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ABILITIES EXPO:

Our picks from the event:

US-K9, AbleGaitor, Aquatic Access, Environmental Traveling Companions, Port-A-Lift

SPONSOR A SOLDIER:

Steamboat All Mountain Ski Camp

EMERGING HORIZON'S CELEBRATION CRUISE:

Emerging Horizons celebrates its 10 year anniversary with a holiday!

EUREKA'S NEW N!ERGY TENT:

New tent has 12-volt power outlets!

TRAVEL TIPS, LINKS, and VIDEOS



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GUIDEBOOKS, EVENTS, ADVICE, CONSULTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY.
SETTING THE BAR FOR ADVENTURE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES.

FOLLOW OUR BLOG



Sign up for Andy's skier blog:
[The Straight Talk Report](#)

Thursdays

The 2006-07 Ski Season has begun and we're amped-up with the newest installment of snow: over 30 inches in 3 days to end November and of course we expect nothing less for December! Visit our [blog](#) for ski and snow updates, accessibility information, and highlights of Access Anything throughout the month!

Updates from Access Anything

NEW FROM EUREKA!

One of Access Anything's Sponsors has done it again with their innovative designs! Eureka! Tents is about to release the N!ergy 9 Tent, complete with 12-volt outlets built in!! For those who liked the Freedom Tent but who need a little juice while they're in the woods, this tent might be the right fit!

12-VOLT OUTLETS BUILT-IN!

Eureka! N!ergy 9

POWERED FOR COMFORT Power your fan, light, cell phone, radio, DVD player, camera and more!

9' x 9' > Sleeps 4-5 > Fiberglass Frame

Quick Comparison Chart

Model	Size	Weight	Capacity	Price
Freedom 9	9' x 9'	15 lbs	4-5	\$199
N!ergy 9	9' x 9'	18 lbs	4-5	\$249

www.eurekatent.com

Visit Eureka Online for product and purchasing information.

ACCESS ANYTHING VIDEOS

Access Anything's Adaptive Videos are now posted online at YouTube! Stay tuned as we build this page up!

- [Sampling Eureka's Freedom Tent- Nov06](#)
- [July 2006 WATERSKI Camp](#)
- [March 2006 BackCountry Ski Day](#)
- [2006 SS Winter Carnival Ambassador's Float](#)
- [05-06 Monoskiing Clip](#)



ANOTHER MOVING VIDEO

The link below is simply awe inspiring. For those who have competed in any one of these distances, or in any triathlon, the courage and beauty of this father and son team will move you: 2.4 mile swim; 112 mile bike; 26.4 mile run.

[Father and Son](#)



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**Help bring our Wounded Warriors
to Steamboat!**

SPONSOR A DISABLED SOLDIER

**with your support, we can continue to enhance the
lives of those injured serving our country**

**All Mountain Adaptive Ski Camp
January 13 - 16, 2006**



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STEAMBOAT  POWDERCATS

**It costs over \$2,000 for Adaptive Adventures to fully sponsor
a recently injured armed forces member to attend the
Steamboat All Mountain Adaptive Ski Camp
(includes: air fare, lodging, lift tickets, equipment, instructors, meals, and
a day with Steamboat Powdercats)**

***Local contacts Craig & Andy Kennedy @ 970.846.9859**

Enclosed is my gift to Adaptive Adventures to sponsor disabled armed forces personnel:

\$5,000 \$2,000 \$1,000 \$500
 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks
payable to
Adaptive Adventures
P.O. Box 2245
Evergreen, CO 80437

Please charge my credit card. See billing address above.
Check one: VISA Mastercard

phone: 877.679.2770
fax: 303.679.8920

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Event Highlights



Friday, November 3rd - Sunday, November 5th
Santa Clara, California

What a fabulous Expo! This was AA's first *Abilities Expo*, and you can bet we'll be back!

Craig spoke to the crowds both Friday and Sunday on *Travelers with Disabilities* and not only packed the house both days, but was asked to return to as many expos as possible in 2007! So you'll be seeing a few more Abilities Expos on our circuit this year.

There were so many highlights from this event it's hard to pick out just a few, but we'll try! These expos are always a blur of innovative car companies displaying adaptations, inventors and machinists with their ever-advancing equipment, medical suppliers with the new products, care providers, magazines and publishers, authors and artists, and agencies of all kinds that it's no wonder you have to spend three days touring the entirety of it.



Access Anything's Picks: US-K9, Port-A-Lift, AbleGaitor, Aquatic Access, and Environmental Traveling Companions...



UNITED STATES K9 ACADEMY, INC.
• Training The Nations Top Dogs

US-K9 is obviously a company with a desire for changing the industry. Intent on bringing more dogs into the disabled community by training more top-notch instructors, the United States Canine Academy could very well be a part of innovating the future of Service Animals.

Visit their site for more information, especially if you're currently on a multi-year waiting list for a dog, or if you're looking to train your own as we did!




abilities EXPO

REAL PEOPLE
REAL CHALLENGES
REAL SOLUTIONS



Abilities Expo remains dedicated to helping to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Abilities Expo is the one show for independent and assisted living products and services. Abilities Expo is the only show where you will be able to spend hours on the exhibit floor, testing and comparing products and services offered by state of the art exhibitors. Abilities Expo also offers a full line up of FREE consumer and professional workshops, offered by leading individuals in the healthcare, education, and retail fields.



Port-A-Lift

This personal transfer system makes getting in and out of your wheelchair comfortable and safe. Transfer from your wheelchair in just [three easy steps](#). **Port-A-Lift** supports your entire weight when moving from a wheelchair to recliner, vehicle, bed, toilet, chair or anywhere else you want to be. With **Port-A-Lift**, your favorite vehicle or existing home can be accessible for much less than costly alternatives. Avoid vehicle modification or renovation expense in your home now!



Aquatic Access offers water-powered lifts for all types of pools and spas as well as lifts for boats, docks, and lifts in use on many cruise ship pools and spas. Aquatic Access also offers custom-designed lifts for home or business use, and focuses on therapeutic designs in compliance with the ADA.

AbleGaitor, The Walking Stander

Not your run of the mill standing table, this stander is built to move. Shown to us at the expo, this amazing contraption enables rehabilitation in an upright position and is designed for people with SCI's up to C5, MS, Infantile Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, and anyone in need of a mobile option! Too bad our videos of this in action didn't turn out, you have GOT to see this thing to believe it!



Environmental Traveling Companions believes that everyone, regardless of physical or financial limitations, should have the opportunity to experience the challenge and beauty of the wilderness. Through ETC's [Sea Kayaking](#), [River Rafting](#), [Cross-Country Skiing](#) and [Youth Leadership School](#) adventures people with disabilities and other special needs overcome perceived limitations, attain greater personal freedom and confidence, and better understand themselves in relation to others and the environment. ETC was founded in 1972 by three commercial raft guides who began offering whitewater rafting trips to disadvantaged youth and people with disabilities. Over the years we have expanded to also include sea kayaking and cross-country skiing programs. ETC is the largest and oldest organization of its type in California--annually providing outdoor adventures to over 2000 people with special needs.



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DECEMBER 2006

Emerging Horizons Celebration Cruise

Sailing September 29, 2007

Join Candy Harrington and husband Charles on this seven-night Eastern Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest ship, to celebrate *Emerging Horizons* 10th birthday and the release of Candy's new book. All arrangements will be made by Connie George Travel Associates (CGTA), whose agents have a combined experience of over 20 years in planning accessible cruises. If you've been wanting to cruise, but are concerned about accessibility, then this is the cruise for you. Veteran cruisers will love the new *Liberty of the Seas* and the accessible shore excursions CGTA has to offer (including new options in Philipsburg).

Make plans now to join us next fall. A deposit of \$250 holds your place. Contact Connie for more information or to reserve your spot!

Cruise Package Price Includes:

- Wide selection of accessible cabins on Royal Caribbean's *Liberty of the Seas*
- Assistance with accessible transportation to and from the port
- Optional pre- and post-cruise hotel stays in accessible properties
- Personalized assistance planning accessible shore excursions
- Accessibility notes on each port
- Round Robin Dining (change seat nightly or one table for the entire cruise – your choice)
- Emerging Horizons birthday party with gifts for everyone
- Copy of Candy's newest book, *101 Accessible Vacations* (to be released September 2007)
- One year subscription (or an extension of your existing subscription) to *Emerging Horizons*.
- All gratuities included
- Travel insurance with pre-existing condition waiver available
- Assistance with air arrangements available



The accessible cabins are approximately 50% larger and include the following accessible features:

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| Wider doorways | Lowered clothesline |
| Raised toilets | Pull-down closet rod |
| Roll-under sink | Lowered thermostat |
| Bathroom grab bars | Lowered light switch |
| Roll-in shower | Open frame beds |
| Handheld showerhead | Wider than industry average |
| Fold-down shower bench | corridor widths |

To book your cruise today contact:
Connie George Travel Associates
connie@CGTA.com
(888) 532-0989 or (610) 532-0989
Book early for best choice of accessible cabins.

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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER:

3-10 – Breckenridge's Hartford [Ski Spectacular](#)

JANUARY:

12-16 – Steamboat's Second Annual All-Mountain Advanced [Adaptive Ski Camp](#)

26-28 – San Antonio [Abilities Expo](#) – *Craig Speaks on Adaptive Travel and Adventure*

29 – XGames, Aspen CO – *AA donates books to the adaptive events*

UPCOMING:

February 28 - Arizona Disabilities Expo

April - Release of [AA: I Can Do That](#), *the wait is almost over!*

June 15-17 - Southern CA Abilities Expo

June 30-July 2 – [No Barriers USA Festival](#), Squaw Valley CA (*stay tuned for more on this event*)

In the Press

Look for articles about our January Ski Camp this month in:

Active Living Magazine, Emerging Horizons Magazine, Powder Magazine, Sports 'N Spokes Magazine, Ski Magazine, and more!

Links

www.AccessibleMexico.com

www.AccessibleEvents.org

www.DisabledTraveler.com

Craig's Travel Tip

We just returned from an 18-day, 4-Island honeymoon in Hawaii and were very impressed with accessibility. I recommend staying with a major hotel chain, like Sheraton or Westin for the best access, and remember, you may have to call more than one activity company to find someone willing to accommodate you. Don't give up until you find the right one!

Happy travels!

-Craig

