

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1966 in Salida, Colorado by a band of enthusiastic outdoorsmen concerned with the future of the Rocky Mountain goat and their top-of-the-world habitat, the Order has a simple creed: To be a society of congenial good sportsmen mindful of conservation, respect for landowners and all wildlife regulations, proper use of all wildlife and in particular the noble Rocky Mountain goat.

WHAT WE DO

Almost all of the scores of Herds hold "Waterholes", bi-weekly or monthly luncheons, after-work cocktails and/or evening dinners where films, slide-shows, or talks by local wildlife specialists - or lawmakers working on wildlife measures - keep us ahead of the curve on how to keep a space for wildlife in this land more crowded every day by cars and people.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS FOUNDATION

We are a 501 (c) 3 entity which houses funds raised by itself AND the Order and disperses them on a tax-free in-and-out basis. Among the beneficiaries are grants annually, to college seniors or graduate students pursuing careers in wildlife management, particularly high-altitude habitat pertinent to the Rocky Mountain goat and other critters which live on top. These fellowships have greatly broadened our knowledge of these magnificent reclusive animals, the health of existing herds, their social order, where new herds can thrive, mortality rates and causes, reproductive patterns, and interaction with other mountain dwellers: deer, elk, and bighorn.

THIS IS OUR ANIMAL

More than 1800 Rocky Mountain goats (*Oreamnos americanus*) live in more than 20 herds in Colorado. Exhaustive research by the Order firmly proves the species to be native to the State. It's our goal to protect and to expand the numbers of these diffident, beautiful high-country animals. Kin to the chamois of Europe and serows and goralis of Asia, our goats range from southern Alaska through western Canada and the northwestern United States.

With coats of long, thick white hair, they are comfortable year-around on the tops of the Rockies. Massive shoulders give them strength to pull themselves up the near-vertical rock outcroppings. Black hooves with hard outer edges cover tough, rubbery inner pads which give them incredible traction on ledges no wider than your hand.

Although they are powerful jumpers and graceful climbers, the sheer danger of their surroundings claims a part of each herd every year. Bears, cougars, coyotes and wolves attack them on flatter ground, and eagles sometimes drive kids off the cliffs for an easy lunch. Avalanches also take a toll.

Billies can measure up to 40 inches at the shoulder, and weigh up to 300 pounds. Smaller nannies can weigh as little as 125 pounds. Goats are herbivores; they enjoy nearly 200 species of grasses, moss, ferns, wildflowers and shrubs.

Wildlife watchers in the western mountains see lots of elk, many deer, more bear than ever before, the occasional moose and a few bighorn sheep. But the true watching experience comes with the shout: "SEE THE GOATS!". The international Order of Rocky Mountain Goats and the Rocky Mountain Goats Foundation want to make goat sightings a more frequent experience for all who travel the west. You can help by joining up. Today!



THE ORDER & FOUNDATION

provide funds to support the feeding, medical care and replacements for the Rocky Mountain goat herd on year-round display at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs. This is a great PR boost for the Order and the Foundation. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors separate from the Order.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

To help Rocky Mountain goats and other wildlife in fellowship with others who, like you, want to preserve our wildlife heritage for our children and grandchildren.

- To meet and share ideas with others from all kinds of backgrounds and geographical areas who are interested in wildlife conservation.
- To encourage young people to continue in wildlife studies in order to protect the wild mountain goat and other native species.
- To increase knowledge about the needs of high-country animals.
- To enjoy watching and photographing wildlife in their domain.
- To honor, support, and improve our present wildlife laws, regulations and policies.
- And, maybe most of all, to join a band of brothers, like you, who want to leave this place better than we found it.

THE BIG ANNUAL WADI

OI' Goats and 'Tender Lovin' Kids' (new recruits) come from every corner of the U.S. for a Thursday-to-Sunday-noon encampment on a high mountain meadow on the shoulder of Mount Taylor at the base of Monarch Pass just west of Salida. It's always on the first weekend after labor Day.

Surrounded by the forest of pine, spruce, and aspen, the OI' Goats' humble tents, big and little campers and Rv's ring the grassy open four-acre meadow. The large meeting and mess-tent houses the robust all-you-can-eat breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. Also there are the swearing-ins of the TLCs, The Country Store, the silent and open auctions of all kinds of wildlife-related stuff, and the brief non-denominational thanks-to-our-Maker church service as we head for home just after the Sunday farewell brunch.

Days are filled with horseshoes, cribbage, and Holy-Moly (a Goats' invention) tournaments in the huge meadow, golf at the nearby Salida Golf Club, spectacular trout fishing at a close-by private lake, and scenic jeep tours through enormous scenery. The rules at the Wadi: No guns. No dogs. No minors.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (please print all information)

Name _____ FIRST _____ MID INIT _____ LAST _____ NICKNAME _____

Home Address: _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____ HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

Please send my mail to Home Business

Birth Date _____ Email _____

My Sponsor is _____

My Signature _____

Mail Completed Application and Payment to:

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or Apply Online at: www.olgoats.org

Membership Initiation Fee.....\$15
Annual Dues.....\$30
Total.....\$ _____
Make check payable to: International Order of Rocky Mountain Goats
Optional additional tax-deductible donation to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS FOUNDATION
Amount \$ _____ Receipt needed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Please make a separate check for this contribution. <i>Thanks!</i>

HOW WE ARE FUNDED

In addition to membership dues, annual events provide the majority of funding for the works of the Order and Foundation.

Silent and Live Auctions. Mostly at the Wadi. Where great fishing tackle, guns, outdoor gear of all kinds, wildlife and goat art and artifacts produce money for the Foundation. Silent auction is Friday afternoon and live auction is Saturday before dinner.

Herd Support. A number of Waterholes held regularly by herds at lunch or dinner always pass a Whiz-Pot, resembling the thundermug of pre-indoor plumbing days. Each dollar bill or change goes to buy first-quality sporting gear for the auction. Sometimes retailers sell us good stuff AT THEIR COST, because they like what we do to promote the out-of-doors, thus helping to keep them in business.

Give Your old Car, Boat, RV, Or? To The Goats. Boat owners , they say, have two happy days: when they buy it and when they sell it. You can avoid the selling hassle - and make a college student happy (as well as yourself), by giving your surplus vehicle to the OI' Goats. WE HANDLE EVERY DETAIL: simply call Wayne Teel, at 303-841-3599. He heads the very successful RMGoats Foundation Vehicle Donation Program.

Show Your Pride in Goat Gear. The Goat Country Store generates \$\$ for Goat programs with Goat gear including, clothing, hats, bar ware, stickers, emblems and more.

Put the Goats in Your Will. Your tax adviser can show you how to benefit yourself by making a gift to the Goats Foundation of stocks, bonds, real-estate or other assets to guarantee a comfortable income for later life, while providing significant tax savings for your estate and all your heirs.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

The IORMG and the RMGF maintain a comprehensive website that allows members to sign up, get emails on events, contact other members, view archives, participate in forums, and other activities. The website is the public face of the organization and is available when you become an OI' Goat. The website can be found at <http://www.olgoats.org>. Please go to the website and check out the OI' Goats.



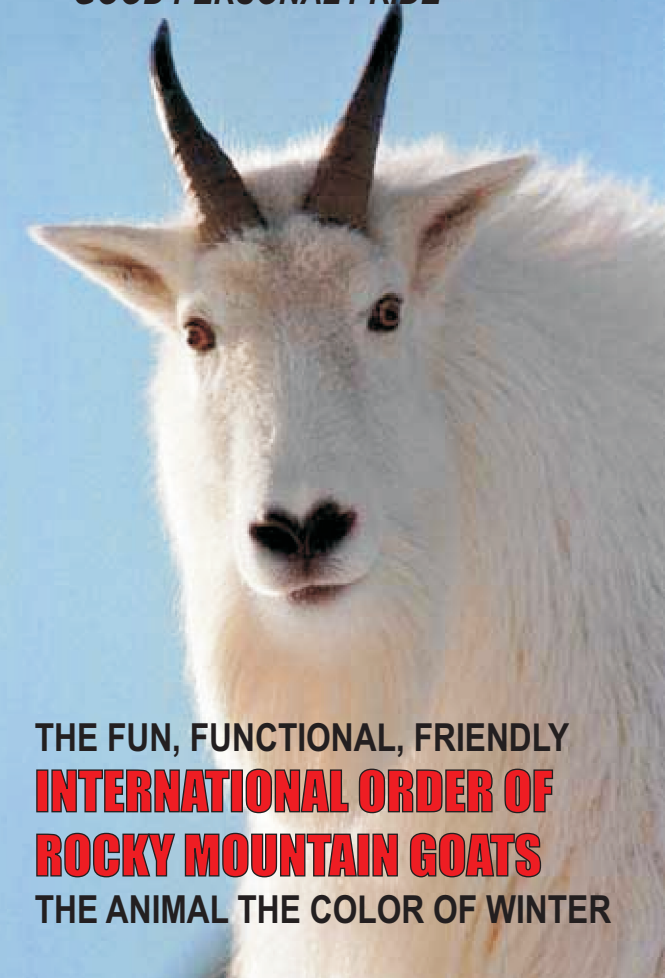
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Why You Should Join This Vital Wildlife Organization

- GOOD WORKS FOR WILDLIFE
- GOOD LEGACIES FOR THE FUTURE
- GOOD FELLOWSHIP
- GOOD PERSONAL PRIDE



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