

## Apply for Antlerless Big Game Permits

You must apply online this year

Applications to hunt cow elk, doe deer, doe pronghorn and cow moose in Utah this fall will be available at the end of May, just like they have been for several years.

There is one change this year, though: if you want to apply for an antlerless permit, you'll have to use a computer.

For the first time ever, the Division of Wildlife Resources will not accept paper applications for antlerless permits.

You'll also have more permits to apply for. The Utah Wildlife Board has increased the number of doe deer, cow elk and cow moose permits that will be available for hunts this fall.

### 12- and 13-Year-Olds

This year will also be the first year that 12- and 13-year-olds can apply for an antlerless deer, elk or pronghorn permit (cow moose permits are considered limited entry permits, and 12- and 13-year-olds may not apply for them).



Hunters who are 11 years old, but who will turn 12 by Dec. 31, 2007, can also apply for an antlerless permit. They may not hunt until the day they turn 12, however.

### Application Period

Hunters can start applying for antlerless permits at 8 a.m. on May 23.

Applications must be received through the DWR's Web site ([www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov)) no later than 11 p.m. on June 19.

### Antlerless Permits

More than 7,800 cow elk, 1,700 doe deer, 340 doe pronghorn and 80 cow moose permits will be available through the public draw this year.

In addition to the public permits, many of Utah's private Cooperative Wildlife Management Units provide antlerless permits to the public through the public draw. Hunters can apply for these public CWMU permits during the application period.

### Change Will Benefit Hunters

Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR, says applying online provides hunters with several benefits.

“Receiving applications only through the Internet will allow us to process the applications faster,” she said. “And that means we can let hunters know sooner if they drew a permit.”

Hunters will know by June 29 whether they drew a permit. That’s only 10 days after the end of the application period and almost a month earlier than last year.

Receiving applications online will also allow the DWR to get permits into the hands of hunters before the hunts start.

Some of the antlerless hunts begin on Aug. 1. In the past, the time it took to process paper applications meant the DWR couldn’t post the results until the end of July. Because of the late posting date, the agency couldn’t offer permits that weren’t taken in the draw until the first week in August. By then, some of the hunts had already started.

“This change will allow us to start selling permits on July 26, before any of the hunts begin,” Tutorow said.

Applying online also helps hunters two additional ways: it’s almost impossible to make a mistake on the online application, and hunters won’t have to wait for a refund because a \$5 nonrefundable handling fee is the only fee they’ll have to pay when they apply.

The DWR received more than 28,500 antlerless applications last year. Of those, about 2,900 were paper applications. “Every year, fewer and fewer hunters are applying with a paper application,” Tutorow said.

If you have questions about applying online, please visit the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office. Computers are available at each office, and the staff at each office can help you through the process.

You can also receive assistance by calling the DWR’s Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

### **Fish advisories issued for six waterways across the state**

SALT LAKE CITY — Fish consumption advisories have been issued for certain species of trout in six popular fishing areas, including two in northern Utah and four in southern Utah after state officials found elevated levels of mercury in fish.

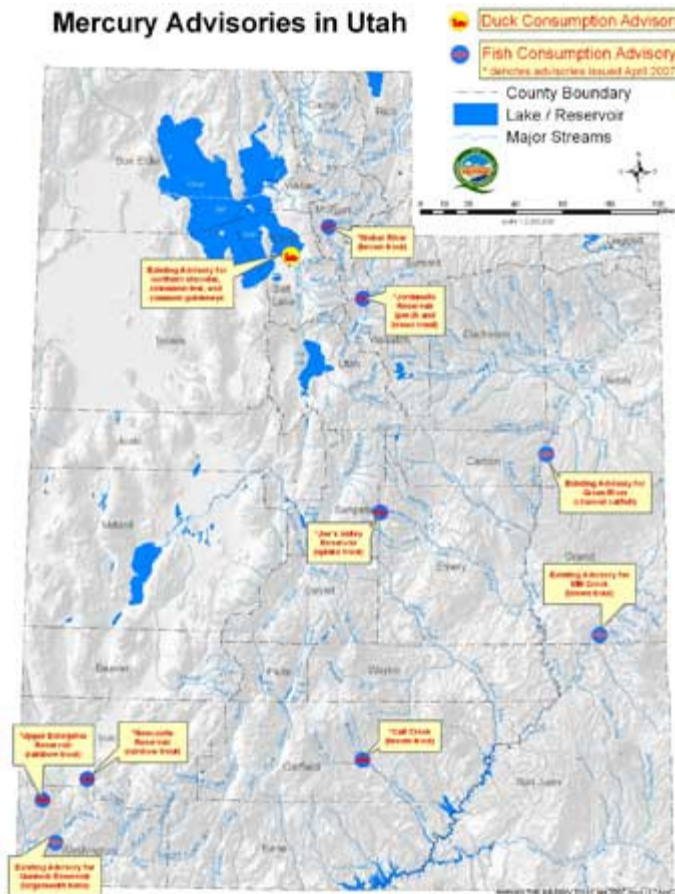
The advisories are in effect for brown trout from the Weber River near Morgan, Utah and Jordanelle Reservoir in Wasatch County; rainbow trout from the Upper Enterprise Reservoir in Washington County and Newcastle Reservoir in Iron County; brown trout from Calf Creek in Garfield County and splake trout from Joe's Valley Reservoir in Emery County.

Fish consumption advisory signs will be posted at access points to Joe's Valley and Upper Enterprise reservoirs stating that:

Adults should limit their consumption of splake Trout taken from Joe's Valley Reservoir and rainbow trout from Upper Enterprise Reservoir to no more than one eight-ounce serving per month; and  
Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children should not eat more than one two-ounce serving per month from either location.

Fish consumption advisory signs will be posted at access points to Jordanelle and Newcastle reservoirs, Weber River and Calf Creek stating that:

Adults should limit their consumption of brown trout from Jordanelle and rainbow trout from Newcastle reservoirs and brown trout from Weber River and Calf Creek to no more than two eight-ounce servings per month; and  
Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children should not eat more than one four-ounce serving per month from any of the locations.



Eating more than these amounts over a long period of time could result in an intake of mercury that exceeds the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health recommendations, according to an analysis completed by the Utah Department of Health. Any health risks associated with eating fish from the affected areas are based on long-term consumption and are not tied to eating fish occasionally. There is no health risk associated with mercury for other uses of the reservoirs, river or creek, such as swimming, boating and waterskiing.

Fish were collected from the waterbodies as part of an ongoing water quality investigation. Officials from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Department of Health, Utah Department of Natural Resources,

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and the local Health Departments worked in partnership to issue this advisory.

Information about the advisory and the health effects of mercury is available at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's [Web site](#) and each of the agencies' Web sites. The final report on the evaluation of mercury concentrations in fish sampled from streams, lakes and reservoirs in Utah can be found at the Utah Department of Health's [Web site](#).

### **Share Your Fishing Ideas with the DWR**

Please share your ideas no later than June 1

Even though Utah's 2008 fishing regulations won't be decided until this fall, Division of Wildlife Resources biologists already have some ideas they'd like to share with the public.

And the biologists are also anxious to hear ideas from anglers and others across the state.

"If you have an idea for a fishing regulation change in 2008, please share it with us," says Roger Wilson, cold water fisheries coordinator for the DWR.

"We need to hear from you no later than June 1. Summer is the time when we put our fishing recommendations together. We need your ideas by June 1 so we can consider them as we're putting the recommendations together."

All of the changes the biologists are considering for 2008 are available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/public\\_meetings/next.php](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/next.php).

"These potential changes are only proposals at this time," Wilson says. "We're very open to what anglers think about our ideas. We're hoping they'll let us know."

#### How to Share Your Ideas

In addition to the DWR's Web site, you can learn more about the biologists' ideas, and share your ideas with them, at any of the following Regional Advisory Council meetings:

##### Southern Region

May 15

7 p.m. Beaver High School

195 E. Center St.

Beaver

##### Southeastern Region

May 16

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

885 E. Main St.

Green River

Northeastern Region

May 17

6:30 p.m.

Western Park, Rm. #2

302 E. 200 S.

Vernal

Central Region

May 22

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High

School

165 S. 700 E.

Springville

Northern Region

May 23

6 p.m.

Brigham City Community

Center

24 N. 300 W.

Brigham City

If you can't attend one of the meetings, please send your ideas to one of the following addresses no later than June 1:

- e-mail your ideas to [DWRComment@utah.gov](mailto:DWRComment@utah.gov)

- mail your ideas to:

Sport Fisheries Coordinator

Division of Wildlife Resources

Box 146301

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Bass Fishing

DWR biologists aren't proposing any major bass fishing changes for 2008, but they'd like to start a discussion with the public about smallmouth and largemouth bass regulations in Utah.

"Right now there are six or seven different bass regulations across the state," Wilson says.

"We'd like to reduce the number of regulations. That would make it easier for anglers to know what the regulations are."

Wilson stressed that the DWR is not proposing any statewide bass regulation changes for 2008.

"We just want to get a discussion going so we can learn more about how people feel about the bass regulations," he says.



Among the changes DWR biologists are considering for 2008 are the following:

- allowing anglers to keep yellow perch at Yuba Reservoir in north-central Utah. The DWR is proposing a daily bag and possession limit of 10 perch. Between Jan. 1 and April 30, anglers would be required to keep all the perch they caught, up to their 10-perch limit. They would also be allowed to use dead yellow perch for bait at Yuba.



- lowering the trout limit at Woodruff Reservoir in northern Utah to two trout, and allowing anglers to use artificial flies and lures only. “This change would create a trophy fishing water in northern Utah and would also

protect the cutthroat trout in the reservoir. We don’t stock cutthroats in the reservoir, and we want to make sure we keep plenty of cutthroats in the reservoir for anglers to catch,” Wilson says.

- increasing the bass limit at Sand Hollow Reservoir in southwestern Utah to six bass. Only one of those bass could be over 12 inches. “The bass in the reservoir are doing really well. In fact, there are so many bass in the reservoir that they’re starting to compete with each other for food,” Wilson says. “We’ve noticed that the bass aren’t growing as fast as they used to. This change would allow anglers to take more of the smaller bass home. That would help the fishery by removing some of the smaller bass. The new limit would also protect the larger bass.”

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**

### **ROCKY MOUTH & GRANITE TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8am**

Meet at 8:00am for a light breakfast before hitting the trail with REI, Sandy Parks & Recreation and Volunteers Of Outdoor Utah to help fix up and protect two of our cherished Wasatch Front trails. All volunteers will be treated to lunch and an REI T-shirt. Check out

[http://www.rei.com/stores/store\\_events.jsp?store=81](http://www.rei.com/stores/store_events.jsp?store=81) for directions and registration information.

## **WORKING ON THE RAIL TRAIL**

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am**

Join the Mountain Trails Foundation, REI and Starbucks for a day of volunteering on the Historic Union Pacific Rail Trail. Meet at 9:00am for Starbucks Coffee and bagels at White Pine Touring in Park City. A short celebration of the Utah State Parks 50th Anniversary and recognition of National Recreation Trail status will be followed by a bike ride to Wanship for fencing and weed cloth work. The day concludes with lunch at noon by provided the Spring Chicken Inn at the trailhead. For directions and additional information, please visit [http://www.rei.com/stores/store\\_events.jsp?store=19](http://www.rei.com/stores/store_events.jsp?store=19) or call the Mountain Trails Foundation 435-649-6839.

**SANDY CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall property. The 10600 South has been reopened. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com) and click on the *stores & events* link. Attendance is limited to fifty participants on a first- come first- served basis.

## **HIKING THE WASATCH & BEYOND**

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Join Sheryl McGlochlin as she discusses her local hiking group where there really is "something for everyone"! You'll meet great people from all walks of life with ALL hiking abilities - young and old, strong and not-so-strong, fast, slow, etc. They offer hikes that are dog-friendly, kid-friendly, adults only, weekday, night time, weekend, evening, short, long, easy, moderate, hard, canyon to canyon, every season, far away, near by, and everything in between! Come check out her photo slide show and get excited about the upcoming hiking season!

## **GPS 101**

**Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation experts as they unveil the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of GPS receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. This presentation will be an excellent primer for people who are looking to get started with GPS use.

## **PACK LIGHT, PACK RIGHT**

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm**

Is your pack too heavy? Would you like to know how to pack lightly but still be comfortable and perhaps even have room for a few extras? An REI backpacking expert will provide tips for reducing pack weight without sacrificing product performance or overall comfort. Pack Light, Pack Right reflects the continuing evolution of the light-gear concept. Learn how the latest technology and materials are being used to create products that are among the lightest on the market, while maintaining comfort, function and durability. Clinic topics include clothing, backpacks, shelters, sleep systems, food choices and cooking supplies.

## **CHANGE YOUR LIFE THROUGH TRAVEL**

**Thursday, June 28th, 7pm**

Jillian Robinson, an award-winning travel documentary filmmaker, whose television programs have aired on PBS, The Discovery Channel, and in more than 45 nations, has traveled to 33 countries and lived in Italy and London. She took a break from her career to travel, and as a result, she produced a new book that shows us how to take back home what we learned, felt and experienced while exploring in our journeys.

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## **AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH**

**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

You've seen the major motion picture. Now experience a live interactive presentation of An Inconvenient Truth; The Planetary Emergency Of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It. This talk will be led by Michael Smith and Bob Vorwald. Discussion will be encouraged.

## **SOUTH: JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA**

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Please join international travel and nature photographer David C. Schultz for a slide and video presentation covering several of his recent trips to Antarctica and South Georgia Island. If you've ever considered taking a voyage "South" David will be on hand to share his experiences, suggestions, and photography of this increasingly popular part of the globe. In the past fourteen months David has made three voyages to Antarctica and the surrounding islands capturing images for his Park City gallery, West Light Images and for future publication. Everything from what to wear, when to go and how much Dramamine to pack for the Drake Passage crossing, to camera gear recommendations will be discussed.

## **ADVENTURE TRAVEL TO MAGICAL COSTA RICA**

**Tuesday, June 19th, 7pm**

For years you've probably heard friends rave about Costa Rica: its natural beauty, wildlife, friendly people, reasonable prices, erupting volcanoes, beautiful beaches, and the mysterious rainforests. You know what? It's all true! It's hard to imagine that there can be such diversity in landforms and wildlife in such a small country, but you'll soon be telling your friends about that amazing place called Costa Rica.

## **CHANGE YOUR LIFE THROUGH TRAVEL**

**Tuesday, June 26th, 7pm**

Jillian Robinson, an award-winning travel documentary filmmaker, whose television programs have aired on PBS, The Discovery Channel, and in more than 45 nations, has traveled to 33 countries and lived in Italy and London. She took a break from her career to travel, and as a result, she produced a new book that shows us how to take back home what we learned, felt and experienced while exploring in our journeys.



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## **SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:**

### **KIDS PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE PROGRAM**

**May through August**

Looking for a great way to get the entire family outdoors this summer? Now through Labor Day, REI's *Passport to Adventure* program invites kids aged five to 12, and their parents to go on three kid-sized, family-friendly hikes and bike rides recommended by local REI employees. Information for parents describing each of the hikes – none of which are too difficult for families new to hiking or cycling – along with driving directions and helpful tips are available at REI's customer service counter. While in the store, kids can pick up their own special passport-style Adventure Journal to jot down field notes, attach photos, create drawings, play games such as "Animal Tracks Match" and "Hiking Haiku!" and capture their thoughts about each hike. In addition to the keepsake Adventure Journal, children who successfully complete three adventures can have their "passport" stamped and will receive a free *Passport to Adventure* water bottle, as well as a certificate of completion commemorating their accomplishment. Parents can also enter for a chance to win a Novara child's bike or a children's REI Comet backpack.

### **REI ADULT CLIMBING NIGHT WITH SPECIAL GUEST JEFF LOWE**

**Thursday, June 21st 5:30pm-8:30pm**

We would like to invite you to attend Adults-only (16 & up) climbing night at the Salt Lake City REI store. This evening will feature a special slide show presentation by climbing legend Jeff Lowe from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Experience adventures and images on ice and rock from one of the world's top climbers! The climbing wall will then open at 6:30pm. This will be a perfect opportunity for beginners as well as experienced climbers to climb our one-of-a-kind wall on routes ranging from 5.5 to 5.13 in difficulty. You are welcome to invite your friends & family to attend. Participants will be treated to discounts and giveaways and will also get the inside scoop on the opening of Ogden's New Ice Climbing Park. Please RSVP via email to [espreng@rei.com](mailto:espreng@rei.com) so that as many of our REI certified belayers are available as necessary. Climbing harnesses of all sizes will be available at no charge, and climbing shoes can be rented for the evening for \$2.00. Whether you are looking to start climbing, train for next summer, or meet people with similar interests come enjoy an evening of climbing & camaraderie with your friends at the Salt Lake City REI.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

## **VENTURE OUTDOORS FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, June 16th, 3pm-9pm**

Venture Outdoors is a free, family-friendly event featuring live music, free kid's run, recreation clinics, entertainment, guest speakers, giveaways, education, special children's activities, and lots of food as part of the festivities.

There are plenty of things to do for everybody. VOF clinics are taught by



professionals who will spotlight activities such as biking, climbing, golfing, fishing, gardening, running, gardening, hiking, camping and many other outdoor sports. This non-traditional, recreation-101 approach, will give participants greater awareness and appreciation for the wealth of outdoor amenities in our state. Canyon Rim Park (3100 South 2900 East). Visit [www.millcreekoutdoors.org/](http://www.millcreekoutdoors.org/) for a complete schedule of events.

## **REI PADDLE DEMO DAY**

**Saturday, June 16th, 9am-2pm**

Get out on the water and test drive the newest canoes and kayaks. All abilities and ages are welcome! Drop in and stay as long as you'd like—it's a great chance to learn about kayaking and canoeing, check out new gear, meet folks from the top names in boats, and get instruction from REI experts during our free paddling classes held throughout the day. Plus, you'll get coupons good for 15% off great paddling gear. We'll provide the Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) and paddles. All you need to bring (or wear) is any clothing you don't mind getting wet. Location is the South Eastern Corner of Liberty Park, 650 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City. Visit [www.rei.com/paddle](http://www.rei.com/paddle) and follow the links for more information.

Also, check out the SLC Gets Fit Together Event also occurring at Liberty Park this day. This event is part of a fitness and healthy lifestyle program designed to encourage long-term habits of physical activity and increase overall fitness and well-being. Come on out for the kick off celebration with vendors, music, a 5K Fun Run, a Doubles Volleyball Tournament and an online exercise tracking program. Visit [www.slcgetsfit.com/](http://www.slcgetsfit.com/) for updates.

## **UTAH RIVERS COUNCIL/REI JORDAN RIVER PADDLE**

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**

Join the Utah Rivers Council and REI on a Jordan River float! Come explore a fascinating and diverse urban river run in your own backyard. This is a mild, family-friendly trip with canoe and kayak options. You'll also learn a little about the natural history of the Jordan, and about work to restore this city-slicker river. We will provide boats, paddles and life jackets. Space is limited, so contact the Utah Rivers Council to reserve your place today! Boats, paddles and lifejackets provided at no charge by REI. Limit of 22 participants. Register by contacting the Utah Rivers

Council at 801-486-4776 or email [sarah@utahrivers.org](mailto:sarah@utahrivers.org). \$20 required donation goes to support river advocacy programs. Check out [www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org) for more information.

## **CLASSES:**

### **REI/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GPS NAVIGATION DAY**

**Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am**

Spend a day outdoors and an hour indoors with navigation experts from REI and National Geographic to learn how to use your GPS unit in conjunction with mapping software. Participants should have some familiarity with GPS and/or have attended REI's GPS 101 evening clinic. You'll practice finding your way from point A to point B, first establishing where you are, and then where you want to go. Learn route-finding skills, such as: how to transfer waypoints from your PC to your GPS unit, how to use the U.T.M. grid system vs. latitude and longitude coordinates, and how to create your own custom maps. Classroom session takes place at REI Sandy, field session at Dimple Dell Park. Cost is \$15 for REI members, \$30 for non-members. Advance registration is required, please call (801) 501-0850 or stop into REI's Sandy location.

### **STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS**

**Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am & Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30am**

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support® certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities.

Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI Salt Lake City and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting) participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Cost is \$95 per person. Please register by calling REI's customer service department at (801) 486-2100. <http://www.bwls.org>



### **WRITE AWAY SUMMER OUTDOOR WRITING WORKSHOP FOR AGES 9-14**

**Mondays, 10am-Noon beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Let nature be your inspiration as you develop your writing skills this summer. Classes will be led by a certified writing teacher and will meet at a different outdoor location each week. Students will have the opportunity to spend time in the outdoors reflecting on the impact nature has on their lives, while learning how to express their thoughts and feelings through writing. All ability levels are welcome, as small classes will allow for individualized coaching. Class locations include: REI SLC, Millcreek Canyon, Red Butte Garden, Sugar House Hidden Hollow and Tanner Park. During the first class, students will create a hand-made flower press

to take along to each outdoor class. At each location, students will write about their experience in nature and find a leaf or flower to dry in their press. During the final class, we will put together nature journals using the writing and pressed flowers/leaves gathered throughout the workshop. Class size is limited – register today by calling REI SLC’s Customer Service department at 801-486-2100! For more information, contact Rachel Lowery at 801-680-7548 or email [writingswonderful@hotmail.com](mailto:writingswonderful@hotmail.com). A complete schedule is available at [www.rei.com/stores/19](http://www.rei.com/stores/19).

### **COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS:**

The following organizations are hosting public meetings and presentations in REI Salt Lake City’s Wasatch Conference Room:

#### **THE UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

The Utah Native Plant Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, conservation and responsible use of the native plant and plant communities found in the state of Utah and the Intermountain West. Visit [www.unps.org](http://www.unps.org).



#### **UTAH WHITEWATER CLUB**

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm**

The UWC is a small but dedicated group of enthusiastic paddlers dedicated to promoting the sport of canoeing, kayaking, and rafting. Formed in Salt Lake City in 1991 by a small but persistent group of local paddlers, the UWC now has membership into the hundreds. Activities and interests of the club include instruction, safety, organized trips, river issue advocacy, and having fun. Meetings and presentations are free of charge and open to the public. Check out [www.utahwhitewaterclub.org](http://www.utahwhitewaterclub.org) for more information.

### **FIRE POTENTIAL HIGH FOR PARTS OF UTAH**

(Salt Lake City) – As the 2007 wildland fire season approaches current weather and fuel conditions indicate the possibility of extreme fire potential in southwestern Utah again this year. Most of the rest of the state is predicted to have normal to drought conditions. Most of central and eastern Utah, especially higher elevations, may have higher fire potential than normal.

“Predicting our wildland fire season is not an exact science,” says Tracy Dunford, fire management officer for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. “However, indications are we’re entering this season pretty much the same as last year when we saw the heaviest fire activity in the southwest portion of the state.”

Most of southern Utah and some eastern areas are the last reminders of a prolonged drought. Moisture levels remain abnormally low with the U.S. Drought Monitor Index currently designating the area as severe. Snowpacks along most of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest are 50 – 60 percent of average and surrounding areas are about 70-80 percent of average which may indicate more potential for fires in the higher elevations.

“Once again southwestern Utah has the potential for a severe fire season this year. The heavier fuels are dry and prone to large fire growth,” says BLM Fire Management Officer Sheldon Wimmer. “As cheat grass in the western desert matures it will be easily ignited and have the potential to grow into large fires, especially when winds kick up.”

Federal, state and local fire management agencies urge everyone to be careful in their use of fire. As spring turns to summer and more people seek outdoor recreation the potential for wildland fire increases.

“As in years past, we are entering the start of this current fire season with a strong prediction of a major fire season. While there are never any guarantees as to intensity and duration, the public needs to be aware of conditions around them and act accordingly. We live in a fire dependent environment and the potential for a wildfire is always there,” says Mike Dudley, Fire, Aviation and Air Director for the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service.



Federal and state agencies continue to work with communities at risk from wildland fire to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Since the inception of the National Fire Plan, the USDA Forest Service, BLM, and Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands have assisted about 100 communities statewide in completing plans. Communities with those plans in place are given priority for funding of hazardous fuels reduction projects.

The latest information regarding Utah’s wildland fire danger, fire restrictions, fire updates and preventive measures can be found at [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

## **IRON MISSION EXHIBIT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF UTAH STATE PARKS**

Cedar City - Explore 50 years of history and get 50 percent off your entrance fee when you visit Iron Mission State Park Museum Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first 50 visitors will receive a free Utah State Parks postcard book.

Utah's state parks celebrate 50 years in 2007, and Iron Mission Museum recognizes this milestone with an interactive exhibit. Take a virtual tour of each state park, reserve a campsite, and plan your summer vacation.

In 1957, there were only three state parks: 1) Territorial Statehouse in Fillmore, 2) Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn in Fairfield, and 3) Pioneer Monument in Salt Lake City (later Pioneer Trail and This is the Place).

Today, there are 42 state parks and museums with reservoirs, sand dunes, kivas, wagons and stagecoaches, antelope and bison, trails, and more.

The exhibit at Iron Mission continues through September 3. Iron Mission State Park Museum is located at 635 North Main in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 586-9290.

## **2007 ON-THE-WATER BOAT SHOW AT JORDANELLE STATE PARK**

Heber - What better place to have a boat show than on the water? To launch Utah Safe Boating Week, Jordanelle State Park staff hosts the On-the-Water Boat Show Friday, May 18 from noon to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Get a great deal on a new boat and take it for a test drive before you buy. Nine area boat dealers will have a wide selection of boats and equipment, and offer great deals for this show.

Bring your boat and receive a free boat safety check by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. If your boat passes inspection, admission into the park is free.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be available at very reasonable prices. Jordanelle State Park dayuse fees are \$9 per vehicle. Discount coupons are available at [www.boatshow.utah.gov](http://www.boatshow.utah.gov).

Jordanelle State Park is located off US 40 at the Mayflower Exit 8. For more information, please call (801) 5387220.

## **UTAH STATE PARKS LAUNCH AND RESERVOIR CONDITIONS**

Please find below, launch ramp and water conditions as of May 7. All Utah State Parks campgrounds located at lakes and reservoirs are open for the season. Reservations are available by calling (801) 322-3770 or 1-800-322-3770 from outside the Salt Lake area:

Bear Lake State Park Marina: Launch ramp open, 42 degrees

Deer Creek State Park: Launch ramp open, 46 degrees

East Canyon State Park: Launch ramp open, 45 degrees  
Wide Hollow at Escalante State Park: Launch ramp open, 55 degrees  
Great Salt Lake State Marina: Launch ramp open, 46 degrees  
Gunlock State Park: Launch ramp open, 50 degrees  
Huntington State Park: Launch ramp CLOSED, 43 degrees  
Hyrum Lake State Park: Launch ramp open, 63 degrees  
Jordanelle State Park: Launch ramp open, 45 degrees  
Millsite State Park: Launch ramp open, 44 degrees  
Otter Creek State Park: Launch ramp open, 43 degrees  
Palisade State Park: Launch ramp open, 48 degrees  
Piute State Park: Launch ramp open, 45 degrees  
Quail Creek State Park: Launch ramp open, 59 degrees  
Red Fleet State Park: Launch ramp open, 54 degrees  
Rockport State Park: Launch ramp open, 45 degrees  
Sand Hollow State Park: Launch ramp open, 58 degrees  
Scofield State Park: Launch ramp open, 42 degrees  
Starvation State Park: Launch ramp open, 52 degrees  
Steinaker State Park: Launch ramp open, 54 degrees  
Utah Lake State Park: Launch ramp open, 59 degrees  
Willard Bay State Park: North Marina launch ramp open, 60 degrees  
Yuba State Park: Launch ramp open, 60 degrees

## **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CAMPGROUND UPDATES AND EVENTS**

Savvy campers have already booked their campsites for Memorial Day Weekend. Some campsites and group-use areas remain available. To reserve a site, call (801) 322-3770 or 1-800-322-3770 from outside the Salt Lake area.

State parks with individual campsites available include: Antelope Island, Bear Lake, Red Fleet, Starvation, Utah Lake, and Yuba state parks.

Overnight and day-use group sites are available at: East Canyon, Deer Creek, Rockport, Wasatch Mountain, and Willard Bay state parks.

Utah's state parks host a variety of Memorial Day Weekend Events, from star parties and Junior Ranger programs to golf tournaments and buffalo chip



tossing contests. Check out [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) for a full list of events.

## COLEMAN SENDS AID TO GREENSBURG

WICHITA, Kan. (May 8, 2007) – Following last Friday’s devastating tornado that leveled the town of Greensburg, Kan., aid is pouring in from both government and private sources. Among them, The Coleman Company, Inc. is packing a semi-trailer filled with gear to support the displaced residents in their time of need and also to help house and protect the dedicated emergency workers who are on the scene restoring vital services. The Coleman® products being loaded include lanterns and fuel, shelters, airbeds and pumps, food and beverage coolers, sleeping bags, and battery-powered lights – as much as the truck will hold.

According to Tim Daniel, Coleman’s vice president of special markets and the coordinator of the company’s emergency response team, the products lend themselves to multiple uses. “Today, most of what Coleman sells is designed for outdoor fun,” Daniel said. “But with this shipment, we’re hailing back to their original purpose – to provide heat, light, shelter and comfort for people living in the outdoors, and this time, it’s not by choice.



“Coleman is committed to providing support to people in need, but this time it’s close to home,” Daniel said. “The folks in Greensburg are our neighbors. Our hearts go out to them, and it is our hope that the products we send will raise their spirits, as well as support them and the emergency personnel working at their sides to rebuild their town.”

The truck filled with Coleman products leaves Wichita Wednesday morning for Greensburg, 105 miles to the west. “All of us at Coleman hope that those in Greensburg will use what we’ve sent and know that we’re with them and so is everyone else,” Daniel said.

The Coleman Company, Inc. is an international leader in the innovation and marketing of outdoor products, including its legendary lanterns, as well as stoves, tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, coolers, furniture and grills. Its products are sold and used all over the world. Coleman embraces its leadership role as an advocate for the outdoors, contributing to outdoor causes and inspiring people to get outside. Founded in 1900 and based in Wichita, Kan., Coleman is a wholly owned subsidiary of Jarden Corporation, and can be found online at [www.coleman.com](http://www.coleman.com). Consumers can contact Coleman by phone at 800-835-3278 or by e-mail at [consumerservice@coleman.com](mailto:consumerservice@coleman.com).



## News from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

The 24th annual World Series of Birding is just two days away! The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Team Sapsucker and scouts are already in New Jersey, scouring their route for specialty breeders such as Winter Wren and Golden-crowned Kinglet. On Saturday at midnight,



Team Sapsucker begins the 24-hour quest to find more birds in New Jersey than any other team.

We need your help! Please support bird conservation and help motivate Team Sapsucker by pledging any amount per species that the team finds on the Big Day. You can make an additional pledge for The Redheads, the Lab's first-ever student team. The Redheads (named for the Cornell "Big Red") will focus on Cape May County in the competition for "limited geographic area."

Longtime sponsor Swarovski Optik is covering the teams' expenses so every cent you pledge will help the birds.

Last year, Team Sapsucker won the competition with 229 species and raised a record \$180,000 for conservation. With your help this year, they may break the two-million-dollar mark in conservation funds raised by the Lab's Big Day team since 1984. Your pledge will fund the Lab's Neotropical Bird Conservation projects and assist undergraduate students who are conducting ornithological research.

To pledge or learn more, visit <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/wsb> or call (800) 843-BIRD. On the web site, you'll find the latest scouting report and profiles of team members. For a chance to win a pair of Swarovski binoculars, you can also enter your guess as to how many species each team will identify and what time the last species will be found. Keep checking the web site on the Big Day, May 12, for updates and results.

Please take a moment to visit our World Series of Birding web site and make your pledge to help us help the birds!



With thanks from Team Sapsucker, The Redheads, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

## FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS** Sergeant J. Shirley indicates that both Monticello and Foy reservoirs have been recently planted with 9-10 inch rainbow trout. Good fishing is expected. Both Blanding reservoirs have offered good fishing all spring with baits and lures. Bass and pike hunters continue to fish Recapture Reservoir, suggesting good success there.

**BENCHES POND** The ice is off. Worms are recommended.

**BOULGERS RESERVOIR** The ice is gone. Try nightcrawlers.

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR** The reservoir is ice-free. Worms or green PowerBait are suggested.

**ELECTRIC LAKE** The lake is ice-free. The best bait will be a dead minnow. Minnows can be caught in nets or minnow traps along the shoreline. Alternatively, baitcasters could try worms with salmon eggs, or PowerBait in green or rainbow colors. Fly fishermen should try wooly buggers or leeches.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES** The ice is off. No report on fishing success.

**GIGLIOTTI POND** The pond was stocked last week. Good fishing is expected.

**GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR** The U.S. Forest Service gate is locked.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK** Fly-fishing has been good with an elk hair caddis, blue-wing nymph or pheasant tail. Worms have proven effective for baitcasters. Panther Martins have been the ticket for spincasters.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK** State Park Manager Dan Richards believes that dam construction may continue until the end of the month. Due to low run-off, water levels will probably remain low throughout the year. Fishing pressure continues to be very low, suggesting poor fishing success.

**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR** (also known as **MAMMOTH RESERVOIR**)

The receding ice provides plenty of room for bank fishing. A few anglers who posted reports on bigfishtackle.com and the DWR fishing forum reported good luck with dead minnows, worms with salmon eggs, Berkley's Gulp or Rapalas. One angler showed a picture of his 23-inch tiger trout, which was caught last week. The reservoir is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout. As of June 7, using motorboats with 10 horsepower or more will be prohibited.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR** Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart typically fishes from shore at this time of year. He puts a whole chub on a minnow hook and throws it out. Sometimes he lets the chub sink and leaves it on the bottom. Sometimes Justin "swims" the chub back to the bank. Justin often fishes near the mouths of tributaries. From a boat, Justin likes to vertically jig a whole chub or chub meat over a break. Every spring, Justin lands one or more whopper fish using these techniques. Special regulations apply at this reservoir. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released.

**LAKE POWELL** Visit <http://www.wayneswords.com> for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS** If you're a fly fisherman, try a streamer for bass or sunfish at Ken's Lake. Hidden and Dons lakes are accessible. No recent report on these ponds. Conservation Officer Casey McVay reports that the gates to Oowah and Warner will remain locked until the Memorial Day weekend. The rest of the mountain lakes remain inaccessible.

**LOWER FISH CREEK** Try nymphs for 8-12 inch brown trout. The road from Highway 6 to lower Fish Creek is expected to be muddy and inaccessible for another 1-2 weeks.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR** Park Manager, Dan Richards reports that fishing has slowed down. The water level is rising--putting a lot of natural food in the water. Dan stated that rainbow trout up to 2-lbs. have been creelied by fishermen, still-fishing from boats and vertically jigging lures

and baits in 24 feet of water. Shoreline fishing is slow. The state park will host a fishing tournament on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Interested persons should call the park at 435-687-2491 for details.

### **SCOFIELD RESERVOIR**

Dan Richards reports that both Madsen Bay and Mountain View parks and boat ramps are open. Scofield State Park will host a fishing tournament on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The number of slots is limited. The cost is \$15 per entry. For more information on the tournament, call: 435-687-2491.

Aquatics Technician Steve Regrutto performed a creel survey on Sunday and Monday. He reported good fishing. Most parties were catching fish. Egg sacs are being used less frequently than a week ago. In fact, as the spawning season slows down, anglers using egg sacs will see declining catches compared with other bait anglers, says Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart. Many anglers are having good luck with PowerBait or nightcrawlers suspended from a bubble. A variety of lures have also been catching fish. The most popular kinds have been Jakes and Rapalas. Justin remarks that a variety of crankbaits, spoons and spinners will tempt strikes from actively feeding trout, which are now chasing red side shiners in shallow water. Fly fishermen have had the best luck with wooly buggers and leech patterns, stripped close to shore. At present, most of the catch consists of 13-15 inch rainbows, a few 15-inch cutts, and a fair share of 15-17 inch tigers.

If you'd like to see reports of waters around the state, visit the following Division website:  
<http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php>

### **Nevada Passage Stage One Results -- DESERT RUN AND SCRAMBLE**

**LOCATION:** Valley of Fire State Park in the Southern Nevada city of Overton – roughly 60 miles and an hour's drive from Las Vegas.

#### **WINNING TEAM: ACCOUNTANTS**

Tim Menoher, Erlanger, KY  
Linda Lindsay, Petaluma, CA

**RECAP:** The first day of competition in the third annual Nevada Passage adventure competition took participants to one of the most geologically interesting and scenic areas in Nevada for a desert run and scramble.



The Valley of Fire is Nevada's first state park – designated as such in 1935. It's rocks date back to the Paleozoic Era some 300 million years ago and the landscape is jaw-dropping beautiful with Aztec Sandstone - brilliant red remnants of ancient sand dunes jutting out of the earth at 45 degree angles.

“If you like red rocks, you'll love the Valley of Fire,” marveled Dave Nicholas, the race director for Nevada Passage. “They're simply too close, too high, and too magnificent to be believed.”

Amidst the splendor that nature provided, the 10 teams were tasked with running four miles on a winding road then one mile through a maze of slot canyons on soft sand and ankle-biting rocks. Towards the end of the scramble the racers were challenged to throw the atlatl – a prehistoric weapon used for hunting – at a target some 40-feet away. Hit the target and teams could deduct a minute from their run time.

Today's stage came down to which team could run the fastest together, as teams were mandated to finish no further than 10-feet apart.

When the gun went off so did the physicians – Peter Hanson and Caroline Colonna. The “Docs” took a strong pace off the front, followed by the accountants (Tim Menoher/Linda Lindsay) and engineers (John Madden/Lauren Kemp).



Roughly two miles into the race the accountants passed the physicians using an unusual tactic where Menoher (perhaps the strongest runner in the group) was literally pushing Lindsay, with his hand on her back, along with him at a frenetic pace.

“There’s no way I could have gone that fast without him,” said Lindsay. “It was awesome.”

Once in the lead the accountants never looked back and when they got to the Atlatl throw Menoher drilled the target to take another minute off their time. The pair finished the race in 39:47, and took another minute off by virtue of Menoher’s hit for a total time of 38:47.

The physicians were in the No. 2 position when they reached the Atlatl and trailed the leaders by just over a minute, so both Hanson and Colonna would have had to hit the target to remain in contention...but neither did. In fact, Menoher finished the afternoon as the only contestant to hit the target. Thus, the rest of the spots were determined by pure running times with the physicians in 2nd (41:22), the engineers in 3rd (44:36), the wild cards Phil Glenn and Lisa Bommer in 4th (45:22) and the journalists – Brian Metzler and Lisa Jhung – in 5th(46:49).

So the stage recognized nationally for its outstanding scenic, geological, and archeological features was dominated by the calculating speed of accountants and the defending champs are on top once again (*The accountants won the 2006 Nevada Passage – albeit this year Menoher replaced Nate Simonson who’s off on an adventure of his own trying out for the military’s special operations teams*).

After the contest athletes jumped on the Nevada Passage bus to Beatty, a two-hour ride to the site of the base camp for Stage two – a sand buggy challenge at Amargosa Dunes. *More tomorrow, from the Nevada Passage.*

## Stage Two Results --BIG DUNE CHALLENGE

**LOCATION:** Big Dune in the Southern Nevada city of Amargosa – roughly 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas on scenic Highway 95.

### WINNING TEAM: REALTORS



GL Brown, Ada, Michigan  
Tina Burgos, Houston, Texas

**RECAP:** Day two of the Nevada Passage adventure competition ventured to Big Dune – a rare and unusual series of rolling sand mountains that go on for five miles and reach as high as 500 feet. Despite wind and nature, Big Dune has kept its profile for thousands of years.

Today's stage put participants behind the wheel of a 30-horsepower sand rail style dune buggy in a race against the clock on a ½ mile figure eight track. Held in a sand bowl on the north side of Big Dune, drivers had to negotiate up three steep inclines and make sharp left and right turns back to the valley floor.

“The key to today's stage was all about momentum,” said Dave Nicholas, the race director for the Nevada Passage. “Drivers that could turn the least to negotiate the corners so their wheels didn't get dug into the sand could go the fastest.”

It also seemed that the lighter the driver, the faster the sand rail. As proof, the petite Caroline Colonna of the Physicians squad turned in the fastest lap of the day at one-minute, five seconds. It is a team challenge, however, so scoring was based on the combined lap times from both team members. At 6-foot-2, 190 pounds Colonna's teammate Peter Hanson simply couldn't get that single-seat buggy moving as fast, thus their combined time of 2:22.95 was only good enough for 8th place.

On a stunningly clear and picturesque 85-degree day in the desert the team that 'buggied' the best was the Realtors – GL Brown and Tina Burgos. The duo were the first team to drive by virtue of finishing last in yesterday's stage, and set the standard for all to come with a combined 2:19.45. The victory propelled the Realtors up five spots from 10th to 5th in the overall standings.



“That's why we're always on time to our appointments, because we can drive like that,” smiled Burgos.

Just five one-hundredths (0.05) of a second separated the Realtors from the runner-up Wild Card team of Phil Glenn and Lisa Bommer. Even closer was the battle for second as the defending champion accountants came in a mere one one-hundredths of a second slower than the Wild

Cards. With their third place finish today the accountants remain on top of the pack in the overall.



After the race athletes boarded the bus for an excursion in the ghost town of Rhyolite just west of Beatty. Decked out with Electra cruiser bikes, the 20 athletes cycled around to the historic sites of the mining town from the 1900's - visiting the old jail, school house, bank, a unique "bottle house" made completely of glass bottles, and the Goldwell Open Air Museum that boasts colossal outdoor sculptures created by a group of Belgium artists in the 1980's and '90's.

Tomorrow the teams get back on those same bikes for a relay on the million-year old dried up Alkali Lake outside of Tonopah and Goldfield.

*More tomorrow, from the Nevada Passage...*

### STANDINGS THROUGH FIRST TWO STAGES

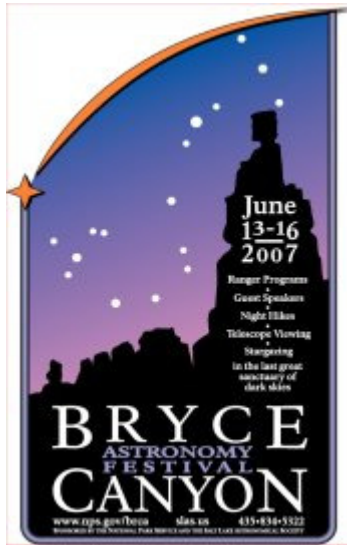
<b>Team</b>	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ACCOUNTANTS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Runner's World</i>	20	15	35
<b>WILD CARDS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Pacifico</i>	13	17	30
<b>ENGINEERS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Precor</i>	15	7	22
<b>PHYSICIANS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>GU</i>	17	5	22
<b>REALTORS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Live More</i>	1	20	21
<b>PILOTS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>XTERRA Gear</i>	7	13	20
<b>JOURNALISTS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Zorrel</i>	11	9	20
<b>ATTORNEYS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Paul Mitchell</i>	3	11	14
<b>PROGRAMMERS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Gatorade</i>	9	3	12
<b>PHYS THERAPISTS</b>			
Sponsored by <i>Travelocity</i>	5	1	6

*The Nevada Commission on Tourism is sponsoring The Nevada Passage along with Paul Mitchell, XTERRA Gear, Travelocity, Zorrel, Numa Tactical, Pacifico and Precor*

## **May Star Parties at Stansbury Park**

The Salt Lake Astronomical Society will host three free public star parties this month on Saturday the 12th, Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th, all from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Saturn and Venus will take center stage at all three events with the Moon joining in on the 25th and 26th.



The star parties on the 12th and 26th will be held at the society's Stansbury Park Observatory Complex (SPOC). SPOC is located at 15 Plaza in Stansbury Park and can be reached by taking Interstate 80 west from Salt Lake City to the Stansbury / Tooele exit (#99) and then following the signs south, first to Stansbury Park and then to the observatory. Drive time from downtown Salt Lake City is about 35 minutes.

Both SPOC star parties will feature a telescope specifically designed for use by those with disabilities.

The star party on the 25th will be held in the parking lot of the Harmons grocery store located at 5454 S. Redwood Road in Taylorsville.

Reservations are not required and groups are welcome.

All events will be held weather permitting.

Additional information can be obtained by logging onto the society's web site at <http://www.slas.us> and by phoning the observatory's information line at 435.882.1209.

## **Lake Powell Fish Report**

By: Wayne Gustavson  
Lake Elevation: 3602

May 9, 2007  
Water Temperature: 60-70 F

Warm days this week will finally put cold weather in the rear view mirror. Weekend storms have increased river flows, jacked up runoff and that will continue until the snow is gone with warmer days ahead. The lake is now rising 2-6 inches a day. It should come up four more feet in the next few weeks.

Bass have been struggling with cold fronts Bass spawning has been sporadic but there will be another spawning surge over the next 10 days where multiple spawning smallmouth bass will bring off one more nest of black fry. Rising lake levels will move the shoreline away from the

existing nests. Sight-fishing for spawning fish is not as good in May but catching spawning fish will great. Just fish deeper and further away from shore where the nests were made in April at lower lake levels. This week nests will be at least 2-feet deeper than when first constructed.

Warming water temperatures activate fish. Walleye have finished spawning (walleye) and get very hungry when their cold-blooded body finally warms up. They respond by eating early and often. The next 3 weeks will be the best time to catch hungry walleye. Fish in low light periods – early and late. Take advantage of boat wakes and windy afternoons to find murky water where walleye shade up to feed. Mudlines along rocky points, muddy coves, and mud covered brush are prime walleye spots during May.

Stripers are literally everywhere. They are in the backs of canyons, in mid channel and in deep water. Warming will make them seem even more abundant as the younger plankton-eaters will be caught more often. Troll, cast, or graph and bait fish – your preference. Keep all stripers. The smaller fish are better table fare and the bigger fish are fun to catch. Both sizes are equally caught on bait or lures. Stripers in the back of the canyons and coves are not boiling but they are “looking up” so they will hit a topwater lure early and late. It is possible to create your own boil from dawn to 8 AM.



Known striper schools in the southern lake are found at the Dam, Buoy 1, Antelope Canyon (mouth and mid canyon), Navajo Canyon (double islands and back of canyon), Padre Bay canyons (back of canyons), main channel at mouth of Friendship Cove, Rock Creek (directly across channel [east] from the floating restroom, and Oak Canyon.

At Bullfrog/Halls stripers are being caught at Moki Wall, mouth of Moki, mouth of Hansen Creek (north side – mouth), Buoy 90, Lake Canyon (mouth and just inside canyon) and in Bullfrog Marina at night under the lights.



Uplake the runoff is increasing and visibility dropping. Stripers were caught handily trolling from Buoy 118-119. All of the side canyons produce good fishing for all species and have clearer water than the main channel.

If you haven't guessed it yet, fishing is darn good right now.

## **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Partners with Renowned Biologist Shane Mahoney on Conservation Education Film**

### *DVD Tells Story of North American Model for Wildlife Conservation*

(Missoula, MT, May 9, 2007) — The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Shane Mahoney, a renowned wildlife biologist from Newfoundland, have created a DVD entitled "Opportunity for All." The DVD tells the story of the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation and spreads the remarkable story that is the basis for our conservation ethic.

With stunning wildlife footage, amazing photography and the wildlife biologist's gift for story telling, the video focuses on the time period approximately 100 years ago when we nearly lost our wildlife to market hunters and the absence of formal wildlife management programs. It was a time in which hunters and non-hunters rallied to protect wildlife. It's a story we all should know and one that all hunters and anglers can take great pride in.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Mahoney lectures widely in the United States and Canada on the future of hunting and sport fishing and the role hunters and anglers have played in conserving our wildlife legacy. He frequently addresses resource management agencies and professionals concerning their roles as conservation leaders in the 21st century and conducts workshops on this theme throughout North America.

He has also lectured before international panels on the environmental and economic impacts of forestry and marine fishery practices and has addressed major corporations on their role in conservation and wildlife partnerships. Mahoney is Chief of Wildlife Ecosystem Research, Newfoundland and Labrador Wildlife Division, Canada. He also heads Conservation Visions, Inc.

"Opportunity For All is a must-see video for anyone with an interest in wildlife conservation and hunting and the role that sportsmen and sportswomen have played in the last century to ensure that wildlife and wild country remain plentiful in North America," said Peter J. Dart, President and CEO of the Elk Foundation.

"We are very fortunate that Shane joined us to tell this compelling story," Dart said. "He explores our unique North American Model for Wildlife Conservation with passion and insight few individuals possess."

Opportunity for All was selected as a finalist in the prestigious International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula, Montana. A screening of the film will be held Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the Wilma Theater in Missoula. This year marks the IWFF's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the

Elk Foundation is proud to be a part of it. More information on the IWFF is available online at [www.wildlifefilms.org](http://www.wildlifefilms.org).

IWFF Executive Director Janet Rose says of the film, "It is an honor to be able to screen a film (Opportunity for All) on such an important topic. It is imperative that all people who care about conservation understand its roots and its history in North America. Shane is an amazing storyteller with a hypnotic voice."

Today's abundance of healthy wildlife and fish populations does not exist by accident. It's the direct result of the ideas and actions of early conservationists, Mahoney said.

"But the threats to wildlife and wild places are just as daunting today as they were 100 years ago," he said. "How successful we are in protecting the creatures and country that so enrich our lives will depend in large part on how well we know and support the North American Model."

Bulk orders of 50 DVDs or more can be purchased by contacting Jennie Wright at 1-800-225-5355 or [jwright@rmef.org](mailto:jwright@rmef.org). The cost for 50 or more is \$6.00 per DVD, plus shipping. Orders of fewer than 50 DVDs are \$11.99 each, plus shipping and can be purchased by calling the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's membership services at 1-800-225-5355 or going online at [www.elkfoundation.org](http://www.elkfoundation.org)

### **The Federal Farm Bill: It's for Fishermen, Too.**

Federal Conservation Programs Have Significant Effects on Nation's Fisheries

Washington, D.C. - May 7, 2007 - As fishing seasons open across the Great Lakes and Upper Midwest, Pheasants Forever (PF) reminds anglers of a debate this year that will have a direct impact on fishing and other recreational water activities for years to come: The 2007 Federal Farm Bill.

"Fishermen and women have much to gain from a 2007 Farm Bill that includes a strong framework of federal policies supporting natural resource conservation," said Dave Nomsen, PF Vice President of Government Affairs, "The Farm Bill's Conservation Title and its many conservation practices work to improve the quality of our lakes, rivers, streams, and fisheries at the same time those practices are protecting our soils and wildlife.

Whether you enjoy casting for trout, trolling for walleye or just canoeing down the river, clean water is something we all can agree on."

One of the most successful of these practices is the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, or CREP, a targeted method for retiring a state's most environmentally sensitive farmlands with an objective typically aimed at improved water quality. Through CREP, landowners receive incentive payments for installing specific conservation practices that help protect environmentally sensitive land. CREP programs across the nation help reduce soil erosion, subsequently reducing the amount of nutrients in the water, and safeguard ground and surface water. There are currently CREP's in 30 states that have created nearly 940,000 acres of new wildlife habitat.

Pheasants Forever has also joined fishing conservation organizations, including the American Sportsfishing Association (ASA) and Trout Unlimited (TU), and others as part of a 41 organization coalition supporting specified recommendations for the 2007 Federal Farm Bill. The coalition consists of the vast majority of the nation's wildlife conservation and sporting organizations.

"At Pheasants Forever, we often talk about the 13.5 million pheasants CRP produces annually. What people may not know is that Lake Erie walleye are responding to CRP practices in Ohio, Michigan rivers are being cleaned as a result of CREP, and Minnesota trout streams are teaming with fish because of CRP buffers," added Nomsen. "It truly is a connected web and our Farm Bill conservation efforts are strengthening every ecosystem in that web."

"The quality of our fisheries tomorrow will be greatly determined by the conservation work we do today," Nomsen said. "Anglers and hunters must join together at the forefront of the discussion concerning the 2007 Federal Farm Bill. Our children's stringers and game vests depend on our conservation efforts this year."

Pheasants Forever supports recommendations that benefit fisheries and other wildlife:

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - Reauthorize USDA's most successful conservation program and ensure the competitive viability of the program. Overall CRP acreage should expand to 45 million acres to enhance the benefits of CRP for water, soil and wildlife. Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) - Increase America's number one wetlands restoration program to 300,000 acres per year to improve wetlands conservation, mitigate wetlands loss, provide fisheries habitat and improve water quality.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - Gradually increase the WHIP funding from \$100 million to \$300 million over the course of the 2007 Farm Bill with a significant portion of new funds targeted for aquatic restoration activities, including instream habitat improvement projects. Forestry - Increase technical, education, and outreach to forest landowners through existing programs such as the Forest Stewardship Program and others. This will enhance management for fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation and timber production Conservation Security Program (CSP) - Reauthorize CSP and ensure it provides increased measurable and consistent benefits for fish and wildlife conservation. CSP should require fish and wildlife habitat improvement components for all program tiers and require that the Natural Resources Conservation Service engage federal and state fish and wildlife agencies and non-government conservation organizations when developing fish and wildlife and habitat criteria and assessments.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) - Reauthorize EQIP, increase allocation percentages for fish and wildlife practices, and increase opportunities for private forestland owners.

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, are non-profit conservation organizations dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant, quail, and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. PF/QF has

more than 115,000 members in 700 local chapters across the continent.

For additional information about Pheasants Forever, please visit [www.pheasantsforever.org](http://www.pheasantsforever.org)

### **Activities scheduled at Hailstone Summer 2007**

Meet and Greet Walk-about in campgrounds

May 25 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: Hawks up Close. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground with a live hawk. Learn about the adaptations and what role birds of prey play in a healthy environment. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

June 1 Rock Cliff Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Evening program: Bats at Rock Cliff. Learn about the importance of bats in ecosystems with a presentation given by Sensitive Species Wildlife Biologist, Kimberly Asmus. Mist nets will be set up in hopes to catch and release bats. Time TBA. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

June 8 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park



Walk-about program: Fish-niques. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn how to identify fish at Jordanelle and how to catch them. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

June 15

Hailstone  
Campground/Jordanelle State  
Park

Walk-about program: Keep  
Your Water Clean. Meet the

Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn about how easy it is to contaminate your own drinking water and how to keep it clean. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

June 22 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: Pesky Critter Crew. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground with the pesky critter crew. Learn the good, bad and importance of each critter. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

June 29 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: Staying Safe. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn the reasons behind rules at the park. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

July 6 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: Campsite Impacts. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn the Leave No Trace camping principles. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

July 13 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: Native Plants. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn about the native plants in the park and why they are so special. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

July 20 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park



Walk-about program: Who Pooped on My Head. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and find out the secret behind the problem with poop. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

July 27  
Hailstone

Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: The Odd Couple. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn about plant and animal relationships. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

August 3 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: Get Connected. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground and learn how we are all connected in the web of life. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

August 10 Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park

Walk-about program: We All Live Downstream. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground. Take a look beyond the lake and see where Jordanelle water comes from and learn where it goes. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

August 17                    Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park  
Walk-about program: Rock this World. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground to learn about the geology of the area. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

August 24                    Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park  
Walk-about program: Flying Mammals. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground. Take a look up and learn the importance of bats and the role they play in the ecosystem. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

August 31                    Hailstone Campground/Jordanelle State Park  
Walk-about program: Winter Adaptations. Meet the Naturalist Friday evening walking about the campground. As the seasons change so do the plants and animals. For more information please call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

### **Summer 2007 Jr. Ranger programs at Rock Cliff**

May 26                        Rock Cliff Nature Center/ Jordanelle State Park - Francis  
Junior Ranger program: Birds of Prey. Children age six to 10 are invited to the Jr. Ranger program from 11 a.m. to noon at the Nature Center to learn about birds. Birds of prey are an important part of our environment. Learn from a live bird of prey about what makes them birds of prey. Then take a walk with binoculars and look for birds. . Children will earn a badge and certificate. For more information, please call (435) 782-3030.

June 2                        Rock Cliff Nature Center/  
Jordanelle State Park - Francis  
Junior Ranger program: Flying Mammals. Children age six to 10 are invited to the Jr. Ranger program from 11 a.m. to noon at the Nature Center to learn about flying mammals. Bats play such crucial roles in ecosystems around the world that their loss would threaten countless plants and animals and diminish human environments and economies. Learn about bat myths and the importance of bats. Children will earn a badge and certificate. For more information please call (435) 782-3030.

June 9                        Rock Cliff Nature Center/  
Jordanelle State Park - Francis  
Junior Ranger program: Free Fishing day. Children age six to 10 are invited to the Jr. Ranger program from 11 a.m. to noon at the Nature



Center to learn about fish that live in Jordanelle Reservoir and to practice casting. Make a shirt with fish prints to take home. Children will earn a badge and certificate. For more information please call (435) 782-3030.

June 16                      Rock Cliff Nature Center/ Jordanelle State Park - Francis  
Junior Ranger program: Incredible Journey. Children age six to 10 are invited to the Jr. Ranger program from 11 a.m. to noon at the Nature Center to take an incredible journey through the water cycle and discover how water changes and moves within a natural system. Children will earn a badge and certificate. For more information please call (435) 782-3030.

June 23                      Rock Cliff Nature Center/ Jordanelle State Park - Francis  
Junior Ranger program: Pesky Critters. Children age six to 10 are invited to the Jr. Ranger program from 11 a.m. to noon at the Nature Center to learn about pesky critters. Learn about raccoons, skunks, rattlesnakes and the quagga mussel. What's the big stink about them!! Children will earn a badge and certificate. For more information please call (435) 782-3030.

### **Fire Potential High For Southern Utah**

Cedar City – As the 2007 wildland fire season approaches the potential for wildland fires is above average for extreme southeast and western Utah. Already, this year numerous small scale wildland fires have occurred in southern Utah.

Most of southern Utah is in the last reminders of a prolonged drought. Despite snow pack increase this winter, moisture levels remain abnormally low. These low levels are increasing the fire danger levels to above average or high rating.

The late spring moisture received is adding to the growth of grasses and other vegetation, especially cheat grass in desert areas. As the grasses continue to dry they are easily ignited and have the potential to become large scale wildland fires.

The 2007 wildland fire season has been predicted to be a major fire season. However, there is never any guarantees for intensity or duration, the public needs to be aware of conditions around them and act accordingly. Southern Utah is a fire dependent environment and the potential for wildfires is always there.

For the latest information regarding Utah's wildland fire danger, fire restrictions, fire updates and preventive tips can be found at [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov) .

Color Country Fire Officials will be holding an informative meeting on Monday, May, 7, 2007 in St. George, Utah, to discuss the 2007 wildfire season. For more information on this meeting please call your local agency representative.

### **Happenings at the Utah Rivers Council:**

**Utah Rivers Council launches Smart Sprinkling campaign.** On May 9, the Council held a press event at the University of Utah to launch Smart Sprinkling - a water conservation campaign that provides homeowners and big waters with practical advice and Utah-specific information



about ways to operate their sprinkler systems efficiently. Smart Sprinkling techniques will help homeowners and big water users have a beautiful healthy landscape while saving water, money, and protecting our rivers. For more information about Smart Sprinkling, visit

[http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=211](http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=211)

**Volunteers needed for Paddle Festival 2007!** Paddle Festival 07 will be held at Little Dell Reservoir June 2-3 and we need your help! Now is the time to think about getting involved with this super-fun outdoor festival and to sign-up to volunteer. We have many different opportunities, including cashiering, rafting instructor/assistant, raffle manager, parking monitor, lifeguard, and more. Please contact Chantal to volunteer or for more information at [chantal@utahrivers.org](mailto:chantal@utahrivers.org) or 801-486-4776.

**Get WHET with Utah Rivers Council.** Join us for our first annual Water and Habitat Exploration for Teens summer day camps. Your teenager will learn how to fish and paddle along with where our water comes from, where it goes, and how to protect it. For details visit [www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org) or contact Paula at [paula@utahrivers.org](mailto:paula@utahrivers.org) or 486-4776.

**Protect Utah's remarkable rivers!** Get involved with the Get Wild with a River campaign as part of our effort to ensure Utah's most outstanding rivers on Forest Service land are protected under the Wild and Scenic Act. The Forest Service is doing a two year suitability review of their rivers and we need your help. By "adopting" a candidate river, you will help us make sure our outstanding rivers get the protection they deserve. For information and a list of candidate rivers, please contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or [chantal@utahrivers.org](mailto:chantal@utahrivers.org) or visit our website: [http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22](http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22)

**Utah Rivers Council launches Rip Your Strip in Ogden area** - Homeowner Lorna Gehrig discussed why she converted her parking strip from grass to a beautiful low water use landscape to help launch Rip Your Strip. The campaign is already successful in the Salt Lake area and is starting to expand to the top of Utah. View the story at: <http://activepaper.olivesoftware.com/Repository/ml.asp?Ref=U1NFLzIwMDcvMDUvMDQjQXIwMDEwMw==&Mode=HTML&Locale=english-skin-custom>

**Utah Rivers Council opinion-editorial: supporting Wild and Scenic in Summit County.** The Forest Service is debating the future of potential wild and scenic rivers in Summit County and the entire State of Utah over the next two years. Wild and Scenic River designation is a powerful, yet flexible tool for river protection. It is not a cookie cutter approach to management, but is unique to each individual river. This Forest Service process is the best chance in decades for real river protection in Utah. View the entire op-ed at: [http://www.parkrecord.com/letters/ci\\_5847419](http://www.parkrecord.com/letters/ci_5847419)



## News/Events

**Farmers and snowpack.** Dismal snowpack this winter has farmers worried about adequate water supplies. Fortunately, rains last fall and water storage will buffer this year's spring runoff shortage, but water experts worry about what will come next. Read the Tribune's coverage at: [http://www.sltrib.com/ci\\_5825369](http://www.sltrib.com/ci_5825369)

**St. George to implement the first phase of its water conservation plan.** – The City of St. George announced that due to the incredibly low snow pack levels this past winter the city will be implementing the first phase of its water conservation plan. The measures being implemented will relate to drinking water and will primarily affect only residents and businesses. View the story at: <http://www.thespectrum.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070502/NEWS01/70502011>

**Mesquite, NV and Beaver Dam, AZ water supply report!** The USGS released a study that showed Mesquite, NV will face a water shortage by the year 2012 and Beaver Dam, AZ will face a water shortage by 2015. These cities are placing increasing demands on the Beaver Dam aquifer, which has been causing Beaver Dam Wash to have decreased flow. The USGS study concluded that a streamflow of more than 4,300 acre-feet per year is needed to protect resource values.

View the story at:

<http://www.thespectrum.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070429/OPINION02/704290325/1014/OPINION>

Visit [www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org) for updates and upcoming events!

## **Great American Backyard Campout June 23**

### **What: Great American Backyard Campout**

Sponsored by the **National Wildlife Federation** to encourage parents and kids alike to turn in their tv remotes, ipods, Playstations, computers, MP3 players, cell phones and all things high tech, and experience a night with Mother Nature including listening for



nocturnal wildlife (maybe even see a few), star-gazing, cooking over an open fire, telling stories about Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster, and exploring a whole other world right in their own backyard.

Last year over 60,000 families from around the country participated in the Backyard Campout. You don't need to go to Yosemite to experience the great outdoors and the wonders it has to offer. Just open up your backdoor.

Where: Backyards across America

When: **Saturday night, June 23, 2007**



Who: Families, friends, neighbors

Why: This initiative is part of a National Wildlife Federation campaign to rescue our nation's kids from what famed author Richard Louv calls "nature deficit disorder." Research now shows that kids spend an average of 44 hours per week staring at electronic screens, tv, video games and computers -- for the first time in our country's history, we have an entire generation that is growing up disconnected

from nature.

This can lead to a weaker immune system, greater dependency on ADHD drugs, lost creativity, less self-sufficiency, lack of interest in protecting the wildlife legacy they have inherited. To say nothing of the good old-fashioned fun they are missing.

The National Wildlife Federation is providing everything you need to head out into the great outdoors called your backyard. The web site has packing lists, recipes, nocturnal wildlife guides, exploration activities, nature guides. Check it out at [www.backyardcampout.org](http://www.backyardcampout.org). People can even sign up on the site to share their campout plans and experiences.

### **PLANET DOG FOUNDATION ACTIONS SPEAKING LOUDER THAN WOOFES** *\$30,000 in Grants Unleashed in Spring Cycle*

**Portland, ME (May, 2007)** - The Planet Dog Foundation (PDF), Planet Dog's non-profit arm, is proud to announce the recipients of their Spring grant cycle. Grants ranging from \$1,000-

\$5,000 have been awarded to Brigadoon Youth and Service Dog Program of Bellingham, WA; the Greater Austin Crime Commission of Austin, TX; Patten Free Library of Bath, ME; People. Animals. Love. In Washington, DC; the Service Dog Project in Ipswich, MA; and Southwest Harbor Public Library in Southwest Harbor, ME.

The mission of the Planet Dog Foundation is to promote and celebrate programs in which dogs serve and support their best friends. "The quantity and quality of grant proposals has increased with every cycle, and these programs rose to the top of an excellent field of applicants," says Kristen Smith, PDF's Executive Director. "It is clear to us that there is a need for canine service funding, and we are excited to do our part to help fill the void," adds Smith.

Based in Bellingham, WA, **Brigadoon Youth and Service Dog Program** operates in partnership with a local high school serving at-risk teens and other students with special needs. The \$5,000 grant will support the Paws Across Campus Program, that engages the youth of the community to help train dogs to perform tasks for children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities. The dogs go on to provide service for people with a range of disabilities, and include service, hearing, balance, seizure, social and therapy dogs. The semester-long program is bolstered by a reading curriculum, career guidance for dog-related job opportunities, fundraising activities, and therapy visits with dogs in training.

**The Service Dog Project** in Ipswich, MA has been awarded a \$5,000 grant. The program breeds and provides large breed "balance" dogs for people with mobility issues, enabling them to achieve more independence. They train primarily Great Danes for use with people with Parkinson's, MS and stroke-related impairments. The people who are partnered with these "gentle giants" get wonderful balance and mobility benefits and are freed from the need for a cane. The program is based on a farm in MA, and they visit the whole community during training, with therapeutic visits to nursing homes, schools and rehab centers.

**People. Animals. Love.** (PAL) is a pet therapy visitation program that brings people and animals together, brightening the lives of the lonely, easing the pain of the sick and enriching the world of at-risk children. Based in the metro-DC area, PAL utilizes 250 teams to visit 16 area facilities. Their \$5,000 grant will enable them to expand the number of visitation teams across the city. They make more than 16,000 visits each year that include hospitals, schools, nursing homes and most recently, Walter Reed Medical Center.

**The Patten Free Library** has been awarded \$1,500 to support their community reading resource for Bath, ME and five surrounding towns. The Paws for Reading Program helps kids from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade to improve their reading skills by reading aloud in one-on-one sessions with a trained therapy dog. **The Southwest Harbor, ME Public Library** also offers a free reader dog program to community children to strengthen literacy. The calming effects of a therapy dog in reading sessions have been proven to increase confidence, soothe nervous readers, and make reading time lots of fun. The \$1,000 grant will assist in growing the program's library and conducting outreach in the communities the program serves.

**Greater Austin Crime Commission** is a foundation set up specifically to raise money for Austin, TX police departments. PDF's \$5,000 grant will fund the **401 K-9 Program**, which provides first aid trauma kits, bullet-proof vests, medication and other necessary equipment for working dogs in the various police stations around the City, as well as various Federal and state agencies. They sponsor a range of conferences to train canine units in safety, first aid, and extra measures to protect dogs working in law enforcement.

In addition to the newly selected grantees, PDF is renewing support for two 2006 grantees. **Puppies Behind Bars (PBB)**, based in New York City, will receive a \$5,000 grant in continued support for the Paws & Reflect Program. PBB works with prison inmates to raise guide dogs for the blind and explosive detection canines for law enforcement. These puppies spend weekends with volunteers in New York City and as part of their socialization training, make visits to the often forgotten homebound elderly as part of the "Paws and Reflect" Elder Visitation Program.

**New England K-9 Search & Rescue** offers free search and rescue services to help locate missing skiers, hikers, mountaineers, children and elders in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. In 2007, PDF will provide a \$2,000 grant in support of advanced training and team development.

Planet Dog is a socially responsible, globally recognized designer and developer of innovative, high quality, award-winning dog products. A percentage of every Planet Dog purchase goes directly to PDF to support the grantmaking program.

"As a small company doing big things, we are proud to support like-minded organizations that will most benefit from our support," says Alex Fisher, Planet Dog's co-founder and Chief Creative Officer. "From the beginning, we knew we wanted to build a socially responsible company that not only enhanced the lives of dogs and their people, but one that also improved the world around us by giving back," adds Fisher.

To learn more about the Planet Dog Foundation, and all grantees, visit [www.planetdogfoundation.org](http://www.planetdogfoundation.org) . To learn more about Planet Dog, PDF's corporate partner, visit [www.planetdog.com](http://www.planetdog.com) .

### **NSSF Announces STEP OUTSIDE Sweepstakes**

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- The National Shooting Sports Foundation's well-known STEP OUTSIDE mentoring program now includes a chance to win a \$1,000 gift certificate to Bass Pro Shops.

"We are extremely pleased to have Bass Pro Shops as our partner in the STEP OUTSIDE Mentor Sweepstakes," said Melissa Schilling, NSSF's manager of recruitment and retention. "Their massive stores have become true destinations for America's outdoor enthusiasts."



Anyone introducing someone to shooting, hunting or fishing between April 30, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2007 is eligible to enter the sweepstakes. It's an easy process, and details are

available at [www.HuntandShoot.org/stepoutside](http://www.HuntandShoot.org/stepoutside). Five \$1,000 gift certificates will be awarded in January of 2008. Deadline for entries is Dec. 31, 2007.

Launched in 1998, the STEP OUTSIDE concept is based on the premise that men and women who are passionate about outdoor sports -- shooting, hunting and fishing -- owe it to the future of these activities to introduce them to newcomers. To date, the program has been a key element in exposing more than 500,000 people to the field sports.