA, boating, bicycle rides, backpacking, youth biking, kayaking, and more.

So many people think Columbus Outdoor Pursuits is just a club offering events to serve its members. [We're so much more!](#) Our two signature cycling events have provided the resources to fund so many other outdoor programs and activities and to provide grants that have lasting impact on our Ohio communities. Over the last 30 years, we have:

- **Donated over \$1,000,000 to the development of the Ohio to Erie Trail,**
- Donated to seed bicycle advocacy organizations that carry our voice to make roads safer in dozens of communities across Ohio,
- Donated funding to develop the Columbus Bicentennial Bike Plan that has been the blueprint for bicycle accommodations on our roads for the last ten years,
- Funded the plan to launch CoGo Bike Share in Columbus.

Your support of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits and participation in our events, has allowed us to make these significant contributions to Ohio communities that enhance the health and well-being of our citizens.

The pandemic challenged everyone. [We temporarily lost the major events that have sustained us for years.](#) But we're outdoor adventurers; we're resilient and flexible. We developed new programs and found new ways to deliver our education and training programs.





This past year, we returned to offering weekly rides, a 10-ride cycling series, and limited versions of WOBA, TOSRV, and XOBA. Additionally, we delivered:

- 1,164 people in guided kayak excursions on the Scioto River
- 260 vulnerable youth on guided bicycle and kayak trips via a summer camp experience.
- 586 people joined our education, training and stewardship webinars.
- **6,034 unique days of participation in Outdoor Pursuits activities!**

However, the past year has been very challenging. As we shared with you last month, the pandemic has forced us to reduce our operations to the bare minimum in order to keep the doors open for our proud organization.

Many of us have cherished memories of outdoor activities and the building of long-lasting bonds of friendship. Thanks to you we are more than a collection of outdoor activities.

Support from members and participants like you who share our values and our vision of the outdoors will sustain us into the future. That is why your contributions are so critical now!

We change and enhance lives through our programs. This impact is so deep, that **one member has pledged \$10,000 to match individual contributions before the end of the year!** Your gift now...is vital to leverage these needed funds.

Your gift will help ensure that we can continue to bring you memorable outdoor activities you've come to expect.

There is a cost to offering the best outdoor activities in Ohio, and we want to keep registration fees reasonable so many people can participate. That is why we need the support of every one of our members.

By sending a contribution today, you'll make it possible for COP to continue to the next 84 years of successful outdoor activities.

There are two easy ways to give:

- Online: www.outdoor-pursuits.org/donate
- Mail: Return a check in the enclosed envelope
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) can be used for donations

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Columbus Outdoor Pursuits Schedule for 2022

➔ GOBA

- June 18-25
- The route includes Troy, Versailles, Wapakoneta, and Sydney
- Tent service available for an additional fee



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➔ TOSRV

- Mark September 24-25 for the 60th TOSRV
- We begin and finish at Brew Dog in Canal Winchester
- There is an option of starting in Chillicothe and riding to Portsmouth and returning on Sunday

➔ XOBA

- Mark July 23-30 for a cross state ride – route still under development
- Rides are 60-65 miles per day

➔ Ohio to Erie Trail Ride – explore the longest paved off road trail in the USA

- Tentative date is May 21-25 – five days of riding
- Hotel accommodations
- Cincinnati to Cleveland with transportation to start point
- Fully supported and enjoy some pampering
- Limited to 40 riders



➔ Boating Program

- Flat water, moving water, and whitewater
- Kayaking, canoeing, and rafting
- Pool practice sessions and roll classes
- Social events
- Trips (in-state and out-of-state)

➔ Budget rides and a weekly ride calendar

- Ten budget rides from April to September on a marked course
- Weekly rides on the same night and location in central Ohio



➔ Same office location on Front Street

- The office is within 1/2 mile from the Grange Audubon Center and boat launch
- Central location in Columbus

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits is a 501 C 3 charitable organization, and your contribution may be tax deductible under the IRS code.



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