

## Gunnison High School

### Implementation Timeline of Programs

- 1988 Taylor Challenge Eighth Grade Outdoor Education program implemented. First 3 days of school at Adventure Experience Base Camp- interdisciplinary experiential ed. Raft, Rock Climb, Orienteering, Mtn. Biking, Water Quality, Ropes Course, chores.
- 1993 Outdoor Recreational Skills class begins at GHS (2 periods- 1 credit). End of day. Fee. Field trips
- 1995 Build Climbing Wall in corner of the gym as Senior Capp Stone project. Use in a variety of classes. Climbing club.
- 2001 Addition of two Introduction to Outdoor Recreation classes at GHS (1/2 credit). Fee. Field trips
- 2006 Received grant from Future Fisherman Foundation-pilot 2 week unit in Leisure/Lifetime Sports class.
- 2006 Received grant from Colorado Division of Wildlife/National Archery in the Schools program. School board approved course.
- 2007 Introduce Fishing & Archery for the Outdoorsman 7<sup>th</sup> period class. Archery 2-3 short periods, Fish long blocks. Field trips. Fee
- 2008-2009 All classes continue successfully and curriculum is refined.

## Implementing UNIQUE elective classes into Physical Education programs

In 1988, the principal at Ruland Middle School asked me to design an Outdoor Recreation experience for all the eighth graders to attend at the beginning of the school year. The first year, students were bussed to the Adventure Experience Base camp for a one day ropes course in advisory groups. Morning was spent on the low initiatives, afternoon on the high elements. The next year, all students spent three days at the camp. One day the Ropes Course, one day rafting and rock climbing, one day orienteering and mountain biking. All activities included interdisciplinary assignments. This included journaling, math, art, and drama. Twenty-three years later, this program is still a popular tradition. It received an award from North Central Accreditation.