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On the cover: *Nicole Fannin, 3-year adaptive water ski veteran enjoys skiing on Boulder Reservoir.*



It's been 30 years since the first adaptive water skier skimmed across the glassy water of Boulder Reservoir tethered to Jim Ziegler's boat.

Thanks to Jim, people around Boulder have enjoyed the exhilaration of adaptive water sports since June of 1983. That was the year Jim learned enough about the fledgling sport to fashion a ski and begin offering opportunities for people with disabilities to ski at the Boulder Reservoir. As equipment evolved and demand increased, Jim found an eager partner in Boulder Parks and Recreation's EXPAND program (EXciting Programs Adventures and New Dimensions).

"We've learned a lot over the 30 years and we keep improving the program and equipment based on our experience and the needs of our community," states Ziegler, who's still active with the program.

Every Tuesday morning from June to August, Jim and a dedicated crew of volunteers and staff offer water-skiing and wakeboarding to eager participants, like Nicole (pictured on the cover) who has enjoyed skiing for the past few years.

The adaptive water-ski program now owns a variety of adaptive skis and wakeboards designed to fit the needs and abilities of each participant. In partnership with EXPAND Beyond Inc., a local non-profit, we are able to serve individuals with varying degrees of physical ability including people who have brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and visual impairment," states Colleen Fitzgerald, EXPAND's administrator.

Staff and volunteers adapt the equipment to meet the ability, experience, and level of each participant's disability to ensure the safety and enjoyment of each water session. The program serves 15-25 people each week and is supported largely by EXPAND Beyond, Inc., community contributions, fundraising events like the **EXPAND Duck Race**, and the contributions of nearly 30 volunteers who dedicate their Tuesday mornings to this program.

To see a video of about the program visit: <http://expandbeyondinc.com>

To learn more, contribute or support the EXPAND Duck Race please contact Cory Lasher at 303-413-7269 or LasherC@BoulderColorado.gov.

2013 Recreation News



Recreation Closures:

5/27	Memorial Day	NBRC open 1:30-6:30pm EBCC & SBRC closed
7/4	4th of July	North & South closed East open 8am-1:30pm
8/10-8/18	Annual Maintenance	South closed
8/24-9/2	Annual Maintenance	North closed

Program Highlights/Events:

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Capital Improvement Bond Projects

The City of Boulder's 2011 Capital Improvement Bond (CIB) was voted for by City of Boulder residents in November 2011. The CIB allows the city to implement a list of projects that address significant deficiencies and high priority infrastructure improvements like roadway reconstruction, park facility upgrades, critical software updates, police equipment needs and more. All CIB projects are scheduled to be completed by 2014. More information: www.bouldercolorado.gov/bondprojects.



Access for All

The Boulder Parks and Recreation Department is committed to supporting people with disabilities in recreation. We welcome children, youth and adults with disabilities interested in participating in general recreation programs alongside their peers without disabilities. "Inclusion" is a great way to make new friends and explore new programs. Supports will be provided as needed. For more information, please contact Colleen Fitzgerald at 303-413-7216 or Fitzgeraldc@BoulderColorado.gov.



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