Welcome!

We have exciting times ahead!

You have spoken. You have stated that you want to have more activities, like hiking, camping, picnics, bowling, swimming and movie night – and we are going to deliver on our promise.

We have a great team of leaders and a wonderful growing membership – all of you!

Thank you very much and let's all make 2010 a great year!!!

Next Event:

Event: Castlewood Canyon Hike
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010
Time: 3:00 pm to ~ 5:30 pm
Location: Franktown South of Parker

We are going hiking!! This is just like being up in the mountains, with all of the natural beauty of the mountains, with a much shorter drive.

Meet at the Visitor’s Center for a 2.67 mile hike through one of the best-kept secrets in the Greater Metro Denver area.

At approximately 5:30 pm / 6:00 pm
Dinner at August Moon Asian Grill
18651 Main Street; Parker
see: http://denver.longyangclub.org/calendar.html

Last Events:

We enjoyed a nice turnout of about 33 members and guests at the April 24th potluck hosted by Mark Okamoto. This was a nice, warm event with great friends, wonderful food - and uniquely matching plaid shirts. 😊

On April 27th just under a dozen of us went to see epic film Warlords starring Jet Li at the Chez Artiste Theatre.

April 17th a few of us saw Shen Yun which was a spectacular Chinese Dance Performance at the Buell Theater.

Pictures from our last events are in the eNewsletter, however not posted to the website, except when we have permission from those photographed as we respect everyones’ privacy. Steve our official event photographer has done an awesome job capturing our events and happy times together.
Coming Up - PrideFest!

Event: The 35th Annual PrideFest Denver 2010 - June 19th and 20th – registration complete / officially confirmed as a non-profit general exhibitor

Host: The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado and the City and County of Denver, Colorado

Date: Saturday, June 19th and Sunday, June 20th

Time: Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (we will be setting up at 7:00 am and the Long Yang Club booth is required to be completed by 10:00 am)

Time: Sunday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (will be re-accessing on 7:00 am to 8:30 am to have everything restocked; take-down and load-out start at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm)

Location: Long Yang Club Denver will have a booth in Civic Center Park

A bunch of us are going to be hanging out at the Long Yang Club Denver booth at PrideFest! Stop on by & drop on in if you get a chance and check us out! If you can stay awhile, then everyone is welcome to hang out with us and it is going to be a good time! We are going to be drinking lots of water, probably have some Scooby snacks, taking pictures, telling stories, joking around and just having a good ol' time. For all of our members, our Long Yang Club PrideFest booth can serve everyone's own personal homebase, a place to meet up with people and other Long Yang Club members, and a place to go to get out of the sun and enjoy some shade too.

We will be providing a free ice-cold bottle of water for all Long Yang Club members and guests.

We would love to get some volunteers to help out with decorating the booth and expressing your own creativity - so just let one of the officers know and we would love to have your support!

To volunteer or for any questions, contact Mark Gerardy at 303-646-2442 or mgerardy@gmail.com
Three-Month Rolling Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Many of these events are tentative, unconfirmed or are still in the planning stages. This is to provide a basic idea and more details will be forthcoming.

Event: Hiking at Castlewood Canyon and Dinner at August Moon Asian Grill
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010
Time: 3:00
Location: Just a couple miles south of Franktown near Parker
See: http://denver.longyangclub.org/calendar.html

Event: May 2010 LYCD Potluck
Host: Bob Pickering and Richard Lu
Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 4527 Elm Court
Denver, Colorado 80211
303-948-2475

* There will be a presentation and official kick-off for the ifCON 2012 Denver Convention

Event: June Outdoor Group Activity - Miniature Golf
Host: Alan Esler
Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Adventure Golf and Raceway
9650 Sheridan Blvd
Westminster, Colorado
50’s-style burger and pizza restaurant for dinner afterwards

Event: PrideFest – June 19th and 20th see previous page

Event: Long Yang Denver Camping Trip / Campout with Fireworks
Host: Steve and Vincent
Date: July 2nd to July 4th
Time: To-Be-Determined
Location: Idaho Springs
Three-Month Rolling Calendar of Upcoming Events - Continued:

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Event: July 2010 LYCD Potluck
Host: Roger Moore
Date: To-Be-Determined
Time: To-Be-Determined
Location: To-Be-Obtained

Event: August 2010 LYCD Potluck
Host: Truong and Dale
Date: To-Be-Determined
Time: To-Be-Determined
Location: To-Be-Obtained

Event: Late Summer Hiking at Deer Creek
Host: Truong and Dale
Date: September 2010
Time: To-Be-Determined
Location: To-Be-Obtained

NOTE: This list is tentative and not all-inclusive. Additional events will be added upon request of members to supplement our current calendar of events.
Special member contributions and recognition:
Roger Moore, attorney at law, for his efforts and expertise to incorporate Long Yang Club Colorado, Inc. Roger graciously donated his time and energy. Roger has been part of Long Yang Club since 1996 and has been one of our leaders who have helped make Long Yang Club Denver a success.

Brian Penick who founded Long Yang Club many moons and potlucks ago and we welcome him back and hope we will see more of Brian in the future.

Special members who have talent:
Richard Lu is our new Official Graphics Designer for ifCON Denver 2012. We are excited to have Richard help us out with designing our logos for the convention.

Steve Thornton is our Official Event Photographer and takes some awesome pictures. Steve also has a lot of great event ideas for this summer.

Brent Berry is heading up a committee to recognize member birthdays and anniversaries. Many years ago Long Yang Club Denver recognized each member’s special days, birthdays, anniversaries and personal life events in the newsletter and sometimes at our meetings. We want to celebrate not just our group together, but the individual in us all.

Breaking News!
On April 29, 2010 the framework for the Comprehensive Immigration Reform authored by Senators Chuck Schumer, Harry Reid and Robert Menendez “…will eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status”. If passed, this allows LGBT citizens and legal permanent residents to sponsor our foreign national partners for residency in the United States. Under current law, no such sponsorship is available. An estimated 36,000 face imminent separation or exile because of discriminatory immigration policies. This inclusive framework is an historical step forward for GLBT couples and families. Throughout the past decades, exclusion has affected the lives of many within Long Yang Clubs across the nation and we welcome a policy of inclusion.
Your Long Yang Club Denver officers at work – accomplishments

- PrideFest participation has been approved by our membership at our potluck on March 20th. On Friday, March 26th we officially registered Long Yang Club Colorado, Inc. for PrideFest Denver 2010 as a non-profit, saving our group $125.00 due to our incorporation efforts. The money that we saved with registering as non-profit paid for our incorporation costs more than double. We are officially confirmed as a non-profit general exhibitor and ready to go!

- Work has started on a new website that combines both a new professional LYC website with the ifCON Denver 2012 website. We have chosen Icdsoft for our website hosting company, have registered the domain names and are in the process of gathering the talents of website designers and programmers.

Your ifCON Denver 2012 steering committee at work - accomplishments

- The Hyatt Hotel contract has been officially signed and received by Hyatt a week before the deadline; therefore we have secured all of our concessions.

- Currently we are working on establishing the ifCON Denver 2012 website.

- We are also mapping out strategies for fundraising, landing sponsors and promoting a spectacular once-in-a-lifetime event.

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Your comments?
We would like your input on this eNewsletter; please email your ideas and suggestions to mgerardy@gmail.com or we are looking forward to hearing from you!
Potluck at Mark Okamoto’s House, April 24, 2010:
Last Event Pictures from our Official Event Photographer Steve Thornton:
Movie Night: Warlords, April 27, 2010