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## Whitewater Weekend

*Yagatta Regatta at Two Rivers Park is Home Base for US Freestyle Kayaking Team Trials with Music, Food and Family Activities*

Glenwood Springs, CO (May 22, 2009) - The 7th Annual Yagatta Regatta, timed to coincide with the U.S. Kayaking Team Trials, makes a big splash at Two Rivers Park Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31. The event will help welcome athletes seeking a spot on the U.S. Kayaking Team roster and set a festive tone for the weekend. A local's favorite, the Yagatta Regatta is best described as a rafting flotilla and costume contest that brings together the Glenwood Springs whitewater community. In addition to the raft race, spectators can enjoy Coors beer, pizza, barbecue, ice cream, nine live bands throughout the weekend, kids' activities and more at Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs.

The Yagatta Regatta events begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, at Grizzly Creek Rest Area where contestants will compete in a costume contest and race their boats to Two Rivers Park. Spectators can cheer competitors on as they arrive at the park. Meanwhile, preliminary and semi-final US Freestyle Kayaking Team Trials will take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day at the highly-acclaimed \$1,000,000 Whitewater Park on the Colorado River at the Midland Avenue Bridge. Here, top kayakers, about 100 in all, will compete for a spot on the team that will represent the United States at the World Freestyle Championship to be held in Thun, Switzerland in August 2009.

**No public parking will be available at the Whitewater Park;** instead, a free shuttle bus will operate continuously throughout the competition transporting fans from Two Rivers Park to the Whitewater Park a short 2.8 miles away on Devereux Road. Spectators are also encouraged to cycle to and between both venues. There will be limited bleacher seating available at the event on both the North and South side of the park. Spectators should consider bringing low-profile folding chairs and blankets for seating. Please remember the following safety tips throughout the weekend; keep a close eye on children as the river is running fast and high, lather on plenty of sunscreen, wear protective clothing, especially hats, stay hydrated and leave pets at home.

Admission to the 7th Annual Yagatta Regatta is free for veterans, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger, and free for children 3 and younger. Parking at Two Rivers Park is free. The Regatta is the primary fundraiser for Operation Vacation, a non-profit organization, which provides all-expense paid weekend getaways for deserving soldiers and their families.

In addition to the thrill of watching expert kayakers throw some of the best moves in the sport at the Whitewater Park, revelers of all ages will find plenty of activities and entertainment including musical lineups playing a variety of tunes both days from 11:00 a.m. to the end of the evening at Two Rivers Park. Kids of all ages will enjoy a huge variety of activities including a climbing wall, bounce house, pony rides, face painting, juggling and more. Food and beverage booths will operate both days providing everything from pizza to snow cones.

### Yagatta Regatta Music Line-up at Two Rivers Park

#### Saturday, May 30

11:00 – 1:30 Redtones  
 1:30 – 2:30 Anthym  
 3:00 – 4:00 Crowd the Fire  
 4:30 – 5:30 Skizofective  
 6:00 – 9:00 Rush Street

#### Sunday, May 31

11:00 – 1:30 Westley Martin Bank  
 2:00 – 3:30 Steve Skinner's Stimulus Package  
 4:00 – 5:00 TJaar  
 5:30 – End No Sleep Tonight

### Yagatta Regatta Activities at Two Rivers Park

#### Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31

Bounce House  
 Inflatable Slide  
 Pony Rides and photo-ops  
 Dunk Tank  
 Face Painting  
 Rock Climbing Wall

#### Sunday, May 31 Only

Jammin' Jim- Kids can watch and learn to juggle, make their own juggling balls and buy juggling gear too.

#### Field Day Events for kids and adults

Balloon toss  
 Spoon egg race  
 Softball throw  
 Wheel Barrel Race

### 2009 U.S. Freestyle Kayaking Team Trials Schedule of Events at the Whitewater Park

#### Saturday, May 30

9:00 – Finished Preliminary and Semi-final Competition

#### Sunday, May 31

9:00 – 11:00 Semi-finals (if not finished from previous day)  
 11:00 Finals Competition  
 2:30 or 30 minutes following the finish of finals - Awards Ceremony

### US Team Trials sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible:

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Glenwood Whitewater Park

### ABOUT GLENWOODSPRINGS WHITEWATER PARK

The \$1 million whitewater park, designed by Glenwood Springs-based RiverRestoration.org, is located on the Colorado River just upstream from the Midland Avenue bridge and I-70's Exit 114 in West Glenwood Springs. For more information, visit [glenwoodwhitewaterpark.org](http://glenwoodwhitewaterpark.org).

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