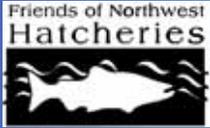


Friends of Northwest Hatcheries



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between people and the environment

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16th Annual Salmon Festival Fast Approaching!

Get ready to come out and enjoy the 16th annual Wenatchee River Salmon Festival September 28th – October 1st at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. This free family festival will put a smile on everyone's face with hands on activities, entertainment, food, art, exhibits and much, much more!



On Thursday and Friday, the festival is host to 3rd and 4th grade students from all over north central Washington spending a day of classroom time learning about natural resources, salmon habitat, water quality, art, music and history.

Saturday and Sunday are open to the general public from 10am to 5pm with an even larger selection of activities including chalk art, entertainment and nature shows on the main stage. Come and enjoy a **live raptor presentation**, **live reptiles**, and **music** while munching on goodies from our food court! You can also meander through the **Native American Encampment** celebrating the history and culture of many Northwest tribes, taste some traditionally smoked salmon or join in the dancing as drumming echoes around you. Some of the exhibits in the encampment include beadwork, leatherwork and basket weaving.

If getting wet is what you have in mind, sign up for **Families in the Creek**, put on some waders and look for macroinvertebrates in Icicle Creek. Learn from biologists about water quality, healthy streams and fish habitat in the spectacular setting of the Cascade Mountains.

This year the festival is honored to be hosting **Inspirations from the Forest**, a Smithsonian Folklife traveling exhibit devoted to nature inspired art and music. The exhibit will present both locally and nationally known artists demonstrating their crafts in a walk through format. Painting, wood carving, weaving, music, nature journaling and sculpting are just some of the art forms to be represented.

There is always something fun to do at the Salmon Festival! Take a trip through the **Amazing Salmon Maze**, play **Migration Golf**, make a fish print at **Gyotaku**, listen to a story in the **Big Salmon Tent**, be amazed at the **Chalk Art** or just sit and enjoy the sunshine and the mountain views! Put the Wenatchee River Salmon Festival on your calendar for **Sept. 30/Oct.1** and we will see you there!



What's Been Fryin'?

The Salmon Return

Winthrop

407 spring Chinook salmon returned and will be spawned from approximately 9am - 11am on Aug. 16, 23, 30 and Sept. 6.

Coho will be returning in September and October.

Entiat

850 spring Chinook salmon returned, 450 were excessed to the Colville Tribe while 390 will be used for spawning, which is scheduled for August 21st, 26th and 31st beginning at 9am.

Coho will be trucked in as part of a Yakama reintroduction project in September.

Carson

1500 spring Chinook salmon returned. Spawning will occur on August 9th, 16th and 23rd. 1.47 million fry will be released after 18 months of rearing.

Dworshak

964 spring Chinook salmon returned. The ladder is still open, the fish cam is watching their every move, along with the staff and visitors. Pretty cool stuff seeing what they do. Spawning begins in mid-August through mid-September.

Kooskia

670 spring Chinook salmon returned and will be transported to Dworshak for spawning in August and September, then be returned for rearing and release during the eyed egg stage.

Leavenworth

1,920 spring Chinook salmon returned, unfortunately 200 were stolen on June 9, 2006. The US Fish & Wildlife law enforcement agents continue their investigation to find those responsible. 1170 will be spawned on August 15th, 22nd and 29th Spawning usually starts by 9am.

Spring Creek

20,000 Tule fall Chinook are predicted to return beginning the first of September. Only 7,000 are needed to produce 15.1 million for release. Spawning will take place from September 15th through October 2nd.



Red Willow Trail

The WSU 4-H program continued work on the trail at the Entiat National Fish Hatchery along the Entiat River for the forth consecutive year this summer. The trail was also rehabilitated from spring flood damage.



Trout Fish Feeder

A coin operated fish feeder has been placed at the trout pond, near the front gate of the Leavenworth hatchery. It has been a resounding success as many visitors have enjoyed feeding the resident trout. So come on down - the fish are hungry!

Fishing Days

Fishing events this spring were a huge success. Hundreds of fish were caught by young anglers out to learn the joys of fishing and about how important it is to take care of the environment fish live in. These unique fishing experiences offer a life time of memories and joy. We look forward to supporting local fishing events each year.



Leavenworth Nature Trail

A new trail brochure - the Historic Tour - offers a different spin on the Icicle Creek walking nature trail. Learn about the history of the Icicle Creek and the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery while on a simple one mile nature walk. Two wildlife viewing blinds and several paths to the creek provide excellent opportunities to see birds, deer and other wildlife.

The trail was designated as a National Trail by the National Recreation Trail Program in, making it a recognizably accommodating and enjoyable trail.

Eagle Scout, Jesse Moore, from Troop 2 in Wenatchee, WA completed his Eagle Scout project on the Icicle Nature Trail. He and his troop worked very hard to make and install several bird houses with accompanying descriptive signs for local birds. The project has been a huge addition to our trail and has been appreciated by local walkers and birders. If you haven't been out in a while, you might enjoy a stroll along this renewed accessible trail.



What's Hatchin'?

Carson

Annual Kids Fishing Day September 9th

This fun event features trout from the Goldendale Hatchery, Migration Golf, education activities, a casting station and getting your picture taken with your fish and made into a button.

Entiat

Annual Open House August 26th

Entiat invites you to their hatchery open house. Walk along the Red Willow trail, watch spawning activities, and let the kids fish in the trout pond. It's all about welcoming you and offering the opportunity to see what is going on here.

Dworshak

Salmon and Steelhead Days Sept. 5th -8th

Boise, ID

About 3,000 fifth graders will be enjoying steelhead and salmon education including Gyotaku (fish painting) for this event Call Megan Johnson if you have any questions (208)476-7242

Salmon Education

From *Salmon in the Classroom* to fair displays to building activity trunks and curriculum, Dworshak is busy this fall producing awareness and wonder in the local community.

Winthrop

Watershed Watchers October

Local 7th graders learn about the watershed in unique ways as they strap on waders and study the Methow River up close and personal. This event takes place during the second week of October.

Spring Creek

Annual Open House September 16th

Spawning is the main attraction, but many informational displays will be set up by several agencies and non-profit groups this year. Migration Golf will also make it's appearance.

Leavenworth

SalmonFest

Sept. 28th-Oct. 1st

Fun fish education for four days. The Smithsonian *Inspirations from the Forest* is a feature exhibit joining the favorites like Families in the Creek, Migration Golf, food and craft vendors, and Entertainment on the stage.

Annual Friends Meeting September 7th

Friends of NW Hatcheries will be having their annual meeting, September 7th at 4:00pm. It will be held at Sheila Bergren's home. Please call (509)548-6056 for directions. All people interested in becoming a member or wanting to know more about our group are welcome to attend.

Special Needs Fishing Day October

In October, Leavenworth will be hosting a fishing day set aside for special needs groups in the Leavenworth area. The viewing pond rainbow trout will be delighting these fishermen and women who will get to eat what they catch for their evening meal.

Membership Categories

Student/Senior	\$5
Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Supporting (+ Salmon mug)	\$50
Contributing (+ T-shirt)	\$100
Lifetime (+ Plaque)	\$500

Every Friends member receives a 10% discount on publications, materials and gifts at the Spawn Shop at the Leavenworth NFH or Spring Creek NFH.

When you become a supporting, contributing or lifetime member, you receive the next tier gift as well as those listed above.

You may mail your name, address, phone, email and membership category desired along with a check to the following address:

Friends of the Northwest Hatcheries, P.O. Box 2044, Leavenworth, WA 98826

We invite you to attend the next Friends meeting. Contact Jenny Cooper (509)782-1190 or for more information.

Spawnsortunities

Spawnsors Needed

The Salmon Festival needs your financial contribution to make this huge event successful. You can become a booster club member by donating as little as \$25. Members who donate \$50 or more get a festival t-shirt. Contact Betsy McIndoe for specifics on becoming a booster club or corporate spawnsor. (509)548-6662.

Docents Needed

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to facilitate the Smithsonian folklife exhibit, Inspirations from the Forest. This exhibit focuses on artforms inspired by nature. If you have an interest in being a docent for the Samlon Festival, Sept. 28th - Oct. 1st, please contact Betsy McIndoe. (509)548-6662.



Volunteer for SalmonFest

If you are looking for something fun to do that will give back to your community in a big way or if you need community service hours for school or a club, consider giving your time to helping out with the Salmon Festival. No experience is needed, just a willingness to help out. Please contact Lynann DeJarnett for information on how to get signed up. (509)548-6662.

Become a Friend

The Friends of the Northwest Hatcheries welcomes you to become a member of this worthwhile organization. Meetings occur only once a month, taking up very little of your time, but the rewards are huge. You are welcome to meet us and find out what we are about at our annual meeting, September 7th. Contact Jenny Cooper for information on becoming a member. (509)782-1190.