

Summit of Mt. Adams

#### WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- "GO has definitely had a positive effect on my life. Not only have I enjoyed the social interaction with many other gay men, but I have also established a few very solid friendships with other GO members with whom I get together on a regular basis."
- "I've made some great friends through GO, and I've explored places I otherwise would not have seen. I'm glad GO is available and I'm happy to support it with my presence and membership."
- "It's been nice to meet other gay men who are kind respectful, polite, and friendly."

## Who We Are

#### About Us

Hiking, backpacking, camping or vacation adventures, GayOutdoors [GO] has been the LGBTQ outdoorzy community leader for the last 22 years. We are an informal group of diverse outdoor enthusiasts in the United States with a shared love of the mountains who prefer hiking with friends. We invite you to join us on our hikes, to post hikes for other members to join you and to share your hiking photos, stories and advice. We promote camaraderie, communication and support for hiking enthusiasts in the United States!

### LEARN MORE

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**GAY OUTDOORS** 





# GAY OUTDOORS

Make New Outdoorzy Buddies in a safe, comfortable atmosphere!



Trail Maintenance on our adopted trail, Mt. Osceola

#### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Make new outdoorzy buddies in a laidback, down-to-earth atmosphere.

GayOutdoors strives to get the LGBTQ community in fun, safe and creative ways. We are creating a network of hikers who hike together in a safe and comfortable atmosphere, get involved with trail maintenance activities, advocate for land conservation and support local Search & Rescue Teams. But most importantly, have fun while doing it!

Our Founder Mike Boisvert began our simple Internet Bulletin Board in 1999 with a simple goal: to bring gay men, lesbians and friends together to experience the incredible fun of outdoor adventure and to create an atmosphere that leads to life-long friendships.

#### **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Create a free profile at our website where we can match you with other members living near you with the same outdoors interests
- Post a trip or sign up for one
- Email notifications of new trips posted near you
- Receive our bi-weekly e-newsletter, Trail Mail
- Browse and search for other outdoorzy partners specific by state, zip code, country, activity, fitness level, age, etc.
- Ask members to become your buddy

Our Sustaining Memberships include

- Contact/email other members
- Sustaining Member Badge in your profile; GO tag for your pack

#### JOIN US

Our vision is to create a nationwide network of LGBTQ hiking enthusiasts to share adventures with, to learn from, to have fun with, and to create lifelong friends. We hope you share in our vision and that you will decide to join us. The easiest way to join GO is to visit **www.gayoutdoors.org**. Membership is free so come and explore the site today!



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#### ACTIVITIES

Hiking, peak-bagging, backpacking, camping, adventure vacations, snowshoeing, nordic skiing, trail maintenance, socials, biking, paddling, climbing, fishing, trail running, and yoga.

#### HOW IT WORKS

Consider actually organizing and post a GO trip yourself, in your area. Whether it's hiking, camping, backpacking, or something else, there are many GO members in your area who might be interested in meeting and joining you. As you likely would surmise on your own, the key to a rich calendar in your area lies with those first few people who are able to step out in front and get the ball rolling in their area.