

## **BSSG ANNOUNCES THE OSBORNE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Big Sky State Games 2024 Osborne Volunteers of the Year are Chad McNeese of Billings, Campbell Family from Rudyard and the Billings Chapter of Preceptor Alpha Alpha. The award is named after Tom Osborne and his family; Tom was the Big Sky State Games founder and Executive Director from 1986-1996. It was the vision and volunteer spirit of the Osborne Family that initiated and sustained the early years of the Big Sky State Games. The Osborne Volunteer of the Year award provides the opportunity to reward volunteers who follow through with that same spirit of service, commitment, and enthusiasm for the Big Sky State Games.



**Chad McNeese of Billings** has volunteered and/or competed in the Big Sky State Games Cycling events for 12 years. He served as a Cycling Mountain Bike Commissioner (2016-2017), Cycling Road Race Commissioner (2022) and Cycling Gravel Race commissioner (2023-2024). Additionally, McNeese has participated in all the Cycling events (Cycling Road Race, Mountain Bike, Enduro, Time Trial and Gravel) winning many Gold medals throughout the years. McNeese is always willing to lend a hand when a Big Sky State Games Cycling commissioner role is needed. For 2024, McNeese was the Cycling Gravel Race commissioner and filled integral role with the set-up of the Cycling Road Race. His passion for Cycling comes through in his volunteer spirit.



**The Campbell Family of Rudyard** has been participating, volunteering and officiating at the Big Sky State Games (BSSG) for ten years. The Campbell Family consists Brian, Elizabeth, Carter, Joshua, Kinzie and Brady. Big Sky State Games Track and Field volunteering is a family affair for the Campbell's. Brian is the announcer, Elizabeth works with the awards, and children Carter, Joshua, Kinzie and Brady help with field events. Additionally, Carter, Joshua, Kinzie and Brady competed on the day they were not volunteering and have been participating as soon as they were old enough. Also, Carter was able to find time to officiate basketball games and Brian has officiated in years past. Brian is the Activities Director, Track Coach and Math teacher at North Star School and Elizabeth is Librarian.



Preceptor Alpha Alpha has been taking admission at the Big Sky State Games basketball and/or track and field events since the beginning in 1986. Preceptor Alpha Alpha is a chapter of Beta Sigma Phi that is a non-academic sorority that began in 1931 to foster friendships and support from other women. Preceptor Alpha Alpha has seven members and there are eight different chapters in Billings and Laurel.

Other volunteer projects include serving food at the Rescue Mission, bagging food at the Billings Food Bank, volunteering at Flakesgiving, putting up a bench on the bike path in the Heights, planting flowers at the Metra, and park cleanup.

The organization meets twice a month and the money raised is invested back into the local community. Organizations include Family Services, Ronald McDonald House, Pack the Place in Pink, Alzheimer Walk, YEP (Youth Empowerment Program), Adult Alliance Senior Center, Tumbleweed, Relay for Life, and Scott Mueller Fund.

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