

## STAFF FEATURE



VALLERIE KUNZ - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III Vallerie Kunz was born in West Jordan, Utah, and moved to Fruita Co at the age of four. She received her Batchelors in Fine Arts in 2015 from Mesa State University. While working at Cabela's in the archery department she got her start with Colorado Parks and Wildlife volunteering with their archery events. She then started volunteering with hunter outreach programs. Vallerie was a Colorado Bowhunters Association representative and helped put on the very first event at Cameo. The CBA Cameo 3D Archery Shoot in May 2018.

She helped Walt design the Cameo logo and began volunteering as a Range Safety Officer at Cameo. She was hired on as a temp at Cameo in November 2018, and in June of 2019 was hired on as the permanent Administrative Assistant. Vallerie has enjoyed hunting with her family since she was twelve. She enjoys art, fishing, shooting, and the outdoors. She teaches Intro to Archery Classes often and is working on her certification to teach Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education. Vallerie's favorite part of the job is being a part of the development of the archery ranges at Cameo and watching the whole facility grow in leaps and bounds.

## FACILITY FEATURE

OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN BIKE BIATHLON STADIUM

Cameo has a hidden gem, and that is our full sized Olympic Mountain Bike Biathlon Stadium and Course. This course was built in 2020 in the hopes of introducing a sanctioned mountain bike biathlon competition here at Cameo. Cameo management even made sure to purchase official olympic biathlon targets from Finland, and conferred with professional biathlon athletes while building the course. All the pieces of the puzzle are there, Cameo simply needs a group who wants to use the facility regularly and host sanctioned competitions here at Cameo.

Those who would be interested should get in contact with the Cameo General Manager, Walt Proulx.

## STAFF TIDBITS

CLASSES AT CAMEO

Cameo is more than just a shooting range, it's also an education center. We try to gear a lot of what goes on at Cameo as a learning opportunity. Most of the staff is very knowledgeable in different areas and the facility is being built around the concept of education. Future development will call for classrooms, an all Colorado native botanical garden, a natural history museum and more. This also means that we bring in people who have specific knowledge that we as a staff may not. Cameo has what we call User Groups that offer a wide array of classes ranging at different skill levels. These classes are not put on by Cameo staff, they're put on by third party groups who are experts in their specific fields. Some of these include long range rifle classes, pistol classes, shotgun, archery and even self defense classes. These can be geared to anyone with intermediate all the way to advanced levels of skill. If you want to learn about these groups specifically you can find a list of them and links to their own websites on cameosec.org. Links to register for their classes can be found on that website too.

## VALLERIE'S VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Kenny Marcella was born and raised in Leadville, Colorado to an archery and outdoors family. He helped build the first sanctioned archery range in Leadville with his family. Kenny was an outstanding athlete in his younger years skiing, wrestling, and ultra long distance running. Kenny started volunteering with the Division of Wildlife in 1972 collecting fish and water samples. His coaching led him to the hunter outreach program. And the NWTF led him to reintroduction of

turkeys on the western slope and later other reintroductions such as rocky mountain bighorn sheep in Cameo. Kenny is also a Colorado Bowhunters Association representative and was the main driver behind the fist event at Cameo, the CBA Cameo 3D Archery Shoot in May 2018. He also is the designer of the 3D archery ranges at Cameo. Kenny has built all of our target bails on the Archery Bay from recycled or donated materials. He manages to work his full time job and still volunteers hundreds of hours. Kenny helps Vallerie teach Intro to Archery Classes, Hunter Education and hopefully soon Bowhunters Education. Kenny is always willing to help educate people on hunting, archery, shooting, safety and the outdoors. **Thank you Kenny!** 



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