

# CHALK CREEK CHATTER

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*Spring is here in the  
Upper Arkansas  
River Valley.*

*Actually we're still  
wondering what  
happened to winter!*

*The days are already  
in the 60's and*

*campers are coming  
to visit, enjoy the  
sunshine, do a little*

*ATV'ing, soak in the  
Mt. Princeton Hot*

*Springs and just get  
out of the house.*

*Take advantage of  
the warm spring  
weather and few*

*crowds to come  
enjoy the*

*mountains. The  
fishing is starting*

*up again and some  
off road trails are  
already open.*

*Come on up and  
enjoy. And don't  
forget to book your*

*site for the  
summer season!*



## Spring Has Sprung!

As I sit here in the campground office I am listening to the birds singing and looking out at the sunshine and blue skies. Walking down to the lower campground I see that the grass in the meadow is starting to turn green and columbines are poking their noses out of the ground. Chipmunks are starting to check out where they left their store of seeds and nuts. Spring is definitely here – not on its way! What a time to come and stay at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park! There are rivers to fish, hikes to take, back roads to explore. Memorial Day will be here before you know it. It is early this year, May 25, so call us now or go online at [www.chalkcreek-campground.com](http://www.chalkcreek-campground.com). to make your reservations. And, don't forget your non-camping relatives and friends. Cabins are still available throughout the summer. Call 888-395-8830 to reserve now!

## Updated Web Site

One of our winter projects was updating our web site. Check out our new, improved web site at [www.chalkcreek-campground.com](http://www.chalkcreek-campground.com). We hope that it is a bit easier to navigate around and has answers to many of your frequently asked questions.

## Mother's Day

Once again this Mother's Day, May 10, Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park will help you to make Mother's Day special. Look forward to coming to pamper mom here at the campground, fix the meals and then let her relax at the Hot Springs. For the campground's part – we'll furnish a fresh flower to brighten up her day! Right now there are good sites available so call to reserve one at 888-395-8830. We look forward to seeing all of your moms on her special day!

## Events

Plan to attend the following:

Spring: Great fishing everywhere!

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

May 9, 10:

Adventure Extreme – run, kayak, bike, orienteering, rope traverse race!

May 10: Mother's Day! Flowers for all the moms at Chalk Creek Campground!

May 16: Buena Vista Bike Fest

Memorial Day

Weekend: Paddle Fest & Pro Kayak Rodeo;

Sidewalk Sale!

Campground Store; Rubber Ducky Races at the Campground

June 6 & 7:

BalloonaVista – Hot Air Balloon rides & fun in Buena Vista.

June 18-21: First in Boating the

ARKansas (FibARK) Festival. Kayaking & fun events on the river in Salida.

### Thoughts to Ponder

*How hard to realize that every camp of men or beast has this glorious starry firmament for a roof! In such places standing alone on the mountain-top it is easy to realize that whatever special nests we make - leaves and moss like the marmots and birds, or tents or piled stone - we all dwell in a house of one room - the world with the firmament for its roof - and are sailing the celestial spaces without leaving any track. ~John Muir*



## Mule Deer

The **mule deer** is a deer whose habitat is in the western half of North America. It gets its name from its large mule-like ears. Adult male mule deer are called *bucks*, adult females are called *does*, and young of both sexes are called *fawns*. Mule deer are generally more associated with the land west of the Missouri River. The mule deer's tail is black tipped. Mule deer antlers "fork" as they grow rather than branching from a single main beam (as with white-tails). Each year a buck's antlers start to grow in spring and are shed after mating season from mid-January to mid-April. Mule deer bucks have somewhat more prominent ears than females.

Instead of running, mule deer move with a bounding leap with all four feet coming down together. These deer are frequently seen in the campground and across the creek early morning and early evening. Buena Vista has a large population of "town deer". Just driving through the streets at dusk and dawn you frequently see them grazing or snoozing in front and back yards all around the town!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What do campground owners do in the winter time? Is it true that they all go south for the winter months?

While it is true that some campground owners do take their own RVs south for the winter the rest of us stay to enjoy the cold and snow. Sometimes this is a choice, sometimes not, depending on the owners. Personally, though we have visited warmer climates in the winter, we don't stay there. We actually enjoy the winter – that's one of the reasons we came to Colorado. One thing that we and many other owners try to do each off season is go to both the national campground and the state campground owners conventions. These are held at various places throughout the country and state. This past winter the national convention was in Nashville and the state convention was in Grand Junction. These feature seminars, speakers and vendors covering virtually every aspect of campground ownership. This is where we find out what is new for campgrounds and find out where to obtain these items. It also helps us run a better business and thus make our campgrounds more appealing to our guests. Other things owners do during the winter is to visit family and friends. Then of course, the winter is the time for making campground improvements. Yearly, here at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park we strive to do something to enhance the look and feel of the campground and make it a more comfortable place for all of our guests. This winter our project was an improved storage area and new fencing. Check it out next time you come to stay with us.