

CHALK CREEK CHATTER

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Summer has come early to the mountains. The Arkansas run off has been at near record highs and the temperatures have been warm! This means great rafting, fishing, hiking, ATV'ing and all other adventures are going well already. Days are warm & nights are cool for sleeping. We hope that you will come up and join us!

Reservations are getting tight so don't be left out. Reserve your site soon either online at www.chalkcreek-campground.com or call us at (719)395-8301.



Meet our Staff

Once again we have a wonderful staff of workcampers from all across the country. We are so pleased to have them working with us this season. Let us introduce you to all of them.

You may remember Greg & Teresa Thomson from Las Vegas, NV who are returning again for their second year. Experienced workcampers from Michigan are Jeff & Marsha Anderson. They previously worked in Northern Michigan & the Sonora Caverns. First time workcampers are Wayne & Barb Maxey from Livingston, TX. Randy Carter & Bunni Carroll are from Arkansas and got their workcamping start in Alaska! Say Hi to these great folks who keep smiles on their faces and the campground running smoothly throughout the season!

Facebook & Twitter

Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park has joined the Social Network age. In addition to keeping you updated on upcoming events at both the campground and in the surrounding area our Facebook and Twitter pages will be having contests for free items in the campground, specials for camping as well as chances to win free nights at the campground. So don't forget to join us on Facebook & Twitter. We are looking forward to 'seeing' you there!

<http://twitter.com/chalkcreekcamp>

<http://www.facebook.com/chalkcreekcampgroundandrmpark>.

Events

Plan to attend the following:

Summer: Stay with us when you go rafting the river.
June 17 – 20 FibArk Festival in Salida,
Kayak races,
carnival, festival
June 25 -27: Salida Art Walk
<http://www.salidaartwalk.org/>
July 2 – 5 Red, White & Blue at Chalk Creek Campground!
Decorating contests,
Ducky races.
4th of July:
Buena Vista celebrations & fireworks at Rodeo Grounds.
July 4-6 Quilt Show at Community Center, Buena Vista Sidewalk Sale!
July 3: Car Show in Buena Vista
July 9,10: Buena Vista, Collegiate Peaks Stampede Rodeo
July 23-25: Buena Vista, Collegiate Peaks Music Festival July
July 23-25: Balloona Vista at the Rodeo Grounds.

Thoughts to Ponder

“when the wind’s from the east the fishing is least and when the wind’s from the west the fishing is best” Old time saying – Do you fishermen agree?



Muskrat

Have you ever been at a river or lake and heard an unexpected splash & seen a little brown critter swimming away? Then you have probably seen a Muskrat. The muskrat is an overgrown, semi-aquatic vole. Muskrats have dense under-fur and a nearly waterproof "overcoat." Their feet are webbed and fringed with stiff hairs. The ankles are rotated out so the hind feet work as paddles (but rather inefficient walking feet). The tail is flattened side-to-side and serves as a rudder. The animals are dark brown in color, about 26 inches in length (of which the tail comprises nine inches) and weigh about two pounds.

Their lodges, made mostly of cattails and other aquatic plants, may be three feet high and six feet across. Feeding stations are similar but smaller. Inside the lodge is a nest chamber accessible only from below the water. Once inside the lodge, muskrats are safe from predators. Litters average about six and are born in the spring & summer. Watch for them at your favorite fishing hole or while hiking in the area.

4th of July Fun

If you are coming for any part of the 4th of July Holiday plan to bring your decorations! ATTENTION KIDS! Store gift certificates will be given for the two best decorated bikes/trikes for those 12 years & under. Judging of decorated campsites will take place at Dusk on the designated evening. A Grand Prize and a Runner Up prize will be given out to the top two decorated sites.

The ‘Banana Belt’

Did you know that Chaffee County in the Upper Arkansas River Valley is considered the Banana Belt of Colorado? Well it definitely is but not because we can grow bananas in the area! The nickname comes because of the milder weather in our sheltered valley. The weather here is definitely not the weather on Colorado’s Front Range. While Denver & Colorado Springs can have hot summers, cold winters & lots of precipitation our Banana Belt is protected by the 14,000 Sawatch Range of mountains that contains the continental divide. This translates to more moderate temperatures both summer & winter and to less rain and snow throughout the year. So – if you are thinking of coming to camp with us do not look at Front Range weather, go to the Weather Button on our home page at <http://chalkcreek-campground.com/> or to the specific NOAA weather page for zip code 81236. Other website may say they are giving you weather for Nathrop or Buena Vista but look closely and they are showing either Leadville or Monarch Pass weather which is very different from here at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park.