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Boler Mountain receives prestigious June Callwood award for outstanding voluntarism

LONDON, ON - June 27, 2024 - Boler Mountain has been honoured with the 2024 June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism by the Ontario government. This esteemed award celebrates the remarkable contributions of volunteers and organizations that have significantly impacted their communities in the Outstanding Volunteer - Group category.

Boler Mountain is a non-profit organization and is proud to be Southwestern Ontario's most dynamic destination for outdoor adventure. Driven by the work of staff and volunteers, Boler is a beloved year-round outdoor recreation destination in London, Ontario. The June Callwood award recognizes Boler's vibrant group of volunteers who are essential in providing enjoyable outdoor activities such as skiing, boarding, biking, hiking, and other activities which enhance healthy lifestyles including yoga and treetop adventures. The organization thrives on the dedication and hard work of its volunteer base, many of whom submitted testimonials to the award selection committee.

"Thanks to the management skills of generations of volunteers, Boler Mountain has become a thriving organization that enhances life for many in the London community and across Southwestern Ontario," said Chris Saunders, Program Lead at the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat and Master of Ceremonies for the award ceremony. It was held on June 26, 2024 at the Hellenic Community Centre.

Kristi Ferguson, Boler's board president, accepted the award on behalf of the organization. "For more than 75 years, the Boler community of volunteers has been the backbone of our organization," says Ferguson. "From the original group who built the first ski runs to the volunteers today on our Board of Directors, and across the partner groups to bring accessible outdoor adventure to people of all ages and abilities – it truly is a remarkable family of support."

"We will certainly be celebrating this honour with our entire community," says Greg Strauss, a member of the Boler management team. "We are humbled to be recognized and associated with the incredible values of June Callwood."

The June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism is awarded annually to up to 20 individuals and/or organizations across Ontario in recognition of their enduring volunteer service and commitment to their communities. Named after the late June Callwood, a distinguished Canadian journalist, author, and social activist, the award honors those who embody her passion for social justice and dedication to volunteerism.

Boler Mountain's recognition underscores the crucial role that volunteers play in fostering vibrant, active communities and promoting outdoor recreation opportunities for everyone.

For more information about Boler Mountain and its programs, please visit bolermountain.com

Boler Mountain is Southwestern Ontario's most dynamic destination for adventure, located in the heart of the west-end of London, Ontario. Founded in 1946 as a community ski club, Boler Mountain has evolved into a dynamic four-season facility offering skiing, snowboarding, tubing, mountain biking, hiking, beach volleyball, and treetop adventures. As a not-for-profit organization, Boler Mountain is committed to providing extraordinary outdoor experiences for guests of all ages and abilities.

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L-r: Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford, Terence Kernaghan, MPP London North Centre, Kristi Ferguson, Boler Mountain board President, Bill Coxhead, Boler Mountain board member, Joel Dodd, Boler Mountain board member, Gary Curtis, Boler Mountain board member



Accepting on behalf of Boler Mountain: Bill Coxhead, Kerri Loudoun, Joel Dodd, Kristi Ferguson, Gary Curtis



June Callwood Award statuette and certificate