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**BEHIND THE 'BOAT  
Adaptive Adventures & Access Anything Host Steamboat's Second  
Annual Water Ski & Wakeboard Camp for People with Disabilities on  
August 8, 9, 10, 2007**

*Weekend water event will feature two days of learning and riding at Bald Eagle Lake, all abilities of disabled skiers and wounded veterans. In addition, this year's camp includes a rafting day on the Colorado River.*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO (July 10, 2007):** Beginning Thursday, August 8, Adaptive Adventures and Access Anything reunite to create, sponsor and host Steamboat's 2nd Annual Waterski and Wakeboard Camp titled "Behind the 'Boat." The event will feature learning and riding for both experienced skiers as well as first-timers, including Adaptive Adventures co-founder and 2005 Colorado Ski Country Disabled Athlete of the Year, Matt Feeney. New to this year's schedule is a day of rafting on the Colorado River with Colorado River Center on August 10.

Steamboat resident and President of Access Anything, Craig Kennedy, is excited to bring back this event that helped to empower participants to try different and challenging activities. Kennedy states of last year's event, "I grew up waterskiing as a kid and I never thought I would waterski again after my accident. This was the most fun I have had yet in 12 years in a wheelchair!"

Returning skier John Vcelka of Denver, CO, states, "I really feel like the whole environment around the camp encourages and inspires everyone who participates and volunteers. It is a complete uplifting experience."

The event returns to Bald Eagle Lake, a private water ski facility donated by local business owner, Ed MacArthur, just east of town on US Highway 40. The cost of the camp is just \$100 and includes lodging, two meals per day, and equipment for all activities.

*Event Schedule:*

Tuesday, August 7: Participants arrive in Steamboat

Wednesday, August 8: Participant registration, On-water instruction and riding, lunch, evening video review & pizza party

Thursday, August 9: All day instruction and riding, lunch, and evening barbeque

Friday, August 10: Early morning departure for the Colorado River, breakfast, rafting, lunch

**About Adaptive Adventures:** ([www.adaptiveadventures.org](http://www.adaptiveadventures.org)) Adaptive Adventures is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working to advance the quality of life of people with disabilities through year-round outdoor sports and recreation. Headquartered in Evergreen, Colorado, Adaptive Adventures identifies, promotes and provides progressive sports and recreation opportunities for children and adults of all ages, with physical disabilities. As a PSIA Member Ski School, Adaptive Adventures has developed and implemented a number of All Mountain Ski camps for children and adults throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

**About Access Anything:** ([www.accessanything.net](http://www.accessanything.net)) The mission of Access Anything is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in the United States and around the world by encouraging them to enjoy life to its fullest through the sense of freedom provided by travel, adventure, and a “never give up” attitude.

It is our vision to spread awareness and to break down barriers for people with disabilities by establishing a common ground where people and information can come together and work to expand the already growing industry of accessible travel. Through our guidebook series, adventure sports camps, public speaking, accessibility and travel consulting, and by supporting organizations devoted to disability research and improving the quality of life for those people already living with disabilities, we hope to help this community *Go Anywhere and Do Anything!*