



ROYAL GORGE REGION, COLORADO

JULY 26-27, 2024

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THANK YOU!

This event began as a community initiative in 2009, and continues to be funded, planned, and operated by three non-profits and dozens of volunteer event coordinators. All profits from the festival help to build our chamber of commerce, our Whitewater Kayak and Recreation Park, local trails, and community non-profits.

WHITewater FESTIVAL COMMITTEE








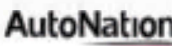







The Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival is planned by a committee of local volunteers who dedicate countless hours to the planning and execution of the event. Their efforts keep the festival returning year after year. Executive committee members include:

Kris Webb	Carla Braddy	Chris Moffett	Ashlee Sack	Kevin Brown	Sheri Trahern
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PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Thank you to organizations who take part in the festival, from hosting booths, to assisting with safety, to managing the equipment area!

Ground2Air Productions	Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area	Catalyst Church
Fremont County Search and Rescue	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Ravenwood Electric
City of Cañon City	Atencio Glass (Rick Richardson)	Matthews Brothers Electric
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CLASS V SPONSOR



WHITE WATER FESTIVAL

2024 FESTIVAL

Army assets will include: a JLTV, challenges, merch, & much more.



Purchase Your Tickets by scanning the QR Code Below:

1-Day VIP Ticket - \$75
2-Day VIP Ticket - \$140



- Express Lane Entrance: Skip the lines with Express Pass lanes!
- V.I.P. Parking: Exclusive parking area!
- V.I.P. Tent: Located adjacent to the main stage!
- VIP River Seating: Prime spot on the bank of the river!
- Dedicated Restroom: Conveniently located next to the V.I.P. tent!
- Complimentary Food/Drinks: Deluxe snacks and non-alcoholic drinks!
- Exclusive Bar: Includes 2 drink tickets per person (21+ only)!
- Special swag just for you!
- Complimentary 15 minute chair massages brought to you by Good Quality Fitness



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Lauren Stone

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 4:00 pm** Frady Catz
River Stage
- 4:00 pm** River / Play Wave Demos
Play Wave
- 5:00 pm** SUP Parade
Pink House to Pedestrian Bridge
- 5:15 pm** All Hands on Deck River Float
Pink House to Pedestrian Bridge
- 5:30-7:30 pm** Packet Pickup for Great Escape Trail Events
Centennial Park - West Entrance
- 6:00 pm** Mystic 7
River Stage
- 6:00 pm** Royal Gorge Kayak Race
Pura Vida Beach to Centennial Park
- 6:05 pm** Royal Gorge Raft Raft Race
Pura Vida Beach to Centennial Park
- 7:30 pm** Blue Recluse
Main Stage
- 9:00 pm** 40 Oz. to Freedom
Main Stage



Please note that all events are subject to change due to weather, water conditions, etc. Please check the schedule online to see the most updated information!

SATURDAY

- 7:30 am** Yoga with Cañon Yoga
Veteran's Park
- 7:00-9:30 am** Packet Pickup for Great Escape Trail Events
Centennial Park - West Entrance
- 7:30 am** 27K Grinder MTB Race Start
Centennial Park to South Cañon Trails
- 7:45 am** 5K/10K Trail Run Start
Centennial Park to South Cañon Trails
- 8:00 am** Rafting Sprints
Centennial Park
- 9:30 am** 10K Mountain Bike Ride Start
Centennial Park to South Cañon Trails
- 9:45 am** 5K Mountain Bike Ride Start
Centennial Park to South Cañon Trails
- 12:00 pm** Banjo Joe and Danielle
River Stage
- 2:00 pm** Rafting Head 2 Head
Ice House
- 2:00 pm** SUP Head 2 Head
Centennial Park
- 2:00 pm** Kayak Head 2 Head
Ice House
- 2:00 pm** Duckie Dash Head 2 Head
Centennial Park
- 2:00 pm** Silver Lining
River Stage
- 3:00 pm** Weenie Dog Race
Southeast corner of Centennial Park
- 4:00 pm** Chrispy and the Secret Recipe
River Stage
- 5:00 pm** 6 Bucks & a Flight
Main Stage
- 5:00 pm** Surfing Competition
Play Wave
- 5:30 pm** Build Your Own Boat Race
Green Gate / River Station
- 6:00-7:45 pm** Raft Rodeo Announcing
Main Stage
- 6:15 pm** Raft Rodeo
WKRP Wave, Centennial Park
- 7:00 pm** Blues Dogs
Main Stage
- 8:00 pm** Awards and Live Auction
Main Stage
- 9:00 pm** John Scalia and the Dirty Word
Main Stage

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TICKETS AND INFORMATION

GENERAL ADMISSION / XPRESSPASS / WHITEWATER VIP EXPERIENCE

GENERAL ADMISSION

Buy your ticket at the festival gates (see map for locations) on Friday or Saturday. **Adults, please remember to bring your ID!**

Cost: Adults - \$7 per day,

Children under 5 are Free!

2-DAY EXPRESSPASS

Skip the lines at the festival by purchasing a 2-Day XpressPASS wristband.

Cost: \$13



WHITEWATER VIP EXPERIENCE

Enjoy special VIP perks, including:

- Express lane entrance and VIP parking area
- Exclusive VIP tent near the Main Stage
- VIP river event viewing area
- Dedicated restrooms
- Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages
- Exclusive VIP bar with 2 drink tickets (21+ only)
- Gourmet snacks in the VIP tent
- Swag bag
- Complimentary 15 minute chair massages brought to you by Good Quality Fitness

Cost: \$75 per day or \$140 for the weekend

Buy online or inquire at the gate.

WHITEWATER EXTREME
V.I.P. Experience
PRESENTED BY
Coming Home



Please note, for your safety and enjoyment:

- Children under the age of 16 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times at the Whitewater Festival.
- Firearms and weapons are prohibited at the discretion of gate security.
- Dogs (with the exception of Weenie Dog Race entries and service dogs) will **NOT** be allowed at the festival.
- ID will be checked at the gate - please bring it!

BLACK HILLS KIDS ZONE



Bring the kids! The Black Hills Kids' Zone will feature a bounce house, face painting, cotton candy booth, kettle corn, and Euro Bungee. Additional fees to apply for activities and food.

Bounce house cost: \$10 per hour or \$25 all day
Euro Bungee cost: \$15 / 4 minutes



BIKE PARKING AND GEAR STORAGE

HOSTED BY CAÑON CITY PIRANHAS SWIM TEAM

Friday, 3:00 pm to close of festival

Saturday, 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

Cost: FREE, donations graciously accepted



Ride your bike or scooter to the Whitewater Festival and park it in the 'Gear Storage' area. This will be a secure location staffed by volunteers from the Cañon City Piranhas swim team (donations accepted). Find the storage area in the basketball court area at Centennial Park - located at the westernmost portion of the park. **Bring your own lock for added security.**

Event participants: You can also store paddle boards and kayaks in between events. You'll receive a tag for each item which will be required to check the items back out. **Bring your own lock for added security.** Volunteers will monitor the fenced area and facilitate check in / check out.



WHITewater AMBASSADOR

The Whitewater Ambassador is an individual or organization that has been a positive influence on the river corridor. The Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival is proud to celebrate those who create a safe, encouraging, and positive culture of recreation along the Arkansas River and beyond. The 2024 Ambassador will be announced at the awards ceremony - Saturday at 8:00 pm on the Main Stage.



2023 AMBASSADOR - KYLE HORNE

Kyle moved to Cañon City in 1996 to become the Voice of the Cañon City Tigers and sports broadcaster at KRLN/ KSTY radio station. His love for the community grew, as did his family. He knew he wanted to raise his son in Cañon City because of the people and their generous spirit.

During Kyle's first years as the Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District's Programs Director in 2008, they hosted Riverwalk Games involving kickball, sand volleyball, flag football, and river activities. Later, upon success of some river events and coordination with community partners, the Whitewater Festival was born. Without the funds from the Whitewater Festival, the whitewater structures and the river improvements would have taken longer to establish. In the early days of the Whitewater Festival, Kyle ran around with his headset on to ensure the success of all aspects of the event. He was usually the first person to arrive and one of the last persons to leave.

His goal was for the citizens of this community to have a great time celebrating and enjoying a time of friendship and music. Now, he volunteers and has a great time announcing the Guide Auction and watching the carnage of the Build Your Own Boat Race and the Raft Rodeo. He strongly believes Cañon City deserves opportunities to grow and cherish outdoor activities. Kyle never wants recognition for his contribution.

He often says, "It's not about me. It's about the project." He would be the first to insist the festival succeeds because it takes everyone to do their part, from organizers, volunteers, vendors, and participants became a passion.

SPONSORS

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CLASS III



CLASS II

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WHITewater EVENTS

BEGINNER / FAMILY FUN

Join in on the fun! These events are designed for those who are interested in participating in a non-competitive event or an event that requires little experience on the water. Note that children should be accompanied by an adult, and the ability to swim is required. Day-of registration is available. See the registration tent at the center of Centennial Park. *Please note that Colorado law requires that all occupants of an inner tube, air mattress, or similar device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type I, III, or V PFD (personal flotation device). All persons under the age of 13 swimming in the Arkansas River within the AHRA must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD. All event participants must wear a PFD.*

FRIDAY

RIVER PLAY WAVE DEMOS

4:00 pm - Play Wave

Show off your SUP, kayak, raft or duckie skills on the Centennial Park play wave. Try a demo board or boat from River Station Gear (located in downtown Cañon City).

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

5:15 pm

Anything in town that floats, get on the water! Bring your SUP, your tube, your floatie, your canoe, your barrel, your store-bought raft, BRING ANYTHING! This is a show of force. Get on the river and show the town how many people float.

SUP PARADE

5:00 pm

This is a "Stand Up Paddleboard" show of force. If you SUP, come show the community what you're made of! Interesting outfits, group entries, and silly costumes are encouraged. You must have your own board and equipment for this event.

SATURDAY

BUILD YOUR OWN BOAT (BYOB)

5:30 pm

Show off your craftsmanship and engineering skills in this crowd favorite event! First place is awarded a pure gold coin (\$1000 value) donated by Cañon Signature Mortgage, and cash prizes awarded to second and third place.



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REGISTER NOW!

Register online early, or at the registration tent at the festival. Registration fees, start times, and qualifications vary by event. Know your ability level.



WHITewater EVENTS

INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED

If you love playing in the river - from boating to SUPing to floating in an inflatable kayak - these events are for you! The following events are suggested for those with experience on the river. Registration fees apply and vary by event. Please see the festival website for registration information. Registration for most events is available on the day-of at the registration tent at the center of the park. Please note that Colorado law requires that all occupants of an inner tube, air mattress, or similar device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type I, III, or V PFD (personal flotation device). All persons under the age of 13 swimming in the Arkansas River within the AHRA must wear a U. S. Coast Guard approved PFD.

SATURDAY

RAFTING HEAD 2 HEAD

2:00 pm

Two rafts start at the same time. You must go around one buoy on each side of the river. First one to finish moves on to the next round. Tournament style scoring.

KAYAK HEAD 2 HEAD RACE

2:00 pm

Kayaks will start at the same time, each kayak must navigate around a buoy on each side of the river. Enough sign ups will turn this into a tournament with multiple heats.

RMR STORM HEAD 2 HEAD - R2

2:00 pm

Two rafts start at the same time. You must go around one buoy on each side of the river. First one to finish moves on to the next round. Tournament style scoring.

RAFT RODEO

6:15 pm

The classic Whitewater Festival event. Who can control the wave? Will be judged by the crowd and a neutral panel of judges who use established criteria. Located at the lower feature in Centennial Park. Winners receive a beautiful custom RGWWF belt buckle.



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SUP HEAD 2 HEAD RACE

2:00 pm

This is a mass start event. Competitors will navigate around two buoys, one on each side of the river. If enough sign up, this will become a tournament.

DUCKIE DASH HEAD 2 HEAD

2:00 pm

Grab your inflatable duckie (or borrow one) and head down the slalom course from 1st street to Centennial Park. Battle head-to-head with others. Must be at least 10 years old to participate in this event.

SURFING COMPETITION

5:00 pm

Can you surf the features in the Centennial Park? Boogie Boards, Surf Boards. This is not the raft surfing competition.



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WHITewater EVENTS

ADVANCED / COMPETITIVE

Competitive boaters, boating teams, and kayakers will enjoy the following events. Prizes include cash payouts and swag. The Raft Rodeo winners receive cash and a commemorative belt buckle. Please see the festival website for registration information. Registration for most events is available on the day-of. See the registration tent at the center of the park. *Please note that Colorado law requires that all occupants of an inner tube, air mattress, or similar device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type I, III, or V PFD (personal flotation device). All persons under the age of 13 swimming in the Arkansas River within the AHRA must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.*

FRIDAY

ROYAL GORGE RACE - KAYAK

6:00 pm

This race is for boaters experienced in the Gorge. Start at Pura Vida beach and end at the lower feature in Cañon City. This race is a mass start and is over 12 miles of hard paddling.

ROYAL GORGE RACE - RAFTS

6:10 pm

This race is for people experienced in the Gorge. This event is for a team of 6 individuals. Start at Pura Vida beach and end at the lower feature in Cañon City. This race is a mass start and is over 12 miles of hard paddling.

ROYAL GORGE RACE - RAFTS

6:05 pm

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TRAIL EVENTS

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED

Not ready to get wet? Join a land-based trail event on foot or on a bike. Running and biking events all leave from Centennial park and utilize adjacent trails, including the Riverwalk and South Cañon Trails.

Events are designed for varied ages and abilities - there's something for everyone! All events are on Saturday, July 22. The Great Escape Trail Events is a 1% for Trails contributor - giving back to local trails!

BEGINNER

PIZZA MADNESS 5K TRAIL RUN

Saturday, 7:45 am

This course leaves from Centennial Park and travels along the Arkansas Riverwalk trail. You'll cross over the river at the pedestrian bridge, head toward Tunnel Drive, and turn around at the Trailhead (or go up the hill for a beautiful view and a little extra elevation gain). Return to the park for a nice, easy second half and post-run celebration at the park.

COMING HOME REALTY 5K BEGINNER / FAMILY MTB RIDE

Saturday, 9:45 am

Bring the kiddos! Try a mountain bike event for the first time! This course follows the Arkansas Riverwalk west to Tunnel Drive and has very little elevation gain. Youth as young as 6 years old may enjoy this course (our younger on a bike seat), and kids as young as 10 are welcome to ride solo. This course leaves from Centennial Park and travels along the Arkansas Riverwalk trail to the trailhead at Tunnel Drive. Turn around at the trailhead.

INTERMEDIATE

PIZZA MADNESS 10K TRAIL RUN

Saturday, 7:45 am

You'll experience the best of lower South Cañon on this beautiful run. Leave from Centennial Park, climb up Wagon Trail, then make a hard right to climb all of Schepp Ridge for views of the town, mountains, and the Ecology Park. At the end of Schepp Ridge, you'll use Piñon Trail to merge onto Recycle. You'll start your descent on Mutton Bustin', where you'll then return to Centennial Park to awaiting spectators.

COMING HOME REALTY 10K MTB RIDE

Saturday, 9:30 am

Intermediate-level riders with the ability to navigate some technical elements will enjoy this fun and fast 6-mile course. Leave from Centennial Park, climb up Wagon Trail, then make a hard right to climb all of Schepp Ridge for views of the town, mountains, and the Ecology Park. At the end of Schepp Ridge, you'll use Piñon Trail to merge onto Recycle. You'll start your descent on Mutton Bustin', where you'll then return to Centennial Park to awaiting spectators.

ADVANCED

3 ROCKS ENGINEERING 27K GRINDER

Saturday, 7:30 am

Love a good uphill grind and downhill fun? From Centennial Park, you'll take crusher fine trails and some singletrack to pick up Temple Canyon Road near the Ecology Park. Head up this glorious gravel route to the top of Cañon City's local favorite descending trail - The Great Escape, for miles of techy downhill fun. You'll head back on Temple Canyon Road (where you MUST meet the 9:15 cutoff to re-enter the singletrack course) and enjoy more flowy, fun downhill on Schepp's Ridge, Recycle, and Mutton Bustin'. You'll end up back at Centennial Park for a well-deserved break and beverage.



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FUN FOR ALL

ACTIVITIES AND VENDORS

The Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival is designed to have something for everyone. Whether you're involved in a whitewater event, participating in a trail run or ride, or just love to come and watch all the events and listen to music, we hope you'll attend both days of the festival! Your admission includes access to bands, but bring a few extra dollars for food and drinks.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

YOGA IN THE PARK

Saturday, 7:30 - 9:00 am
Veteran's Park, FREE



Join Cañon Yoga for a relaxing yoga session in the park. This class will include movement and breath work. Whether you are new to yoga, an advanced practitioner, or anywhere in between, you are welcome to join us. Please bring your own mat or towel, if you have one. If not you can practice in the grass. Advanced registration not needed. Donations accepted but not expected.

LOCKED DOWN MECHANICAL BULL

Throughout the weekend. Additional fee.

Try your hand at riding the toughest mechanical bull this side of the Mississippi! Visit Locked Down on the south end of the festival grounds to give it a go.

HOT DIGGITY DOG WEENIE DOG RACES

Saturday 3:00 pm
Centennial Park, \$10 per dog (\$5 additional dog)

Let your weenie dog (dachshund or dachshund mix) get all the glory in our annual race. Located in the South East corner of Centennial park. Sign up on the day of the event at the registration tent.

US ARMY CHALLENGE

Throughout the weekend. FREE
Stop in at the U.S. Army's event trailer with an inflatable football toss, a JLTV, and Cornhole.



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VENDORS AND MERCHANDISE

FOOD VENDORS

Mimi's Shaved Ice
Squeeze Me
Kona Ice
Holy Cow
Taco Vallarta
From the Flames Wood Fired Pizza
Smith's Snack Shack
Lulcy's Armenian-Mediterranean Grill

Musso's Restaurant
8 Yours 2 Kettle Corn
Gigis Betchin Chick-N
Island Style BBQ, LLC
Lil Smokies BBQ
Thai Pepper
The Corn Hole
Ozark Dog

FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE

Get your commemorative Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival official merchandise at the festival booth! Bring home a t-shirt, Nalgene water bottle, commemorative poster, can Koozie, and more.



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FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS

Proceeds from the Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival benefit three local non-profit organizations. Additional support is provided by sponsors and volunteers. Your entry fee and purchases assist each of these organizations in fulfilling their missions within our community.



ROYAL GORGE RIO

Through water safety education, river conservation, and whitewater recreation, Royal Gorge Rio is committed to will positively impacting the Fremont County community.
Website: <https://www.royalgorgerio.org/>



FREMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Fremont Community Foundation is a "high energy" 501c 3 that has been sponsoring BIG events in Fremont County since 1999. We do this with no paid staff and all profits go back to the community.
Website: <https://fcfco.org/>



ROYAL GORGE CHAMBER ALLIANCE & FOUNDATION

We are proud to support and connect our 400+ member businesses throughout Fremont County. Since 1935, our organization has been a trusted partner to provide the tools to thrive and boost the abundant opportunities that enhance the quality of life in our beautiful region.
Website: <https://www.royalgorgechamberalliance.org/>

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC LINEUP

9:00 PM - MAIN STAGE '40OZ TO FREEDOM'

'40oz to Freedom' is an accomplished and highly energetic Sublime tribute band and winner of the 2010 San Diego Music Award for Best Tribute Artist. 40oz has toured the entire US, Canada, and Mexico for more than 16 years, amassing a loyal and enthusiastic following.



Opening acts:



4:00 PM - RIVER STAGE FRADY CATZ

Frady Catz, a Cañon City favorite, is a classic rock band that brings rockin high energy and plays classics from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s.

6:00 PM - RIVER STAGE MYSTIC 7

Based in Southern Colorado, Mystic 7 is an established Rock Band with a diverse range of style that includes Classic Rock, Pop Rock and Country from the 80's to today's popular songs. They pride themselves of playing the widest range of rock music in the region. Come check them out!



7:30 PM - MAIN STAGE BLUE RECLUSE

Blue Recluse is a five piece power blues band. They play a wide range of blues, rhythm and blues, and country blues from the '40s to the present day. Powerful, sultry vocals in combination with a hard-groovin' rhythm section and classic electric blues guitar and keys makes this band a blues lover's dream. Put on your dancing shoes, because Blue Recluse will rock your soul with its unique brand of rare and classic songs!

All band times are subject to change.

SATURDAY MUSIC LINEUP

12:00 PM - RIVER STAGE BANJO JOE AND DANIELLE

Banjo Joe and Danielle are a vibacious duo playing their own brand of bluegrass on banjo and upright bass. Sweethearts for over a decade, they are currently touring the western US in a converted school bus and performing live music.



2:00 PM - RIVER STAGE SILVER LINING

Silver Lining is a six piece band from Westcliffe that performs Classic Rock, County, and Oldies for your enjoyment!

5:00 PM - RIVER STAGE SIX BUCKS & A FLIGHT

Local favorite Six Bucks & a Flight has been entertaining the Royal Gorge Region for years. Their high-energy sound will get you up and dancing as they play a variety of genres and styles.

**ALL BAND TIMES
ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE.**



Six Bucks & A Flight
Saturday, July 27th at 4:00 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT MUSIC LINEUP



9:00 P.M. - MAIN STAGE JOHN SCALIA & THE DIRTY WORD

You are in for a serious treat when you enter a venue where John Scalia & The Dirty Word is playing! Their mission statement? No Booty Left Behind! Let's Dance!

BLUES DOGS SHOW -- 7 P.M.

The Blues Dogs Show Band is an eclectic group of musicians who have been entertaining audiences at clubs, festivals, fundraisers, and concerts for over two decades. The band respects the tradition of blues, rock, soul, and R&B genres and explodes that tradition with musical layers full of energy and creativity.



All band times are subject to change.

OUR ARKANSAS RIVER

OUR HISTORY AND OUR FUTURE



BRIDGING THE GAP TO A FUTURE OF SAFE AND FUN RECREATION

The Arkansas river is for everyone, and recent river restoration projects (including one funded by Great Outdoors Colorado in 2018) have helped our community live this truth. Cañon City's industrial history shaped the current path of the river and inhibited its natural ebbing, flooding and meandering. Previous generations collectively erected a levee on both the left and right banks, taming what was once a wild river. This act, though necessary for the survival of Cañon City, used discarded concrete, bricks and metal to reinforce the banks. These locations eventually became industrial dumping grounds, and community refuse was often discarded on the banks of the river. Access to the river was often steep and difficult, jagged metal stuck out of the river bottom, and debris could snag those who braved the waters. For decades these environmentally unsound practices continued.

In 2007 three local community members had a vision to correct the honest but naive mistakes of the past. Beth Katchmar, Larry Oddo, and Will Colon sat along the river bank in Centennial Park and devised a vision for the future: a section of river through the heart of Cañon City that would allow safe and enjoyable recreational access. Their group - the Whitewater Kayak and Recreation park (WKRP) - presented the first Whitewater Festival. With additional help from the Cañon City Recreation District and many others, the festival proceeds were put toward WKRP's goal. They brought their inspiration to the City and soon the first bank restoration and surf waves were complete. Work continues on this important downtown corridor, and there's more to come!

Since 2019, Royal Gorge Rio has continued to advocate for the health and safety of the Arkansas river corridor through Fremont county. There is still so much potential on the banks of the Arkansas. They aim to rehabilitate areas inundated with historic industrial waste, and also reinforce the healthy native and natural riparian areas. With the help our community, we will make the river corridor safe for everyone: walkers, waders, anglers, hikers, bikers, kayakers, tubers, rafters, swimmers, surfers.

ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA

The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) that we know today, stretches over 152 miles of river corridor and sees over one million visitors per year, a number that continues to grow. The AHRA is recognized as one of the nation's most popular whitewater rafting and kayaking locations and is home to a world-class fishery. The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is a cooperative effort between Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW), the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the US Forest Service (USFS). Through this partnership, we provide visitors with outstanding recreation opportunities and care for the natural resources of the Upper Arkansas River Valley.

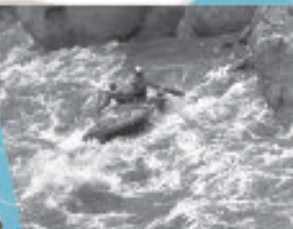
In 2024, AHRA, along with local partners, Cañon City Schools and RG Rio, worked together to engage with the third graders of Canon City and introduce the "Every Kid in a PFD" program. Students received classroom education on the importance of life jackets, self-rescue, hazard identification, and river ethics and were given a free personal flotation device (PFD) to keep. In total this year, 281 PFDs were given out to third graders in 6 different Canon City schools. When students outgrow their first life jacket, they can trade it in for an adult universal life jacket to continue to float them into adulthood.

This program is designed to provide life-saving education and equipment to young Coloradans throughout the State's most popular river recreation watershed. We encourage students to take an active role in their safety and the safety of those around them.



For more information on river safety and flows, please visit:

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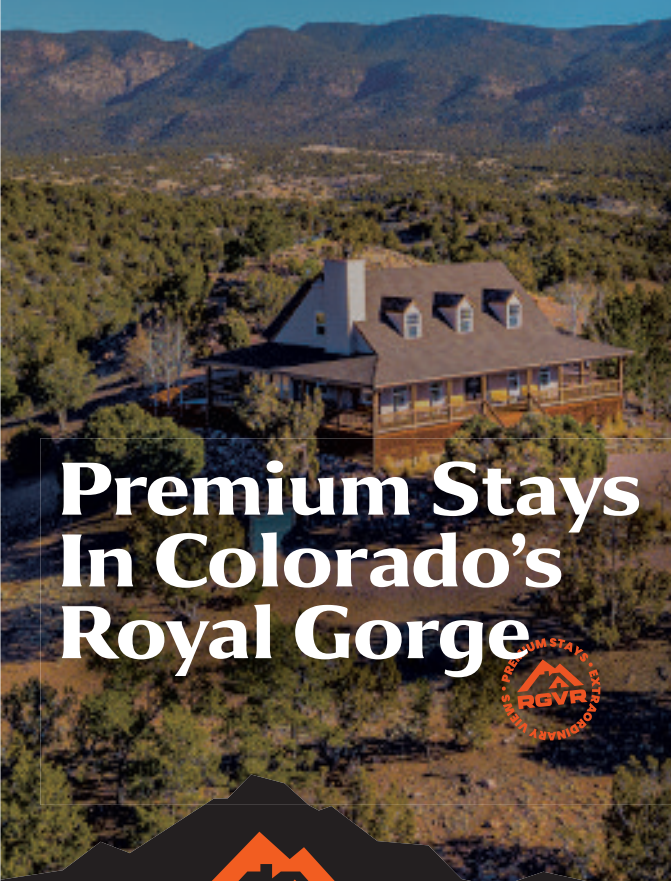
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