

White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery Newsletter

Issue 13: *The Freshwater Folk Festival Issue*



4th Annual

Freshwater Folk Festival



October 4th



The Friends of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery will host the 4th Annual Freshwater Folk Festival on October 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The mission of the Festival is to promote understanding, appreciation, and conservation of freshwater resources and to celebrate the local natural history and culture of White Sulphur Springs and Greenbrier County. Admission is **FREE to the PUBLIC**.

Live Music by:



Everett Lilly and the Lilly Mountaineers with special guest Chance McCoy: Singer and mandolinist Everett Lilly is one of the great pioneers in bluegrass music and one of its most influential musicians. Everett and his brother, Bea (Michel Burt Lilly) began their career as a brother duet in the late 1930's by singing in churches and playing shows near their home in Clear Creek, West Virginia. Soon The Lilly Brothers became regulars on radio, eventually playing on such shows as the WWVA Wheeling Jamboree in Wheeling, West Virginia, further increasing their popularity. In 1950, Everett joined Flatt & Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys playing mandolin and singing tenor. In 2002, The Lilly Brothers & Don Stover were inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Association's Hall of Honor; the highest tribute that the bluegrass community can give. Everett and the Mountaineers will be joined by Chance McCoy, WV State Fiddle Champion.



The Rust Kings: Described as appalachian stomppgrass at it's finest, the Rust Kings' high energy live shows invite the crowd to "C'mon get yer hipshake on!"



Alliens: Alliens is a family affair at heart (the founders of the band being two brothers and a cousin) that appreciates cross-culturalism and naturally implements different grooves and rhythms together into what they like to call World Rhythm.



Children's Activities

WSSNFH and their partners have a wide array of hands-on children's activities planned for the festival. Children will be given a necklace upon entry and will have the opportunity to add new beads to the necklace as they visit each station. The stations will include live animals (snakes, hawks, turtles, mussels, crayfish, aquatic insects and other wildlife), wildlife track bandanas, fish prints, mussel magnets, All the Water in the World, Bugs Don't Bug Me, The Stream Table, The Crawdad Hole, Groundwater Jeopardy, animal skulls and fur, renewable energy hay rides, native plant displays, demonstration bee hives, fly-fishing demonstrations, fly-tying demonstrations, wildlife story hour, the hand-washing station and of course Smokey Bear! So bring the kids and enjoy a full-day of activities, food, fun and music.

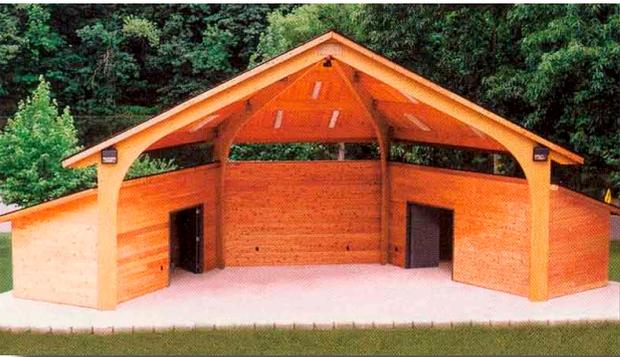


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Ribbon Cutting: Festival Amphitheater

White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery (WSSNFH) will be holding a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the national pilot Outdoor Classroom as part of the festivities for the 4th Annual Freshwater Folk Festival. The ceremony will begin at 1 PM and Congressman Nick J. Rahall II will be the keynote speaker. The ceremony will celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of the outdoor classroom, the Festival Amphitheater. The amphitheater will provide a permanent, outdoor venue for festival activities, seminars and other community events.

The National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act of 2006 called for the creation of pilot outdoor classrooms at national fish hatcheries and WSSNFH was one of only two facilities in the country chosen for the honor, bringing national attention to the hatchery, the town of White Sulphur Springs and the state of West Virginia. Our hope is to turn the hatchery into a "living" outdoor



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nature center to help connect children and their families to nature. This event is being coordinated by Matthew Patterson. For additional information please contact him at 304-536-1046 or matthew_patterson@fws.gov.

Hatchery Mission

Our mission is working with the community of White Sulphur Springs and our partners to be good stewards of both the environment and the historical significance of White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery by 1) providing recreational fishing opportunities, 2) recovering fish, mussels and other wildlife and their habitats and 3) promoting awareness and appreciation of our cultural and natural resources, for the benefit of all people.

Hatchery Information

Established in 1900 to produce fish for the American Public, WSSNFH became part of the National Broodstock Program in 1976. Since then we have shipped millions of disease-free rainbow trout eggs to hatcheries across the country. In 1995, the hatchery added



a new program, freshwater mussel conservation. Today, we provide shelter for mussels threatened by pollution and raise baby mussels to improve wild populations.



Hatchery Tours

Tours are available free to the public M- F, 8AM to 3 PM. Call (304) 536-1361 one week in advance to schedule a tour.

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