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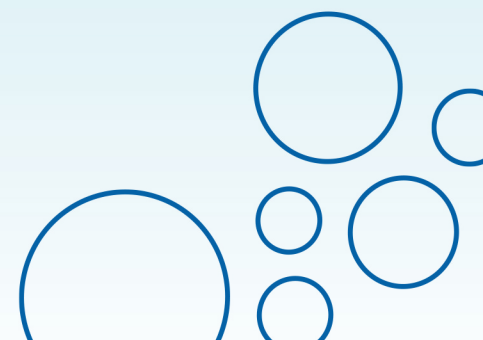
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SALMON FESTIVAL

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By Mathew Miranda
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OROVILLE » Ask any Oroville local how to best describe the annual Oroville Salmon Festival and they'll give you two words rarely ever used together, fun and educational.

The family-friendly event begins Friday with most of its festivities occurring Saturday in downtown Oroville.

This year will mark the festival's 25th anniversary of celebrating the return of the salmon to the Feather River.

"One of the last wild Chinook salmon runs in California," said event coordinator Ray Laager.

Every year the salmon

make the long trip from the Pacific Ocean to their native rivers for spawning.

Given its 25th anniversary, the festival is expected to have record crowds, Laager said.

"This is one of the biggest one-day events north of Sacramento," Laager said.

Laager estimates about 25,000 people will attend Saturday, including tour buses from San Francisco.

"You get that nice real hometown charm, especially in Oroville," Laager said.

Friday dinner

The festival will kick off Friday with the annual Feather River Nature Center Dinner and Dance at

"Salmon Court," located on Arlin Rhine Memorial Drive between Huntoon and Oliver Streets.

Guests will have their pick of grilled salmon or tri-tip beef while overlooking the Feather River and enjoying live music from The Crawlers. There is also a vegan dinner option available.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 12-years-old.

Proceeds support both the Feather River Nature Center and the Salmon Festival.

Tickets for the dinner can be purchased in advance online at Eventbrite.com and at the Oroville Chamber of Commerce.

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Saira Castaneda and Marylee Saelee feed steelhead salmon fry during the 23rd Annual Oroville Salmon Festival at the Feather River Fish in Oroville.



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Festival

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Saturday festivities

The salmon festival offers an inexpensive day full of family fun with its free admission, parking and shuttle services.

"If you go to the state fair, you have to pay the \$20 admission to get in the door," Laager said. "Here you just come."

New this year is the Oroville Adventure Summit. Laager calls it "a festival inside a festival concept."

The new attraction will feature a fishing expo, fly casting pond fishing vendors, a camping exhibit, a mountain bike test track, an electric bike showcase, climbing walls and a diving dogs competition.

Diving dogs, also known as dock diving, is a sport in which dogs jump into a body of water for distance

and height.

"With the outdoor adventure summit, I think it's going to kick it up to a whole another element," Laager said.

Along with the summit, the festival will have a downtown street fair, dozens of salmon prepared dishes and live entertainment at the "Salmon Court" and an Oroville Hospital 3k Salmon Color Dash Walk/Run.

The walk and run will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Oroville Centennial Plaza. Information on registering can be found at <https://www.orovillehospital.com/colordash>.

The hospital will also be providing free flu shots and health screenings.

"Salmon Court" and the downtown street fair will start at 10 a.m.

Educational opportunities

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Salmon jump as they are gathered in a tank before spawning during the Salmon Festival in Oroville on Sept. 22, 2018.



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Left, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Tech Mark Waite holds up a salmon for viewers. Middle, Anthony Lombardi holds up a batch of freshly fertilized eggs during the Salmon Festival in Oroville on Sept. 22, 2018.

Festival

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The Feather River Fish Hatchery will allow guests to see the wild chinook salmon run up close from

its observation platform and viewing window. Attendees will see salmon swim up the fish ladder and watch spawning operations take place inside the hatchery. Free guided tours of the hatchery will be given ev-

ery half hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hatchery will also offer a pancake breakfast and tri-tip lunch. Presale tickets are available at the Oroville Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in a more interactive educa-

tional experience should expect to get wet. In partnership with the Department of Water Resources, the Forebay Aquatic Center will be hosting "Float on the Feather." DWR will be sending down 8-person rafts guided

by a biologist who will educate their rafting group on the Feather River and environment. The 1-hour floating trips starts at the fish hatchery and ends at Riverbend Park. Tickets cost \$35 for

adults and \$17.50 for children under 12-years-old. For more information, visit www.forebayaquatic-center.com. Contact reporter Mathew Miranda at 530-896-7758.



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- 11:30 Hillcrest Ave. (Rock)
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Salmon Court

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Oroville Adventure Summit

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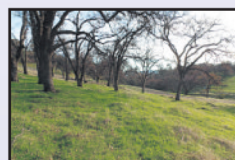


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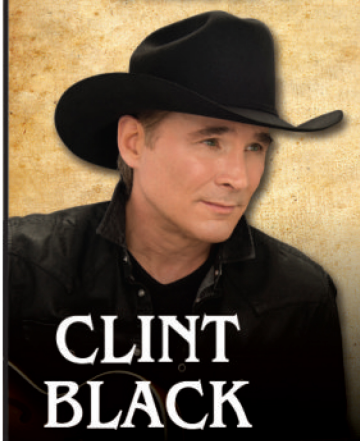
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