

# **14<sup>th</sup> annual Bighorn Sheep Day (2019)**

Sat., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Event location is inside the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center (GGVNC)

- Wildlife viewing stations on the GGVNC deck and at the Mesa Rd. overlook.
- Free shuttle bus to viewing stations, (and if needed overflow parking) then back to the GGVNC, every 20-30 min.
  - Meet in front of building outside, look for yard signs “Shuttle Bus”.
- Possible partners & booths include: Visit Colorado Springs, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Bear Creek Nature Center, National Forest Service (Smokey the Bear), Rocky Mountain Field Institute, GoG Foundation, FOGG, City of Colorado Springs Cultural Services & Pikes Peak.
- Guided Nature Walks: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00
  - (Meet at the Central Garden Trail-head, Parking Lot #2).
- Additional parking in the “overflow lot” near Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site (RLRHS) if needed.
- Costume characters will be walking around giving out Hershey kisses. CPW’s Bighorn Sheep, GGVNC’s Bighorn Sheep & dinosaur, possibly Smokey the Bear too.

## **Presentation Schedule :**

Presentations will take place in the Red Rocks Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Large Flat screen w/ audio, HDMI input for any laptop or laptops available.

10:30 – 11:30 An Active Bighorn Survival Game for Youth 6+ and Adults. (Pat Grove)

11:45 – 12:45 Bighorn Sheep in the Garden of the Gods (Bret Tennis, Park’s Operations)

1:00 – 2:00 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo presents with live animals

2:15 – 3:00 Rampart Range Herd (Cassidy English local District Wildlife Manager)

- Average event attendance is around 3,500 people.
- Event is inside so we will only cancel in an extreme snow event. You can call our building snow line at 719-219-0199 after 7 am. I can also be reached anytime on my work cell: Bret 719-510-6613.
- Our address is: Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center, 1805 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904
- Email me anytime as well: [btennis@springsgov.com](mailto:btennis@springsgov.com)