

# CHALK CREEK CHATTER

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*If Winter is here, the sun is shining, the snow is melting – can spring be far behind? The answer is a resounding NO! Spring will be here soon! Despite record snow and record cold this past winter, Spring is just around the corner and it's time to think about camping at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park!*

*Don't Miss Out!! Reservations are still available for Memorial Day Weekend for RV & Tent Sites &... Even cabins! But they won't last long so book your site now.*



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## ARE YOU READY??

### Season 2008 posed to be GREAT!

The '07/'08 winter in the Nathrop area was the worst in over 20 years! Snow started out in mid-December with over 2 ½ feet! Record cold and snow continued throughout the winter months. Warm days in March have finally begun to melt things here in the campground but – the mountains are still covered and will be well into summer. This was not so good for campground owners who stayed home but the spring run-off will be spectacular! To say nothing of streams, lakes and reservoirs being full and the mountains lush with greenery and wild flowers. What a time to come and stay at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park!

## Memorial Day Kick-Off!!

We're getting set for the big Kick-Off weekend of the season! Pulling out all the stops! Saturday, a big sidewalk sale! Take advantage of many bargain items that need to make way for NEW merchandise! While shopping check out the new look of the store! Spruced up and ready to serve you! Next, what else, a Ducky race is set for Sunday afternoon. Cheer on your favorite ducky and win cash or prizes!

## Is your Favorite site Available??

Call now to reserve your favorite site. Reservations have been coming in fast & furious at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park and you don't want to miss out. Don't worry though – if that favorite site is gone there is still time to check out a new site. Who knows, it may become your new favorite! Call us now or make your reservation online at [www.chalkcreek-campground.com](http://www.chalkcreek-campground.com). And, don't forget your non-camping relatives and friends. Cabins are still available throughout the summer. Call 888-395-8830 to reserve now!

## Events

*Plan to attend the following:*

*Spring: Caddis hatch on the Arkansas – great fishing everywhere!*

*May/June: Stay with us when you go rafting the river at the height of run off.*

*May 11: Mother's Day! Flowers for all the moms at Chalk Creek Campground!*

*May 25: Sidewalk Sale! Campground Store*

*May 26: Rubber Ducky Races at the Campground*

*June 7 & 8: BalloonaVista – Hot Air Balloon rides & fun in Buena Vista.*

*June 12 - 15: First in Boating the ARKansas (FibARK) Festival. Kayaking & fun events on the river in Salida. Call for more information on any of these events.*

### *Thoughts to Ponder*

*The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.  
~John Buchan*

*Good things come to those who bait.  
~Author Unknown*



## Look! Up in the Sky!

It's a Bald Eagle!! What you might not realize is that there are several nesting pairs of our national bird, the Bald Eagle, in the Nathrop area. The nests are primarily along the Arkansas so if you go rafting keep a sharp eye out for them. Better yet, ask your guide if he or she knows where the nesting trees are and can point them out. They have been sighted north of the campground, off Hwy 285 where the river comes close to the highway, right near the intersection of county road 162 & Hwy 285, looking east from the campground, soaring close to the Arkansas river and south, near Centerville (5 miles south by Dvorak's rafting company). These are places that we have personally seen them so keep looking and maybe you will be able to tell us some other places that they have been seen. Happy birding!

## Frequently Asked Questions

Again, let us know if you have any questions that you would like to have answered about Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park, the owners or even the surrounding areas. We will do our best to answer them.

### ***Tell us about the history of Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park.***

As many of you know the campground started life as Brown's Campground. Named for Bernard & Ruth Brown. They owned the land the campground is now on plus several hundred acres of surrounding land. As Ruth Brown related to us when she stopped by to say hello, people had always wanted to camp in the area by Chalk Creek. When she and her husband decided to open the campground in 1973, the word was out quickly and people showed up and tent camped on the lower campground. They even built their own version of pit toilets to make it more camper friendly. At that time the office, in addition to taking camper fees was the bakery. Ruth always baked pies and did a brisk business of selling them to all of the campers. The Brown's eventually sold the campground and retired to Texas. Mr. Brown died shortly after moving but Ruth still lives there and occasionally comes to visit relatives in Buena Vista. Next came owners the Davis's, the Ratliff's, the Robb's and in 2003, the Skinner's. Though Steve Robb had changed the campground name in all the advertising the summer of 2002, when the Skinner's took over in 2003 it was left to them to officially change the signage, web site and everything else.

So, there you have the history of Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park in a nut shell. If you can contribute anything more we'd love to hear from you!