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Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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Steamboat Springs' Cultural Landscapes**

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2007 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SUMMER & FALL EVENTS

May 2007

5/28 **New!** Paddling Life Pro Invitational

June 2007

6/3 26th Annual Steamboat Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K
6/8-10 Steamboat Ski Area gondola open
6/8-10 Yampa River Festival
6/9-10 Rio 24-Hours of Steamboat Mountain Bike Race
6/13 Two Bands of Bluegrass, Presented by Strings in the Mountains Music Festival
6/14 **Free!** Music on the Green Series begins, Strings in the Mountains Music Festival
6/15-9/3 Steamboat Ski Area gondola open daily
6/15-17 Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup
6/16 Hot Springs Shortcut Road/Trail Run
6/16 Cayuse Classic
6/19 Strings in the Mountains Music Festival Different Tempo series begins
6/20 **Free!** Summer Concert: The Wailers, Howelsen
6/21 Strings & Stetsons: Strings in the Mountains Music Festival Fundraiser for the 20th season
6/22 Steamboat Springs Pro-Rodeo Series begins
6/23 **New!** Free Family Fun Fest
6/28-8/3 **New!** Classic Car Cruises on Lincoln Avenue
6/30 **New!** 2007 USA Trail Championships

July 2007

7/1 & 4 104th Cowboys' Roundup Days
7/1 Heritage Ranch Tour, Elk River Valley
7/3 Chamber Gala Opening with post-concert reception at Strings in the Mountains
7/4 Steamboat Sprint
7/4 Pioneer Days Block Party
7/6 Heritage Ranch Tour, Pleasant Valley
7/7-8 27th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rodeo and 33rd Annual Art in the Park
7/7-8 Cowpie Classic, Men's Rugby Tournament
7/7-12 Photography and the Creative Spirit Digital Photo Workshop
7/8 Mountain Madness Half Marathon
7/13 **Free!** Summer Concert: Mofro, Howelsen
7/14 High Country Garden Tour
7/13-15 Steamboat Mountain Soccer Tournament
7/27 **Free!** Summer Concert: Los Lonely Boys, Howelsen
7/28 Spring Creek Memorial Run
7/28 Ranch Rendezvous Day
7/29 **New!** Steamboat Car Club's Show/Shine/Swap

August 2007

8/2-5 Steamboat Wine Festival
8/3-4 Wild West Relay
8/4 Mt. Werner Classic Trail Run
8/8 **Free!** Summer Concert: Sam Bush Band, Howelsen
8/9 Strings in the Mountains Music Festival Encore! Concert with Kathy Mattea
8/10-12 Cruise the Rockies 11V – PT Cruiser Cars
8/10-19 93rd Routt County Fair
8/11 3rd Annual Tour de Steamboat Century Bike Ride
8/11 Strings in the Mountains Chamber Music Festival Finale – Chamber Orchestra with Eddie Daniels
8/16 **Free!** Strings in the Mountains Music Festival, Music on the Green Series finale
8/17 & 19 Emerald City Opera presents *Madame Butterfly*
8/18 Steamboat Springs Pro-Rodeo Series Finale
8/19-9/2 Arts for the Soul
8/26 Steamboat Triathlon
8/29 Continental Divide Trail Run

September 2007

9/1-2 Wild West Air Fest
9/2 10K at 10,000 Feet Trail Run
9/2 Rocky Mountain Bull Bash Pro Bull Riding
9/2-3 Steamboat Stock Dog Challenge
9/3 Gondola closes for daily operation – open weekends 9/8-9, 9/15-16, and 9/22-23
9/8 Kremmling Road Kill
9/8 Steamboat Springs Kitchen Tour & Design Expo, benefit for Strings in the Mountains
9/15 Downtown Hoedown and Chuck Wagon Chili Challenge
9/15 **New!** Steamboat 50 Ultra Marathon
9/16-22 Fall in Focus Digital Photo Workshop
9/21-23 2007 Rally Colorado
9/22 **New!** Steamboat Brewers' Festival

October 2007

10/6 15th Literary Sojourn
10/20 Pumpkin Festival
10/31 Downtown Halloween Stroll

**2007 Schedule
Revised: 5/9/07**

THE SKINNY ON THE 2007 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS EVENTS

New! Paddling Life Pro Invitational ~ May 28

The *Paddling Life Pro Invitational* will bring in the best men and women kayakers in the world against one another in a one-day, head-to-head, two-event competition for a \$2,500 cash purse, year-long bragging rights and television coverage on Resort Sports Network. The action-packed event features a downriver race on Fish Creek at 10 a.m., followed by a freestyle competition at Charlie's Hole on the Yampa River downtown, with the top combined scores winning. The competition will be followed by a post-event party featuring local bands, beer and other surprises at Sun Pies Bistro at 735 Yampa Avenue downtown. The event is brought to you by Steamboat Springs in the Summertime, with additional sponsorship support from Mitchell Paddles, Kokatat, New Belgium Brewery, Yakima and Teva. www.steamboatsummer.com

26th Annual Steamboat Marathon ~ June 3

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 call 970-879-0880 or www.steamboatmarathon.com

27th Annual Yampa River Festival ~ June 8-10

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 www.steamboatsummer.com

4th Annual Rio 24-Hours of Steamboat ~ June 9-10

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. www.rockypeakproductions.com

Strings in the Mountains Two Bands of Bluegrass – Crooked Still and Infamous Stringdusters ~ June 19

Crooked Still - This young alternative bluegrass group expands the boundaries of traditional music with the unlikely combination of banjo, cello and double-bass plus captivating vocals and high-wire solos. It's rock energy with old time mountain soul.

Infamous Stringdusters – Schooled in tradition yet able to improvise, with razor-sharp vocals, fiery instrumental abilities and an expansive repertoire of original songs, these six young men are considered one of the freshest new additions to the bluegrass music scene. www.stringsinthemountains.com

19th Annual Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup ~ June 15-17

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

Strings & Stetsons: Strings in the Mountains Fundraiser for the 20th Season ~ June 21

Strings in the Mountains' Gala Western Dinner, Auction & Dance - Strings & Stetsons. \$150 per person. Gourmet western dining inside the tent with a live auction followed by a performance from Grammy award-winning musicians – Riders in the Sky. The world's premier Western music touring band, this multi Grammy award winning group has enchanted audiences of all ages in more than 5,000 fun filled performances and 300 national TV appearances, in more than 29 years together.

www.stringsinthemountains.com

New! Free Family Fun Fest ~ June 30

The NRC Broadcasting and the Lake Village Free Family Fun Fest is a FREE community event focused on children and families as a day of activities, entertainment, exploration and education for all ages. This is a unique and exciting festival for local families and out-of-town visitors alike that won't cost a dime to attend! 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Colorado Mountain College.

New! USA Trail Running Championships ~ June 30

The Steamboat Springs Running Series has been awarded the USA Track & Field 10k Trail Championship event for the next two years. These championships will be held on June 30, 2007 and June 28, 2008 and will be staged at the Steamboat Ski Area with a start and finish at the Gondola base station. The June 30, 2007 event will also be a qualifying race for the Teva U.S. Mountain Running Team. The top two men and top women will earn automatic berths to the 2007 U.S. Team that will race in the World Trail Championships to be held in Ovrannaz, Switzerland in September. www.runningseries.com

104th Cowboys' Roundup Days Fourth of July Celebration ~ July 1 & 4

For over 100 years Steamboat has celebrated Independence Day with rodeo. Cowboys' Roundup Days celebrates the Western Heritage native to the Yampa Valley with events for the entire family. Sunday morning begins with a real cattle drive where local ranchers will drive 100 pair of cattle from their ranch down Lincoln Avenue to Romick Arena. These cattle will then play a part in the Ranch Horse Competition and Ranch Rodeo where local ranches will compete against one another. On Wednesday July 4th, kick back in boots at several community events including, a community all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, children's activities, concerts, the annual parade down Lincoln Avenue, pro rodeo, and fireworks. www.steamboatsummer.com

Heritage Ranch Tours ~ July 1 & 6

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

Strings in the Mountains Music Festival Chamber Gala Opening ~ July 3

Strings in the Mountains presents the Chamber Gala Opening. Tickets: Adults \$45, Seniors \$42 (includes a post-concert champagne reception). Jon Kimura Parker and Ida Kavafian; HALVORSEN Passacaglia on a Theme by Handel for Violin and Viola (Kavafian, Schotten); RAVEL Sonata for G for Violin and Piano (Kavafian, Parker); SCHUBERT Fantasia in C Major, Op. 15 " Wanderer" (Parker); HIRTZ " Wizard of Oz Fantasy" (Parker). www.stringsinthemountains.com

Pioneer Days Block Party ~ July 4

Come on down to the Tread of Pioneers Museum after the parade for an old-fashioned block party. Enjoy free admission at the museum, Routt Beer Floats, refreshments, community displays and a patriotic concert with Strings in the Mountains. Free Admission for all! For more information call 970-879-2214.

27th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rodeo and 33rd Annual Art in the Park ~ July 7-8

Steamboat Springs' most colorful weekend of activities includes crowd favorite Hot Air Balloon Rodeo and Art in the Park. Come watch from the launch field in the mornings as over 40 balloon take to the skies then head over to West Lincoln Park for Steamboat's biggest art and crafts festival. Art in the Park on Saturday from 9-5pm and Sunday 9-4pm. Mark your calendars because this weekend is absolute favorite for the entire family! www.steamboatsummer.com

33rd Annual Cowpie Classic Rugby Tournament ~ July 7-8

This is the 33rd Annual Cowpie Classic Rugby Tournament. Teams from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming fight for this coveted trophy. Come support your local rugby club. There is no admission cost for spectators. The games will take place at the Ski Town Fields from 9-5 on Saturday and 10-2 on Sunday. www.steamboatrugby.com

Steamboat in the Summertime: Photography and the Creative Spirit Digital Photo Workshop ~ July 7-12

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! www.focusadventures.com

11th Annual High Country Garden Tour ~ July 14

Enjoy this beautiful high country garden tour with viewing of six different gardens in the Steamboat area, as well as Musicians at each home, and master gardeners and the homeowner to explain the gardens. Silent auction, garden market, guest speaker (Panayoti Kelaidis) and baked goods. The tour starts at 8:30 a.m. the Strings in the Mountains tent and then moves to the different homes until 3:30 p.m. VIP tickets are \$50 and include lunch and transportation. Individual luncheon tickets are available to purchase for \$15.00 in advance, and \$20.00 the day of the tour. Perry-Mansfield is hosting this special luncheon, Salads and Sweets, from 11:30-1:30pm - Only 150 tickets available. Event tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. www.stringsinthemountains.com

New! Steamboat Car Club's Show/Shine/Swap ~ July 29

Downtown Steamboat Springs will be the showroom for Steamboat plethora of restored and collector vehicles. Wander among these beautiful machines and talk to the owners. The swap will include parts and vehicles for sale. Grab a bite to eat at one of the nearby restaurants and make an afternoon of it. www.steamboatsummer.com

4th Annual Steamboat Wine Festival ~ August 2-5

This year look for additional food and wine events including: the Kickoff Reception on Thursday night at the top of the Gondola at Thunderhead. Drink fine wines paired with exquisite foods. Talk to wine makers and an international wine panel. Participate in a live auction. On Friday, the Stroll of Steamboat meander through downtown sampling over 400 wines and food at a variety of locations. Saturday's Grand Tasting at Torian Plaza will feature music and the Steel Chef competition.

www.steamboatwinefestival.com

Wild West Relay ~ August 3-4

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. www.wildwestrelay.com

Encore! Concert with Kathy Mattea ~ August 9

This unforgettable evening will present an acoustic one-hour performance with Kathy Mattea, winner of two Grammy awards and two Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year awards. This intimate concert will be performed at one of the most beautiful ranches in the Elk River Valley. The concert will be followed by a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. Seating is limited. This is a fundraising event for Steamboat Strings in the Mountains Music Festival. Tickets are \$175 per person. For more information call 970-879-5056 or www.stringsinthemountains.com.

New! Cruise the Rockies 11V – PT Cruiser Cars ~ August 10-12

The Colorado PT Cruiser Club is bringing the seventh annual Cruise the Rockies event to Steamboat Springs. Expect over 150 PT Cruisers from all across the country. Last year's event attracted cars from 17 states. The event includes a show and day cruises. Please call 303-709-7883 for more information.

93rd Annual Routt County Fair ~ August 10-19

When it comes to history and tradition, the Routt County Fair is as old as Steamboat Springs famous Winter Carnival. Farming and ranching have long been part of the Yampa Valley way of life. The fair rightfully honors the agriculture heritage and traditions of those settlers. Held every year in the same site since 1914, it is one of the longest-running events in the Routt County. www.routtcountyfair.org

Kent Eriksen's Tour de Steamboat ~ August 11

Rocky Peak Productions presents the 3rd 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

Emerald City Opera presents *Madame Butterfly* ~ August 17 & 19

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 *Madame Butterfly*. www.emeraldcityopera.org

Arts for the Soul ~ August 19-September 2

A week-long collaborative workshops for artists, writers, musicians and photographers. There are morning lessons and classes with master teachers, afternoon enrichment activities, evening concerts and panel discussions. Novices and experienced locals have fun collaborating with out-of-towners all deepening their skills and exploring new ones. Call John Sant'Ambrogio, 879-9381 for more information.

Steamboat Springs Triathlon ~ August 26

The beauty and grandeur of the Yampa Valley and Steamboat Springs welcomes the triathlon world on August 26, 2007. 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

Wild West Air Fest – Labor Day Weekend Celebration ~ September 1- 2

The 3rd Annual Wild West Air Fest takes off Labor Day Weekend with the entertainment in the air, on the mountain and all over town! It's a Labor Day celebration for the whole family featuring vintage and warbird airplanes, remote controlled aircraft, hang gliders, para-gliders, airplane rides and displays and classic cars at the Bob Adams Airport in Steamboat Springs. Buttons can be purchased at the Steamboat Springs Visitor Center and the Bob Adams Airport. Buttons are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-16 years of age. Kid's 5 and under are free! Buy your admission button once and you'll have unlimited access to the airport all weekend! For more information call at 970-879-0880 or www.steamboatsummer.com

Rocky Mountain Bull Bash ~ September 2

Come join the top 40 bull riders in Steamboat Springs for the 2nd Annual Steamboat Springs Rocky Mountain Bull Bash P.B.R. Come see the best P.B.R. bull riders from all over the world compete against the top bulls in the country for over \$10,000 in prize money. www.steamboatsummer.com

Steamboat Sheep Dog Challenge ~ September 2-3

Experience the thrill of watching the smartest dogs in the world show off their skills at the Stanko Ranch, just 3.5 miles west of downtown Steamboat Springs. Showcasing some of the top border collies in the country, this is a sheep dog field trial where handlers, using only their voices and whistles, direct their dogs to guide sheep through obstacles in a field.

www.steamboatsummer.com

Strings in the Mountains Kitchen Tour and Design Expo ~ September 8

Enjoy a beautiful day in the Colorado mountains touring seven of Steamboat's fabulous private kitchens! Talk to designers and builders! Proceeds benefit Steamboat's Strings in the Mountains Music Festival. Saturday, September 8th, 10am to 3pm. \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 day of tour. \$40.00 VIP tickets include sack lunch and bus! www.stringsinthemountains.com

Downtown Hoedown and Chuck Wagon Chili Challenge ~ September 15

The Hoedown goes back to the good ol' days in Steamboat Springs when the entire town would show up for a good time. Head on down and hear some good music, enjoy a cold beer and taste some great chili. Enter the Chili Challenge or help pick a winner. Fun and games for the kids. www.steamboatsummer.com

New! Steamboat 50 Ultra Marathon ~ September 15

The first annual Run, Rabbit, Run 50 mile run features spectacular scenery on one of the most challenging ultra marathon courses in the United States. Race begins at Steamboat Springs Ski Area and proceeds up Mount Werner along the Continental Divide to Rabbit Ears Peak and back on mountain trails and roads. For more information visit www.steamboat50.com

2007 Rally Colorado ~ September 21-23

Formerly the Colorado Cog Rally, this year the national level event will be the seventh in the nine round Rally America National Rally Championship and will include approximately 105 stage miles on Saturday and Sunday. The Middle Cog-1 Club Rally will be held on Saturday. The Middle Cog-2 Club Rally will be held on Sunday. For more information visit www.rallycolorado.com

Steamboat Brewers' Festival ~ September 22

Over 25 Colorado breweries, live music and food vendors will attend The Steamboat Brewers' Festival. The event takes place from noon - 4pm at Torian Plum Plaza. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Admission includes a souvenir tasting glass and tokens for (6) five ounce tastings. Tickets will be available for purchase online and in person at All that Jazz and the Steamboat Visitor's Center. Designated driver tickets are \$8 and include free sodas and water. Kids under 12 are free.

www.steamboatbrewersfestival.com

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Free! **Downtown Walking Tours ~ June-August**

Yampatika presents three downtown walking tours for free! On Tuesdays learn about Steamboat's Olympic history on the Olympic Heritage Tour, also known as "Ski Town, USA" Steamboat Springs has produced more winter Olympians (nearly 70) than any other town in North America. On Wednesdays, learn a little about the local geology on the Mineral Springs Tour, come and find out how Steamboat Springs got its name. Finally on Thursdays, learn about the history of the town on the Downtown Historic Walking Tour. All tours meet at the Tread of Pioneers Museum on 8th and Oak and last from 9:30-11 a.m. After the tour visit the Museum (discounted admission for all walking tour participants). Sponsored by Historic Routt County! Tread of Pioneers Museum and Yampatika. www.yampatika.org

Steamboat Springs ProRodeo Series ~ June 22-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 July 3rd at 7:30 p.m. and Fourth of July edition at 7:00 p.m. the city's fireworks immediately follow the rodeo's conclusion. www.steamboatprorodeo.com

Free! **Steamboat Springs Free Summer Concert Series ~ June – September**

The Free Summer Concert Series, which is open to all ages, and family-friendly, will be held at the Howelsen Hill Amphitheater in downtown Steamboat Springs. Concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. with a warm-up band. The series kicks off June 20, 2006 with The Wailers. 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.

Strings in the Mountains Festival of Music ~ June 19-August 16

In its 20th 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 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

Free! **Music on the Green: Free Music Series ~ June 14 – August 16**

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

New! **Classic Car Cruises on Lincoln Avenue ~ June 28-8/3**

Steamboat has garages full of classic and restored vehicles of all kinds. Restored and preserved cars, motorcycles, trucks, H²O powered and battery powered vehicles abound. Here is the perfect chance to dust them off and join a Thursday evening cruise from the Stockbridge Center through Downtown to the mountain area and back to the front of the courthouse to let the public see those wonderful vehicles. Vehicles should meet at the Stockbridge Center around 6pm, do the cruise and end up at the courthouse around 7pm. www.mainstreetsteamboatsprings.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