

Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association

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Dear Members & Guests,

The Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association cordially invites you to join us for our 2018 Annual Convention & Big Game Awards Banquet. This highly informative, FUN filled three (3) day convention will be beneficial for all those who attend! We have an awesome array of auction items and raffle prizes!

WYOGA's Big Game Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 7th. A delicious dinner, featuring carved prime rib and shrimp, will be served during the Big Game Awards. WYOGA is pleased to announce our keynote speaker this year, Tom Opre, President of International Conservation Coalition. Congressman Liz Cheney, Rob Holliday of Safari Club International, and Wyoming Game & Fish Department Director, Scott Talbott, will also be guest speakers.

The Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center in Casper will be our host. Attendee's will receive a special rate of \$75/night if booked before **March 22, 2018**. The Ramkota is located directly off the Poplar St, exit at 800 N. Poplar Street. For room reservations contact 307.266.6000. Let them know you are with WYOGA.

The Natrona County International Airport is serviced by Delta, United & SkyWest Airlines. Please make your travel arrangements by visiting their websites.

Please refer to WYOGA's tentative agenda for times & events. We hope you can join us for this fun filled weekend! Consider this your personal invitation to join us.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Smith

WYOGA President



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2018 BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TOM OPRE



An Adventure Filmmaker

A film director, cinematographer, television producer, and wildlife conservationist, Tom Opre has made educating the public on wildlife conservation and stewardships issues a main priority. As the past president of the Professional Outdoor Media Association (POMA), he has worked to help other outdoor communicators and industry leaders understand and present a unified message regarding the top issues facing wildlife conservation today.

Since 1990, Opre has produced and/or directed national television commercial projects for Fortune 500 companies, feature films and episodic television including wildlife projects for Discovery Channel and PBS. In 2015, he wrapped a seven year prime-time run on NBC Sports producing the highest rated, award-winning, television show in the outdoor fieldsports genre, Eye of the Hunter™.

Today, he serves on several non-profit boards including African Children's Schools. He currently serves as the president and chairman of the board of directors for International Conservation Coalition (ICC), a 501(c)(3), a non-profit with a mission to promote broader public understanding and the critical importance of modern day wildlife conservation and habitat stewardship - globally.

Opre lives in the Flathead Valley of Montana with his wife Olivia; a travel specialist and wildlife advocate, and their four children.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Smith

WYOGA President



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CONVENTION AGENDA

RAMKOTA HOTEL
800 N. POPLAR ST.

CASPER, WYOMING

Thursday, April 5th, 2018

9.00 am-12:00 pm First Aid/CPR Course
2:00pm-6:00pm Registration
2:00pm-6:00pm **WYOGA Board of Director's Meeting**

Friday, April 6th, 2018

8:30am-5:00pm Registration
9:00am **GM Meeting called to order**
9:15am-12:00pm **GM Meeting**
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch (No host)
1:30pm-2:00pm **Rob Holliday of Safari Club International**
2:00pm-5:30pm **GM Meeting continues/Election of Officers**
6:30pm-8:30pm **WELCOME PARTY**
Burgers & Brauts, Horse pack race, raffles, music, cash bar, kegs of beer-sponsored by SNS Outfitters & Guides

Saturday, April 7th, 2018

9:00am-9:30am **POGA hunt donation study by Sy Gilliland**
9:30am-11:30am **Scott Talbot, Director of WY Game & Fish**
Brian Nesvik, Chief of Wildlife Division
Topics: Grizzly & Wolf seasons, Non-resident Elk Allocation proposals.
11:30am-1:30pm Lunch-sponsor TBD
1:30pm-2:30pm **Congressman Liz Cheney**
2:30pm-3:00pm **State Board Roundtable-Jim Schell, Cole**
Benton, Lee Livingston, Scott Edberg
3:00pm-4:30pm Break-sponsor TBD
5:00pm-6:30pm **COCKTAIL PARTY** cash bar, games, raffles, music
6:30pm-? **BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET**
Carved Prime Rib & Shrimp buffet, Live & Silent Auction

***Keynote Speaker: Tom Opre, President of International Conservation Coalition**

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RAMKOTA HOTEL &
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