

CHALK CREEK CHATTER

Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park
SUMMER, 2011

(888)395-8830

chalkcreek-campground.com

camp@chalkcreek-campground.com

VOLUME 6, NUMBER 2

Though there was certainly no Spring to speak of the weather is now 'Summer'. Warm days and cool nights. Cottonwood & Independence Passes are now open. Follow us on Facebook for latest news of the area, including water levels & area happenings.

Reservations are still available throughout the summer but they are going fast. Don't be left out. Reserve your site soon either online at www.chalkcreek-campground.com or call us at (719)395-8301.



Introducing our Staff for 2011

Our staff this year stretches from all over the country. Returning for their Fifth Year (they like Colorado & Chalk Creek Campground!) are Jan & Brian Skeels from Florida. Steve and Teresa Heede are here from Pennsylvania & keep our grounds & bathrooms sparkling clean! Pat & Carol Hail are from the state of California. Last, but not least are Joe & Sandi Wingert who traveled all the way from the Front Range!

Say 'Hi' to these great folks who help us keep the campground running smoothly.

USA Pro Cycling Challenge

Have you ever wanted to watch the Tour de France bike race but didn't want to travel to Europe? Well here is your chance to watch a similar, maybe even more challenging race right here in Colorado! Starting on August 22 and ending on August 28. There will be many world class riders in this race. The first stage, August 23, will start in Salida and go to Crested Butte. The second stage, sure to be the toughest, will start in Gunnison, go over both Cottonwood and Independence Passes and end in Aspen. This means that they will be riding right through Buena Vista!! This is very exciting not only for Colorado but also for everyone in the towns that are along the way of the race. So, make your reservations now to be here for the first two stages of the race so you can cheer on your favorite rider! More information can be found at <http://www.usaproyclingchallenge.com/>. We will also post information as we get it at <http://www.facebook.com/chalkcreekcampgroundandrvcamp>

Events

Plan to attend the following:

Summer: Stay with us when you raft the river, hike, fish or just relax.

June 16 – 19 FibArk Festival in Salida, Kayak races, carnival, festival
June 25 -26: Salida Art Walk

<http://www.salidaartwalk.org/>

July 1 – 4 Red, White & Blue at Chalk Creek Campground! Decorating contests, Ducky races.

4th of July: Buena Vista celebrations & fireworks at Rodeo Grounds.

July 3-5 Quilt Show at Community Center, Buena Vista

July 3: Car Show in Buena Vista

July 9,10: Buena Vista, Collegiate Peaks Stampede Rodeo

July 28-30: Buena Vista, Collegiate Peaks Music Festival July

July 26 -31: Chaffee County Fair, Fairgrounds

August 22-28: USA Pro Cycling Challenge, Salida

Thoughts to Ponder

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

~John Muir



Colorado Moose

In the past moose have occasionally wandered into Colorado, but there was no breeding population until animals were introduced to North Park from Utah and Wyoming in 1978 and 1979. Animals have also been transplanted to the Upper Rio Grande drainage and Grand Mesa. The transplanted moose have multiplied to more than 1,690, according to state wildlife data. The population has increased by 17 percent over the past five years in the absence of natural predators, such as grizzly bears and wolves. Moose have very long legs so they can wade into a lake and eat plants off the bottom. Their legs also enable them to paw through deep snow to reach food in winter. Moose are the largest deer; bulls range to 9 1/2 feet long, six feet tall at the shoulder, with weights to over 1,000 pounds. Antlers of bulls in their prime may weigh over 50 pounds. Moose are mainly found as singles or in small groups, not in large herds. Moose have been spotted by guests near Cottonwood Pass, Taylor Park and along the Arkansas River.

4th of July Fun

If you are coming for any part of the 4th of July Holiday plan to bring decorations for the site decorating contest! 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 Collegiate Peaks

For the first several years that Harold & I lived in Nathrop we were sure that the mountain range that oversaw our beautiful valley was the Collegiate Peaks mountain range. We were wrong! The mountain range that includes the Collegiate Peaks is really the Sawatch Mountain Range. Our 10 mountains in Chaffee County are all part of the Sawatch Range which begins just above Hwy 50 near Salida and ends above Leadville. The Collegiate Peaks, Oxford, Columbia, Yale, Princeton and Harvard are just five of fifteen peaks in the range. The entire range contains the Continental Divide and is home to numerous hiking, biking and off road vehicle trails. Be sure to enjoy their beauty while staying with us at Chalk Creek Campground & RV Park!