



NOTE FROM E.D.

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Outdoors for All **celebrates 30 years** of enriching the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through outdoor recreation. The year 2009 marks our **30th anniversary** as a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through outdoor recreation.

We're looking for ways to honor and celebrate those thirty years of accomplishments while continuing to actively pursue our current goals. Do you have any suggestions for how we might celebrate 30 years of achievements this year? Would you be interested in volunteering to help? Please send your ideas to: edbronsdon@outdoorsforall.org

Thank you!
Ed Bronsdon
Executive Director

PS - And to get you in the spirit of reminiscing over those past 30 years, where were you in 1979? Here are some organization and community milestones from over the years...

1979

- The Ski for All Foundation is incorporated at Snoqualmie Summit thanks especially to the leadership of Don Summers.
- 35 participants with disabilities learn to downhill ski.
- Seattle population is just under 500,000 people (493,846 in 1980)
- Ski for All's founding directors: W. Webb Moffett, Fran Malone, Diane Berge, Jack R. Davis and Loren Prescott.
- Seattle Supersonics win the NBA Championship beating the Washington Bullets four games to one. The city goes wild!

1985

- Nordic Program begins: 100 participants in downhill and cross country skiing
- November 10, 1985 Microsoft finally ships Windows 1.0
- Howard Schultz starts Il Gionale, a coffee bar chain that Starbucks will eventually take on.

1991

- Summer Program begins: 330 year round participants
- The grunge music scene hits it big with Seattle at it's core. Nirvana releases the multiplatinum "Nevermind" CD and the single "Smells Like Teen Spirit"
- August 6, 1991 – The World Wide Web becomes available to the general public; no one outside the "tech world" really knows what it is, though.

1995

- 500 + participants...246 of whom are involved in summer activities, over 300 in winter activities.
- The Seattle Mariners come from 13 games back in August to tie for the AL West Wild Card berth. They then make their improbable "Refuse to Lose" run in the playoffs. The city goes wild!
- The United States Navy leaves the Sand Point Naval Station that had been in operation in Seattle since 1920.

2001

- Custom Events and Day Camps kick into high gear: 1,400 participants exercise their abilities year round.
- First ever Ski for All Gala Auction
- September 11, 2001 – the terrorist attacks against the United States.
- February 28, 2001 – The Nisqually Earthquake measuring 6.8 magnitude hits the Seattle area
- September 4, 2001 - Boeing moves its headquarters to Chicago

2006

- A record of 2,000 participants are active in year round programs.
- Ski for All Foundation becomes Outdoors for All Foundation after 443 unique name suggestions are submitted and reviewed.
- February 2006 - The one billionth song is downloaded from the Apple iTunes Store.
- Pluto, once a planet, is demoted. The International Astronomical Union defines 'planet' at its 26th General Assembly, demoting Pluto to the status of 'dwarf planet' more than 70 years after its discovery.

2007

- Outdoors for All moves back to Seattle opening offices near Seattle Pacific University and in the heart of Magnuson Park in the former brig at Sand Point Naval Station.
- Adaptive sports rental gear program now makes it possible for participants with disabilities and their family members to access outdoor recreation when they want to, not just when Outdoors for All may be offering a specific program.
- Today
- More than 2,000 children and adults are active in year round adaptive recreation programs thanks to more than 600 volunteers and hundreds of donors.
- Winter sports activities are offered at The Summit at Snoqualmie where we first began in 1979, Crystal Mountain and Stevens Pass.
- Spring, Summer and Fall activities are delivered throughout the Puget Sound region and through Custom Events across the state.
- Outdoors for All delivers therapeutic recreation programs in Vancouver, Spokane, Walla Walla, Bellingham, Olympia, Ellensburg, Renton, Bellevue, Issaquah, Seattle, Yakima and more. Children and adults with disabilities and their family members go wild (smile)!