



## *Buffalo Bill Days*

Buffalo Bills Days roots draw from the commemorative trail ride of the Buffalo Bill Saddle Club to Buffalo Bill's Grave on the top of Lookout Mountain which began sometime in the 1940's. It has evolved into a 4-day festival beginning with a Golf Tournament at Applewood Golf Course. Weekend events include the Best of the West Parade, Cody's Wild West Show, Muttin' Bustin', a car show, historic

and educational booths, food and craft vendors and children's rides in the park and of course the music on stage all weekend.

In 1989 the City of Golden appointed the first all-volunteer Board of Directors for Buffalo Bill Days and it continues today as an autonomous all volunteer organization. Since the beginning BBD has strived to practice honesty and fairness to others in all their affairs. Their strong values and ethics comes from an ALL VOLUNTEER board and committee chairs who are passionate about giving back to Golden through Buffalo Bill Days. Without the dedication of ALL the volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the last 30+ years, this event would not have been possible.

"We are very small in the terms of non-profits and have no real structure. We depend on our volunteers to lead us in the right direction with their vision, courage and conviction." Today, Buffalo Bill Days" consists of a nine-member board with three of the four officers also serving as committee chairs. There are nine additional committee chairs.

Buffalo Bill Days has an innovative approach with their platform by including other non-profits in a mutual fundraising opportunity or partnership. They offer youth groups within the community the ability to earn money for their group by helping them pick up trash and selling water. They use inmates from Camp George West to help with set-up and tear down which offers them the opportunity to get out for the day, provide community service, while enjoying food and snacks throughout the day.

The Buffalo Bill Days board works along side committee members to plan a safe, fun, family friendly event that celebrates the Old West in a small-town atmosphere. Their effective delivery of a weekend family event is demonstrated by their being ranked Golden's number one event based on a resident's survey by the City of Golden.

In the last few years they began to see a profit from their event so they started awarding Golden High School scholarships in addition to financial support for the Golden Backpack Program, the Christian Action Guild, Lions Kidsight, and community rehab otherwise known as Be-A-Tool.

In addition to their philanthropy Buffalo Bill Days is the biggest family friendly weekend event in Golden with over 30,000 attendees.

***It's a small town community event that is great big wholesome family entertainment!***