

WolfPig

A PARTY ON WHEELS



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TELLURIDE LOVES TO PARTY. WHETHER IT'S A FESTIVAL, BACKYARD BBQ, OR WEDDING CELEBRATION, IT'S EASY TO FIND A REASON TO EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY. AFTER YEARS OF DOLING OUT COCKTAILS AT THE HISTORIC ROMA BAR, THE LLAMA, SIAM, AND THE SHERIDAN, BARTENDER KYLE SWENSON NOTICED THAT SOMETHING WAS MISSING FROM TELLURIDE'S EVENT-HEAVY LIFESTYLE: A MOBILE BAR. WHY LUG KEGS, COOLERS, ICE, AND BEVERAGES TO AN EVENT'S LOCATION, WHEN YOU COULD TRANSPORT THEM IN A MOBILE BAR COMPLETE WITH BUILT-IN BEER TAPS, A WINE COOLER, THREE SINKS, AND AN ESPRESSO MACHINE? FAST FORWARD 18 MONTHS AND WOLFPIG HIT THE SCENE, TELLURIDE'S FIRST AND ONLY MOBILE BAR.

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"We saw the expanding market for food trucks and mobile bars and realized that there's so many different parties and weddings going on in Telluride, but there are no mobile bars," said Swenson, who partnered with his wife Hilary on the venture. "Once you hire WolfPig, we take care of all the details and bring the party to any location, inside or out."

The couple's business was named after their husky, who was nicknamed WolfPig for her wolf-like appearance, pink nose, and round belly from eating a few too many dog treats at Alpine Bank. The compact, yet impressive looking bar sits on the back of a shiny black 1957 Ford F600 and has everything a bartender needs to make a party happen.

"The truck spent most of its life as a fire department truck in Mississippi. She was completely restored in Alabama, and then we designed and built the custom bar with a fella in Charleston, South Carolina. They did a beautiful job bringing her back to life," explained Swenson.

WolfPig is a true full-service operation, meaning they'll provide everything you need to throw a great party. They have their own glassware, a shot ski, can have up to four beers on tap, and employ some of the best bartenders in town. For occasions that necessitate a signature drink, Swenson taps into his years of bartending experience to come up with creative drink ideas and facilitates pre-event tastings.

"Our company motto is 'as you wish,'" said Swenson. "You can choose from our signature drink list, or let us know what you want and we'll take care of the rest. Our service takes the pressure off the host so they can enjoy the party." ■