



Colorado Athletes

The Museum enhanced the exhibition with profiles of several extreme athletes from Colorado and a Ninja course created by Colorado-based Ninja Nation. Colorado has become “ground zero” for many extreme athletes because the state’s mountains, snow, skies and waterways provide the perfect playground for extreme activities.

Brian Arnold

Competitor on “American Ninja Warrior”

- Lives in Brighton.
- Qualified for the National Finals in all six of his seasons on the show.
- “Last Man Standing” on season five after going further than any Ninja had before.
- Led the team that won the first Team Ninja Warrior championship.

Maureen Beck

Rock and ice climber

- Lives in Denver.
- Born without her left lower arm.
- Has won many national and world championships.
- Featured in the award-winning documentary “Stumped.”
- 2019 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year.
- Trains staff at climbing gyms to work with adaptive climbers.

Geoff Britten

Competitor on “American Ninja Warrior”

- Lives in Castle Rock.
- Qualified for the national finals in all three of his seasons on the show.
- The only Ninja to have a perfect season.
- The first to complete all obstacles in the national final, earning him the title of “First American Ninja Warrior.”

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Tommy Caldwell

Rock climber, skier

- Grew up in Estes Park.
- Climbed the Diamond on Longs Peak at 12.
- Won a World Invitational at 16 and was the only person to complete the course.
- Survived capture by Kyrgyzstan rebels while climbing there in 2000.
- Cut off most of his index finger with a table saw prior to his most famous climb (on the Dawn Wall). Many thought his climbing career was over.
- Featured climber in the film “The Dawn Wall” in which he and Kevin Jorgeson become the first to climb a seemingly impossible face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. Peter Mortimer, one of the filmmakers, also grew up in Colorado and is featured in the exhibition.

Extreme Family: June and Eldon Cornish (grandparents), Staci Suter (mom), Jesse, Kristina, Alexis, and Megan Mascarenas (siblings)

Trail runners, rock climbers

- Based in Colorado Springs.
- June and Eldon began a family tradition by having each of their children and grandchildren climb a fourteener at the age of six.
- June and Eldon became known as “Go Devils” after riding carts with no brakes down the Pikes Peak Cog Railway.
- Staci, Jesse, and Kristina are trail runners. Kristina won the Pikes Peak Marathon in 2017.
- Staci, Alexis, and Megan are rock climbers. Staci has won several amateur competitions. Megan won the IFSC Climbing World Cup at age 17 and 18.

Andrew Fraser

Skydiver, BASE jumper, wingsuit pilot, high-liner, rock climber, mountain biker, snowboarder

- Lives in Denver.
- Was a junior at Columbine High School when gunmen killed classmates and a teacher. The experience motivated him to “get busy living.”
- Director of a climbing gym and a yoga and skydiving instructor.
- Sees extreme sports as creative ways to interact with the Colorado environment.

Dr. Omer Mei-Dan

Skydiver, BASE jumper, wingsuit pilot, rock and ice climber, snowboarder, mountain biker, diver

- Orthopedic surgeon with the University of Colorado.
- Studies the mental, hormonal, and orthopedic aspects of extreme sports.
- Host and producer of “Cutting Edge, M.D.,” a television series about sports injuries.
- Has BASE jumped off of the Eiffel Tower with Jeb Corliss, who is also featured in the exhibition.

Peter Mortimer

Adventure filmmaker, rock climber, skier, surfer

- Grew up in Boulder and founded Sender Films there.
- Studied geology at Colorado College with another adventure filmmaker named Josh Lowell. They teamed up to make “The Dawn Wall” featuring Tommy Caldwell, who is also featured in the exhibition.

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- Studied film in Los Angeles, where he learned to surf.

David Reyes

Skateboarder

- Grew up in Denver, skating the streets and Denver Skate Park.
- As a kid, he hung out at 303 Boards on Colfax (near the Museum) and did odd jobs to earn his first board. The shop is now one of his sponsors.
- Works with the Sheckler Foundation and Camp Woodward at Copper Mountain to inspire kids who might come from tough situations to find a passion and work hard at it.

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