



OUTDOORS

For many outdoorsmen and women, there's nothing more tranquil than a flowing river or a quiet forest far away from the busy city. It can be an ideal place to connect with the Lord and others without distraction. And it's exactly where Tim Eason and the FCA Outdoors ministry hopes to unite fathers, kids and friends with Christ.

"Our mission is to inspire sportsmen to use their passion for the outdoors as a way of sharing the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord," Eason said. "Coaches and community are our primary focus because of the love for the outdoors that so many coaches, donors and volunteers share."



Eason with Jim Kelly at an FCA Outdoors event in March

The mission of FCA Outdoors has previously been put to use in local FCA ministries via outdoor events, fundraisers and even hunting excursions, but, in the past two years, Eason has helped develop it into a unique ministry of its own. Eason has recruited several athletes-turned-outdoorsmen and has struck a chord among outdoor industry leaders such as bass fishing legend Hank Parker, former *Buckmasters* Editor-in-Chief Russell Thornberry, and author/entrepreneur David Morris to share their love for Christ, athletes, coaches and the outdoors. So far in the ministry's young history, Eason has assisted FCA staff around the entire country in coordinating FCA Outdoors events and has facilitated ministry at outdoor expos. Currently he is also developing partnerships with organizations including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation that hope to deliver a message promoting "good stewardship of the creation."

The next event on the calendar for FCA Outdoors is the Night of Champions Gala on August 28 in Atlanta, which will feature Thornberry, Hall of Fame athletes Jim Kelly and Bobby Richardson, and former wrestling champion Lex Luger. For more information, visit fcaoutdoors.org and accept their invitation to "Share the Adventure."