

2006 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SUMMER & FALL EVENTS

So much to do in Steamboat Springs, it will take more than one weekend!

June 2006

6/2-7/30	Steamboat Springs Arts Council Presents Member Show 2006 at the Depot
6/4	25 th Annual Steamboat Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K
6/4	Strings in the Mountains Music Festival, Summer Concert Series begins
6/9-11	Steamboat Ski Area gondola open
6/10-11	Rio 24-Hours of Steamboat Mountain Bike Race
6/13	26 th Annual Yampa River Festival
6/13	Three Bands of Bluegrass, Presented by Strings in the Mountains Music Festival
6/15	Free! Music on the Green Series begins, Strings in the Mountains Music Festival
6/16-8/27	Steamboat Ski Area gondola open daily
6/16-17	18 th Annual Ford Mustang Roundup
6/17	Hot Springs Shortcut Road/Trail Run
6/23	Steamboat Springs Pro-Rodeo Series begins
6/24	"One Night Only," Dance and musical theater performances presented by Perry-Mansfield
6/30	Free! Summer Concert: Chicago Blues Reunion, Howelsen Hill

July 2006

7/1-4	103 rd Cowboys' Roundup Days Fourth of July Celebration
7/1-3	Art on the Mountain
7/1	Spring Creek Memorial Trail Run
7/2	New! Heritage Ranch Tour, <i>North Routt</i>
7/4	15 th Annual Steamboat Sprint
7/7	BeauSoleil, 30 th Anniversary Tour, Presented by Strings in the Mountains Music Festival
7/7	Free! Summer Concert: Michael Franti and Spearhead, Steamboat Ski Area
7/8-9	26 th Hot Air Balloon Rodeo & 32 nd Art in the Park
7/8-9	Cowpie Classic, Men's Rugby Tournament
7/8-13	Steamboat in the Summertime: Photography and the Creative Spirit Digital Photo Workshop
7/9	Mountain Madness Half Marathon
7/13-16	Steamboat Mountain Soccer Tournament
7/15	High Country Garden Tour
7/15	New! Howelsen Hill 8 Miler Trail Run
7/21	Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Presented by Strings in the Mountains Music Festival
7/21-22	Moots 25 th Anniversary "Silver Celebration"
7/22	New! Heritage Ranch Tour, <i>West Routt</i>
7/27	Free! Summer Concert: Los Lobos, Steamboat Ski Area

August 2006

8/1-13	Beaux Arts Festival, Presented by the Steamboat Springs Arts Council
8/3-6	Steamboat Wine Festival
8/4 & 6	Emerald City Opera Presents, <i>Amande's Arias</i>
8/5	12 th Annual Mt. Werner Classic Trail Run
8/10	New! Heritage Ranch Tour, <i>South Routt</i>
8/11-12	Wild West Relay
8/11	Free! Summer Concert: Matt Costa, Howelsen Hill
8/12	Kent Eriksen's Tour de Steamboat, Century Bike Ride
8/16-20	92 nd Annual Routt County Fair & Rodeo
8/17	Free! Strings in the Mountains Music Festival, Music on the Green Series finale
8/19	Steamboat Studio Arts and Culture Tour
8/19	Steamboat Springs Pro-Rodeo Series Finale
8/20	Continental Divide Trail Run
8/20	Asleep at the Wheel, Strings in the Mountains Music Festival, Summer Concert Series Finale
8/22	Free! Summer Concert: Susan Tedeschi, Howelsen Hill
8/27	Steamboat Springs Triathlon

September 2006

9/2-4	Steamboat Springs Labor Day Celebration
	New! Steamboat Stock Dog Challenge
	Wild West Air Fest
	Art on the Mountain
9/3	10K at 10,000 Feet Trail Run
	Cayuse Classic, benefit for the Community Agriculture Alliance
9/9	Ranch Rendezvous Day
	New! Heritage Ranch Tour, <i>The Valley Floor</i>
	Kremmling Road Kill Trail Half Marathon, 10K, 5K Run
	Strings in the Mountains Kitchen Tour & Design Expo, benefit for Strings in the Mountains
9/9-10	Mountain Madness Co-ed Soccer Tournament
9/16	Northwest Colorado Mexican Independence Day Celebration, benefit for Comunidad Integrada
9/16	Rubber Ducky Race, benefit for the Yampa Valley Medical Center
9/16	Madness de Vine: International wine & food tasting, benefit for Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School
9/22-24	Colorado Cog Rally
9/24	20 th Annual Pilot Run for Literacy
9/24	Steamboat Ski Area gondola closed for season

October 2006

10/14	14 th Literary Sojourn
10/27	Bust of Steamboat

THE SKINNY ON THE 2006 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS EVENTS

Member Show 2006 at the Depot: Art Exhibit ~ June 2-July 30

Join us as we explore the creativity of our Artist Members! Each artist will display 2-3 pieces for this annual exhibit showcasing their many talents. Come in to the Depot Gallery and see all media, all sizes, indoor or outdoor sculpture, fine craft, kinetic, digital, installation...you get the picture! For more information visit www.steamboatspringsarts.com

25th Annual Steamboat Marathon ~ June 4

Often called one of the most scenic marathons, the Steamboat Marathon winds through the spectacular scenery of Northwest Colorado. The event also offers a half marathon and a 10K run/walk. For more information or registration go to: www.steamboatmarathon.com or call 970-879-0880

26th Annual Yampa River Festival ~ June 10-11

Don't be afraid to get wet! This event celebrates Steamboat Springs' river culture with several kayaking events and the popular crazy river dog contest on the Yampa River. For more information please call (970) 879-6249 or visit www.steamboatsummer.com

3rd Annual Rio 24-Hours of Steamboat ~ June 10-11

Steamboat's own 24-hour mountain bike race, dubbed "the climb of your life," will attract up to 500 riders. Starting at noon, solo and team mountain bikers will strive to complete as many laps as possible in 24 hours. Racers climb 2,108 feet from the base of the Steamboat Ski Area to the peak of Thunderhead and cruise down. For more information visit www.rockypeakproductions.com

Three Bands of Bluegrass ~ June 13

The second annual Three Bands of Bluegrass, features some of the hottest female voices in bluegrass: The Lovell Sisters, Hit and Run, Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem. Back by popular demand, this "mini bluegrass festival" brings the finest up and coming players from across the country. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. For more information and tickets go to www.stringsinthemountains.com or call 970-879-5056. Visit the Strings website to hear these musicians play!

18th Annual Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup ~ June 16-17

Hold on to your horses because a pack of wild mustangs (the car, that is) will be rounded up in Steamboat Springs. More than 350 Mustang owners from Colorado Mustang clubs will convene in Steamboat for activities, including a timed event on Friday, and a "Show and Shine" on Lincoln Avenue on Saturday. Both events are free and open to the public. www.steamboatsummer.com

"One Night Only" Dance and Musical Theater Performance ~ June 24

Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School and Camp presents "One Night Only" their annual Faculty Showcase that features performances in dance, theater and musical theater. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children under 11. For more information visit www.perry-mansfield.org

103rd Cowboys' Roundup Days Fourth of July Celebration ~ July 1-4

Celebrate the Fourth of July by experiencing the Western Heritage of Steamboat Springs and the Yampa Valley. For over 100 years Steamboat has celebrated Independence Day with rodeo. Kick back in your boots at several community events including, rodeo, a community all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, fireworks, children's activities, concerts, a cattle drive, a ranch tour and the annual parade down Lincoln Avenue. For more details call 970-879-0882 or visit www.steamboatsummer.com

BeauSoleil, 30th Anniversary Tour, Presented by Strings in the Mountains Music Festival ~ July 7

Michael Doucet's Grammy-winning band from Lafayette, Louisiana celebrates 30 years of incredible music, incorporating a seamless blend of flat-out Cajun, French folk-rock, zydeco, jazz, Latin and Caribbean music, medieval European material, western swing and more. You won't sit still! The concert starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information and tickets go to www.stringsinthemountains.com

26th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rodeo and 32nd Annual Art in the Park ~ July 8-9

Steamboat's most colorful weekend, a festival of vibrant colors and art, is one of the most anticipated weekends of the summer. The 26th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rodeo combined with the 32nd Annual Art in the Park have become a staple of Steamboat in the Summertime. Join us for this spectacular early-morning affair with over 40 hot air balloons rising softly from the mist and drifting over the valley. Later make your way over to Lincoln Park for Steamboat's biggest art and crafts festival. Art in the Park on Saturday is from 9-5pm and Sunday 9-4pm. Mark your calendars cause this weekend is a local and tourist favorite! For more information call (970) 879-0880 or visit www.steamboatsummer.com.

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Steamboat in the Summertime: Photography and the Creative Spirit Digital Photo Workshop ~ July 8-13

Focus Adventures presents this digital photography workshop, in which attendees will take advantage of Steamboat Springs' majestic mountains, open ranchlands, colorful meadows, natural hot springs, aspens and evergreens, wildlife and wildflowers. Additional photo opportunities include the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival, Yampa River Botanic Park and the Steamboat Pro Rodeo! For more information call Karen Schulman at 970-879-2244 or focus22@excite.com or visit www.focusadventures.com

11th Annual High Country Garden Tour ~ July 15

A day-long tour showcasing six colorful and bountiful gardens created by local expert gardeners. This highly anticipated event is a benefit for one of Steamboat's most beloved institutions, The Strings in the Mountain Festival of Music. Musicians will entertain at each of the gardens. Tickets are \$22 in advance or \$25 the day of the event, includes catered lunch. www.steamboatsummer.com

Moots Cycles 25th Anniversary "Silver Celebration" Event ~ July 21-22

Celebrating 25 years of building the finest road and mountain bikes in the planet, Moots wants to share this milestone with Moots owners and enthusiasts. Mingle with the Moots staff, dealers and members of the media. Join them for guided road and mountain bike tours, a tour of the Moots factory, and a BBQ dinner. Participants will receive a goody bag and a raffle ticket to win a Moots frame! \$25 per person. www.moots.com

Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Presented by Strings in the Mountains Music Festival ~ July 21

For more than thirty years, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has married the intricate rhythms and harmonies of their native South African musical traditions to the sounds and sentiments of gospel music. The group recently released Long Walk to Freedom (January 2006), a collection of twelve new recordings of classic Mambazo songs. The concert starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information and tickets go to www.stringsinthemountains.com

4th Annual Beaux Arts Festival~ August 1-13

Pronunciation: bO-zär'; or bO-zar' In French, the term *beaux arts* means *fine arts*. This one-of-a-kind festival, held in August, celebrates the diverse mix of art in Steamboat. Alongside a juried fine art exhibit, there is street painting, theater, sculpture gardens, opera performances, music concerts, wine-art dinners, and more. Eclectic is the theme of this unique festival, which offers art and entertainment for all tastes and pocketbooks. www.steamboatspringsarts.com

3rd Annual Steamboat Wine Festival ~ August 3-6

A weekend of wine tasting returns offering attendees the opportunity to sniff, swirl and sip their way through this fantastic weekend. The Festival features an Opening Reception at the top of Thunderhead, with live entertainment and a Steel Chef Competition, several Wine Makers' Dinners featuring cuisine by award-winning chefs from around the state of Colorado, and a number of Wine and Food Seminars covering a variety of topics. New this year, attendees can also stroll down Lincoln Avenue and throughout downtown while sampling more than 250 wines and an array of culinary delights as part of the Stroll of Steamboat. www.steamboatwinefestival.com

Emerald City Opera presents Amade's Arias ~ August 4 & 6

The Emerald City Opera brings big time Opera performers to a small town and then takes it to another level. Performers from Opera Companies around the country join local talent in several performances of *Amade's Arias* an operatic tribute to Mozart's 250th Anniversary during the Beaux Arts Festival. www.emeraldcityopera.org

Wild West Relay ~ August 11-12

Taking advantage of the full moon, this unique relay event starts in Fort Collins and winds through rural and isolated sections of northern Colorado and Wyoming, passes through several small mountain and ranching communities, crosses over Sand Creek Pass (10,269 feet) and Rabbit Ears Pass (9,426 feet). Sixty-seven miles of the relay route traverse through Roosevelt, Medicine Bow, and Routt National Forests; fifty-nine miles of the route are on dirt roads. The last leg of the relay is primarily on bike paths and trails through Steamboat Springs, finishing at the Steamboat Springs Middle School. For more information, visit www.wildwestrelay.com

Kent Eriksen's Tour de Steamboat ~ August 12

Rocky Peak Productions presents the 2nd annual revival of the Tour de Steamboat (1975-1985). This non-competitive Century road bike ride brings riders through Northern Colorado's most scenic roadways over Rabbit Ears Pass, Gore Pass, and Yellow Jacket Pass starting and ending in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. www.rockypeakproductions.com

Steamboat Studio Arts and Culture Tour ~ August 19

This self-guided tour takes participants to a variety of working artists' studios. This year's tour will feature artists of North Routt County, offering an opportunity to interact with local artists and learn a bit of cultural history along the way. Participants start the day at the Depot at 9 a.m. where they enjoy a light breakfast and pick up the map of featured artists' studios and then get the chance to visit with artists at their leisure. With a designated stop for lunch along the way, it's easy to enjoy this art filled adventure. For more information visit www.steamboatspringsarts.com

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Steamboat Springs Triathlon ~ August 27

The beauty and grandeur of the Yampa Valley and Steamboat Springs welcomes the triathlon world on August 27, 2006. With spectacular mountains as a backdrop, triathletes will swim ¾ mile in beautiful Lake Catamount, ride 20 miles on mostly flat paved roads, and end with a 4 mile run on mixed pavement and dirt roads. For more information visit www.5430sports.com

Labor Day Weekend Celebration ~ September 3- 5

Labor Day Weekend in Steamboat is packed with the entertainment for the whole family! **The Wild West Air Fest** returns to the Steamboat Springs Airport at Bob Adams Field Saturday and Sunday with remote controlled aircraft demonstrations, and displays featuring vintage aircrafts, war birds, and classic cars. Up at the Steamboat Ski Area, watch hang gliders, para-gliders launch from the top of Mt. Werner while browsing the final installment of the **5th Annual Art on the Mountain** Saturday and Sunday. Downtown shop to your heart's content at the summer's biggest sale, **Come Sale Away Sidewalk Sale** Friday-Monday.

New this year! The Inaugural **Cayuse Classic** will be held Sunday, September 3 at Sidney Peak Ranch southwest of Steamboat Springs. Equine competition events, guided trail rides on the 1200-acre ranch, an evening Barbeque, live entertainment and live and silent auctions among other activities. This signature event of the Community Agricultural Alliance is a fund-raiser in conjunction with their mission of preserving the agricultural heritage of the Yampa River Valley. Also, **The Steamboat Springs Stock Dog Challenge** is back and moving to Labor Day! If you love dogs you won't want to miss these amazing animals herding sheep in this great competition on Sunday and Monday. For more information call 970-879-0882 or visit www.steamboatsummer.com

Ranch Rendezvous Day ~ September 9

Celebrating Yampa Valley's Western & Agricultural Heritage. Enjoy music, dancing, food, exhibits, games and fun for adults and children of all ages and the annual Hay Auction. New this year: a farmer's market featuring local products. Call (970) 871-5315 or visit www.steamboat.com

Strings in the Mountains Kitchen Tour and Design Expo ~ September 9

Visit six of Steamboat's most fabulous private kitchens and enjoy a trendy expo at the Strings Tent by various designers. Silent auction items will be available to bid on such as flower arrangements and table settings. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of. The event runs from 10am to 3pm. For more information call 970-879-5056. www.stringsinthemountains.com

Mountain Madness Co-Ed Soccer Tournament ~ September 9-10

Mountain Madness offers soccer players a mountain weekend of fun. Participants must be 18 years or older. Each team is guaranteed 3 games with fully certified referees played on the Christian Heritage fields. A Saturday night private party at the Creekside Café offers teams a chance to meet. The registration fee is \$250 per team. For more information contact Kelly at creekside@springsips.com.

3rd Annual Northwest Colorado Mexican Independence Day Celebration ~ September 16

Mariachi music, traditional dancing, authentic Mexican food and a beautiful mountain setting is more than enough reason to celebrate Mexican Independence Day in Steamboat Springs! Join us Saturday September 16th from 4-8pm at West Lincoln Park for the 3rd Annual Mexican Independence Day Celebration and Benefit for Comunidad Integrada, a fun-filled, inter-cultural fiesta for the whole family. For more information please call Comunidad Integrada (Integrated Community) at 970-846-5521.

Madness de Vine ~ September 16

Toast to the beauty of autumn at 9,080 feet at the Steamboat Ski Area at this spectacular benefit event. International food and wine tasting has never been set in a more beautiful setting. Participate in the live and silent auctions to benefit the Perry Mansfield Performing Arts Camp. Early bird tickets are \$40 (before September 1) or \$50. For more information visit www.perry-mansfield.org

Downtown Hoedown ~ September 22

Main Street Steamboat Springs welcomes you to come on down for this event to celebrate the Harvest Season. Music, square dancing, horseshoes, and a chili cook-off are among the activities at Little Toots Park. www.steamboatsummer.com

Colorado Cog Rally ~ September 22-24

This year the Colorado Cog Rally has been placed on the SCCA National ProRally schedule as one of the only nine national level events. Steamboat Springs will be host to over 60 competitive teams. For more information, contact Jim Gill (970) 879-4053, or visit www.coloradocogrally.com

14th Annual Literary Sojourn ~ October 14

Each year, 500 readers from all over the country gather in Steamboat Springs to meet and listen to the creators of their favorite books in the premier literary festival of the Rocky Mountain West. The 2006 authors include: Geraldine Brooks, Myla Goldberg, Erik Larson, Stuart O'Nan, Lisa See, and features Erin McKean as the Master of Ceremonies. For more information visit www.literarysojourn.org

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WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN ONE GREAT EVENT? A SERIES OF GREAT EVENTS!

NEW! Heritage Ranch Tours ~ July-September

Locals and Guests are invited to visit local working ranches and tour our cultural countryside with local historians. Learn about the rich ranching heritage of Routt County and its residents with hands on experiences. Each tour will be different, determined by the location and the tour guides, and may include stops at cattle, sheep, horse, bison and elk ranches throughout the County. The tours will start at 1:00 p.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. Prices: \$50 per adult; \$10 for children 7-12; 6 & under are free. The price includes Routt County's signature Routt-Beer Floats. www.steamboatsummer.com

Steamboat Springs ProRodeo Series ~ June 23-August 18

Steamboat Springs' rodeo history dates back over 100 years. When cowboys showing off their skills got in the way of everyday life (the rodeo used to be held in the middle of the main street), the local authorities suggested moving across the river. The rodeo remains there to this day. Romick Arena at the Howelsen Hill Sports Complex has provided the setting for this weekly professional rodeo series since the mid-1970s. It's been at the heart of Steamboat Springs' summer activities ever since. Every Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 with a special Fourth of July edition, at 7:00- the city's fireworks immediately follow the rodeo's conclusion.

www.steamboatprorodeo.com

Strings in the Mountains Festival of Music ~ June 4-August 17

In its 19th season, Strings in the Mountains Music Festival offers several series within a series. Formed in order to "foster an appreciation for fine music," *Strings* merges an exceptional Chamber Music Series with *Different Tempo*, a contemporary series featuring jazz, folk, western, pop and world music. The weekly *Tent Talks* with Dr. Ken Greene is a lively discussion with festival musicians and a way to learn more about classical music. The entire family can tap to a tune with the Youth and Family Concert Series featuring weekly daytime concerts just for children and evening concerts programmed for the entire family. Children's tickets for this series are only \$1. www.stringsinthemountains.com

Steamboat Springs Free Summer Concert Series ~ June – September

Colorado's great outdoors is arguably one of the best places to attend a summer concert and Steamboat Springs has a price that can't be beat: Free! The series kicks off June 30, 2006 with Chicago Blues Reunion at Howelsen Hill in downtown Steamboat Springs. Also coming as a part of this five concert series in July, Michael Franti and Spearhead July 7, and Los Lobos July 27, both of which will take place at the base of the Steamboat Ski Area. In August, Matt Costa, who accompanied Jack Johnson on his latest album, will play at Howelsen Hill on August 11 and Susan Tedeschi will play August 22, also at Howelsen Hill. Concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. Experience Steamboat Springs' friendly town atmosphere, fresh mountain air, and dance the evening away. Stay tuned to www.steamboatsummer.com for other concert information in Steamboat Springs.

Music on the Green: Free Music Series ~ June 15 – August 17

Strings in the Mountains Music Festival presents a weekly free concert in one of Steamboat's most beautiful and treasured resources, the Yampa River Botanic Park. Every Thursday at 12:15, music lovers of all ages walk, bike, or drive to the concert donning picnic baskets and lawn chairs. A perfect opportunity to remember why everyone loves summer! www.stringsinthemountains.com

Steamboat Springs Running Series ~ May -October

Colorado's largest running series, the Steamboat Springs Running Series includes 14 challenging and fun runs from 400 yards to 195 miles over some of Steamboat Springs' most spectacular terrain! Races include the Steamboat Marathon, the Mt. Werner Classic, which ascends slopes of the Steamboat Ski Area, and the Continental Divide Trail. For the more casual runner, shorter less intense courses also include some of Steamboat's local favorite trails. The Steamboat Springs Running Series also includes the Wild West Relay, a 195-mile relay starting in Ft. Collins, Colorado and finishing in Steamboat Springs. www.runningseries.com

Historic Downtown Walking Tours ~ June-August

Meet at the Tread of Pioneers Museum on 8th and Oak in the first and third Thursday of every month for an easy walk through Steamboat's history. After the tour visit the Museum (discounted admission for all walking tour participants). Sponsored by Historic Routt County! Tread of Pioneers Museum and Yampatika.

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