

# Guides Across America

## Sponsorship Proposal

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The Guide Relief Program is an IRS designated 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.  
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# ABOUT GUIDES ACROSS AMERICA

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Guides Across America is a collaborative effort between Sawyer Oars, the Guide Relief Program (GRP), and the Fly Fishing Film Tour, aimed at providing support to water-based guides across the country. We understand that being a guide is not just a profession, it's a way of life, and it comes with its own unique set of challenges. Our goal is to create a nationwide movement that stands as a pillar of support for guides, both on and off the water.

At Guides Across America, we are fueled by a passion for adventure, the great outdoors, and the incredible guides who lead us through it. We are a tight-knit community of guides and supporters, dedicated to uplifting guides and ensuring they have the resources to overcome any storm. We believe that a strong community is essential to the success and well-being of guides, and we are committed to being that community for them.

Together, we can create a brighter future for guides across the country.





# ABOUT GUIDE RELIEF PROGRAM

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The Guide Relief Program is a nonprofit organization that offers financial support to guides in crisis by awarding small grants. This support can help alleviate some of the financial burdens that guides may face during difficult times.

Additionally, the GRP provides access to two months of free and confidential mental health services. We recognize that the mental health of guides is just as important as their physical health, and we want to ensure that they have the necessary resources to navigate their personal lives and their profession.



FUND



MENTAL HEALTH  
& WELL-BEING



**Funds Raised**

**\$100,000 +**



**Grants Awarded**

**\$27,000**



**Mental Health**

**8 New Sign-ups**

**83 Messages sent**

**27 Average Live Session Minutes**

# GUIDE TESTIMONIALS



**On Mental Health**  
Fishing Guide

.....We need to give ourselves a break and admit when we are tired, overworked, and stressed out and then seek help when life becomes too much for us to handle alone.



**Grant Recipient**  
Montana

The Guide Relief Program has helped me as well as my business by offering flood relief funds. [...]As a result, my stress level has reduced immensely and helped my overall mental health. Thank you, Guide Relief Program, for all of your hard work, time, and effort working on this program. It has meant a lot to me as well as others that have been able to benefit from it.



**Grant Recipient**  
Montana

2022 was a tough year on all fronts for the guide community. For many guides, gas is the highest expense, and gas doubled. When you factor in work lost from the historic Yellowstone flood, making ends meet was substantially harder. (...) Luckily, the Guide Relief Program was there to help me get by with a generous stipend to help make ends meet.

# JOIN US SUPPORT THE GUIDE COMMUNITY

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The collective goal of our coalition is to raise a minimum of \$50,000 for Guides Across America through the run of the Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Embark on a journey with us as we proudly introduce Guides Across America; a beacon of support for guides navigating the waters of life.



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**FLY FISHING FILM TOUR**

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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\$5,000+  
GOLD



\$2,500+  
SILVER



\$1,000+  
BRONZE



\$250+  
FRIEND OF GAA



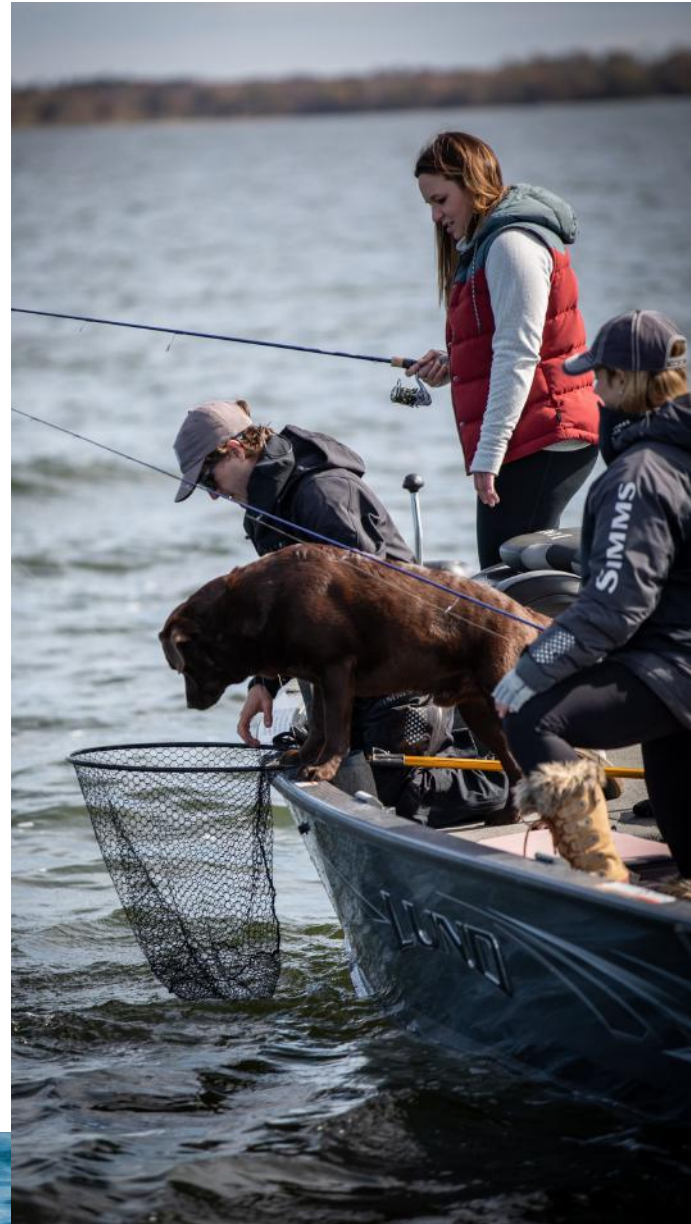
# GOLD SPONSOR BENEFITS

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## GOLD SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

- Logo with link on website
- Email blasts from GRP & Media Outlets
- Social media posts from GRP
- Recognition on campaign wrap-up and year-end email
- Promotion via tabling at events\*



\*Events attending TBD



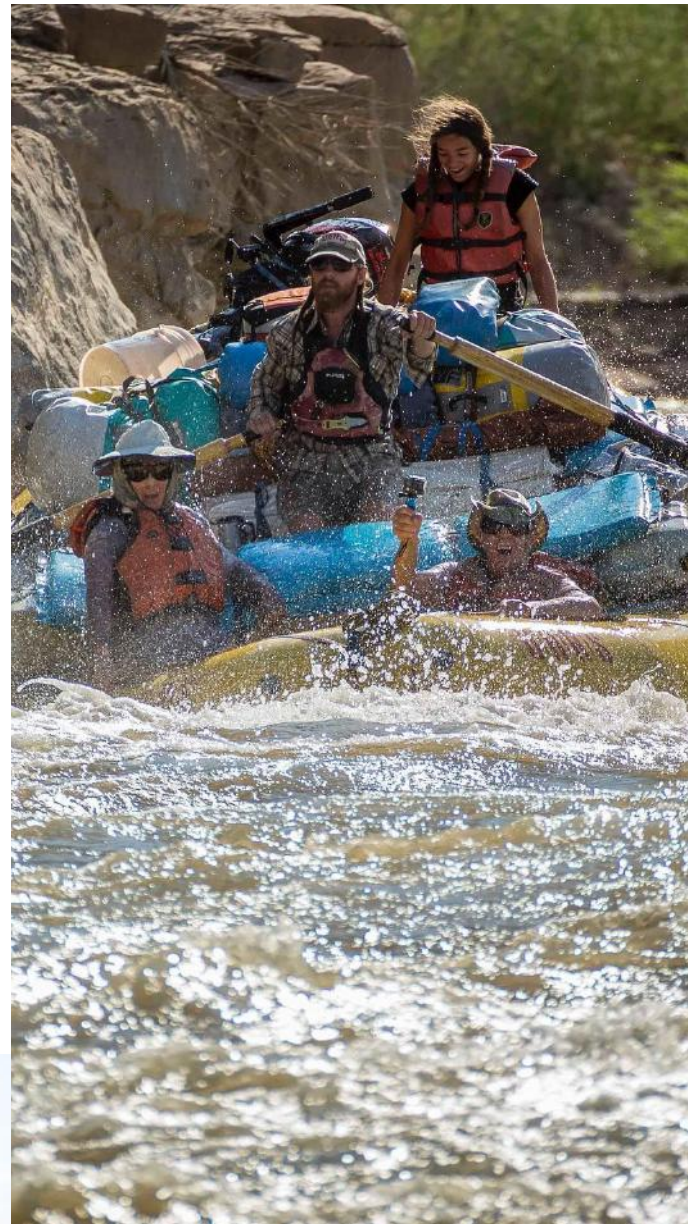
# SILVER SPONSOR BENEFITS

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## SILVER SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

- Logo on website
- Email blasts from GRP & Media Outlets
- Social media posts from GRP
- Recognition on campaign end wrap-up email



# BRONZE SPONSOR BENEFITS

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## BRONZE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

- Name on website
- Email blast from GRP
- Recognition on campaign end wrap up email





# FRIEND OF GAA BENEFITS

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## FRIEND OF GAA SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

→ Name on website

→ Recognition on campaign end wrap  
up email





# BECOME A PARTNER



**Join** the Guide Relief Program and Sawyer Oars, as we build a solid safety net for our front-line workers.

A community we entrust with our time and memories.

A community that has been wholly underserved.

A community that needs support.

**The Guide Community.  
Our Guide Community.**

Click [here](#) to access the sponsorship form or contact us with any questions.



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# GUIDE TESTIMONIAL

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“I was approved and the money I received went to directly compensate my guides while they were unable to work. It didn’t pay all their bills – or offset all our lost revenue – but it made a huge difference for all of us. [...] They have helped so many fishing guides – not just with assistance grants, but with critical things like insurance and mental-health services – when nobody else or no other group exists to help us.

GRP is a stand-up voice for fishing guides and looks after us. This group and their programs are vital to the fly-fishing community.”

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# TOUR SCHEDULE

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|        |                    |         |                  |
|--------|--------------------|---------|------------------|
| 20-Jan | Bozeman, MT        | 17-Feb  | Portland, OR     |
| 21-Jan | Billings, MT       | 22-Feb  | West Seattle, WA |
| 24-Jan | Teton Valley, ID   | 24-Feb  | Seattle, WA      |
| 27-Jan | Jackson Hole, WY   | 25-Feb  | Mt Vernon, WA    |
| 28-Jan | Sun Valley, ID     | 29-Feb  | Spokane, WA      |
| 30-Jan | McCall, ID         | 7-Mar   | Minneapolis, MN  |
| 2-Feb  | Boise, ID          | 8-Mar   | Greenbay, WI     |
| 4-Feb  | Salt Lake City, UT | 9-Mar   | Madison, WI      |
| 6-Feb  | Truckee, CA        | 10-Mar  | Chicago, IL      |
| 8-Feb  | San Francisco, CA  | 15-Mar  | Grand Rapids, MI |
| 10-Feb | Santa Cruz, CA     | 16-Mar  | Ann Arbor, MI    |
| 13-Feb | Chico, CA          | 23-Mar  | Cleveland, OH    |
| 15-Feb | Bend, OR           | 28-Mar  | Denver, CO       |
| 17-Feb | Portland, OR       | 29-Mar  | Fort Collins, CO |
| 22-Feb | West Seattle, WA   | 30-Mar  | Boulder, CO      |
| 24-Feb | Seattle, WA        | 31-Mar  | Longmont, CO     |
| 25-Feb | Mt Vernon, WA      | 2-Apr   | Aspen, CO        |
| 13-Feb | Chico, CA          | 4-Apr   | Dallas, TX       |
| 15-Feb | Bend, OR           | 6-Apr   | Austin, TX       |
|        |                    | APR TBA | Houston, TX      |



## FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

