

# CHALK CREEK CHATTER

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*The calendar says  
March and it is  
definitely feeling like  
springtime in the  
mountains.  
Although heavy  
snow fell in the  
mountains over the  
winter, very little  
found its' way to  
Chalk Creek  
Campground. No  
snow on the  
campground & warm  
days lend  
themselves to  
hiking, checking out  
the favorite fishing  
holes & even some  
off roading!  
Early birds are  
already making  
their reservations  
for the upcoming  
season. Book now  
- go to  
[http://chalkcreek-  
campground.com/](http://chalkcreek-campground.com/)  
for online  
reservations or call  
719-395-8301*



## Not Too Long Now!

Ready or not the 2011 season is almost here. In fact we have already had campers staying with us on the first day of our season! It looks like it will be a warm spring, judging by the extremely mild winter that we have had. We are cleaning up the store, the office, the entire campground. Buying new gifts, clothing and other items for the store and we're ready for our guests. It is so fun to speak with many of our returning guests and to get to know guests who will be coming for the first time! We certainly hope that we will be speaking with you to make your reservations soon and seeing you when you arrive. Till then, reservations can be made online at [www.chalkcreek-campground.com](http://www.chalkcreek-campground.com) or by calling us at 719-395-8301.

## Winter Upgrades

Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park has never let a winter go by without doing some sort of upgrade and this winter was no exception. These are not the real noticeable ones but they are making a difference in serving our guests better. Two new computers replaced the old ones in the office, and a newer one replaced the dinosaur in the store area. They are making our work easier with less waiting for programs to load! Also, due to the electric company putting in more power in the lower campground, the overhead wires have been buried and make the area more pleasing to look at but many people would not even notice.

## Rafting Update

Many of you have enjoyed the pleasure of walking across the street to raft with Four Corners Rafting. Their operation has been moved to Buena Vista & you can still raft with them. Their website is <http://www.fourcornersrafting.com/>. Just two miles away is River Runners (pick-up, restaurant) at <http://www.whitewater.net/>, five miles north is Wilderness Aware (multi-sports) at <http://www.inaraft.com/> and five miles south is Dvoraks Expeditions (rafting, multi-sports & shuttles) at <http://www.dvorakexpeditions.com/>. If you book with any of these companies be sure to let them know that you heard about them from us!

## Events

**Plan to attend the following:**

**Spring: Great fishing everywhere! Follow the Caddis Hatch Up the Arkansas.**

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

**May 14: Adventure Extreme – run, kayak, bike, orienteering, rope traverse race!  
<http://www.gravityplay.com/>**

**May 8: Mother's Day! Flowers for all the moms at Chalk Creek Campground!**

**May 20, 21: Buena Vista Bike Fest**

**Memorial Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale!  
Campground Store;  
Rubber Ducky Races at the Campground**

**Paddle Fest & Pro Whitewater Rodeo;**

**June 15-19: First in Boating on the ARKansas (FibARK) Festival. Kayaking & fun events on the river in Salida.**

**Thoughts to Ponder  
Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books.  
[John Lubbock](#)**



## Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park makes an "A" grade for the Second Year!

We are thrilled to announce that Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park, for the second year in a row, was one of only 32 campgrounds and RV resorts across the entire country to earn an all around "A" grade in the nation's third annual GuestRated™ satisfaction survey of independent parks. Nearly 30,000 camping and RV enthusiasts participated in the 2010 online survey which evaluated guest experiences at 2,400 independent campgrounds and RV resorts affiliated with the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds. Guests from participating campgrounds are invited to submit their own surveys of private campgrounds and RV resorts that they have recently visited by logging on to [www.gocampingamerica.com](http://www.gocampingamerica.com) and clicking on the "Review a Park" tab. Survey results for many parks are posted at [www.gocampingamerica.com](http://www.gocampingamerica.com). We, at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park, especially want to thank all of our guests who took the time to fill out a survey form and send it in. Many of you had very kind words about the campground. Others had helpful suggestions that we have utilized to improve the campground and its' service to all of our guests! Thank you again!

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Sometimes I see that Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park is a member of CCLOA & ARVC. What do the initials stand for? What type of organizations are they & why do you belong?**

First, CCLOA stands for Colorado Campground & Lodging Owners Association and ARVC stands for National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds. CCLOA is the state association and ARVC is the National Association. These are both Campground Owner associations, one at the state level and the other at the national level. We belong to these associations not only for the social value of meeting owners from across the state and the country but for the benefits to us as campground owners and thus for the benefits to all of our guests. Each hosts a yearly convention with educational seminars – these are for anything from How to Clean most efficiently to The Latest in Social Media. These are the places where we learn about new technologies, how the recreation industry is faring in today's economy and how to best serve our guests. Along with the educational seminars there are Expos where vendors display their latest wares for owners to see. These range from the latest toys and shirts to insurance and Wi-Fi providers, to the latest park model cabins – all in one place! The best part of the convention comes from talking with owners from across the country, finding out what amenities they have at their campgrounds as well as how they deal with various problems that all of us face. Lastly, the associations provide marketing help to campgrounds with their websites [www.campcolorado.com](http://www.campcolorado.com) and [www.gocampingamerica.com](http://www.gocampingamerica.com). All campgrounds that belong are listed on these websites. We encourage you to look at these websites when deciding where to stay on your travels across Colorado and the country. These are the campgrounds that really care about their guests!

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