



## News for Immediate Release

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### Salmon Festival Returns to Oroville for 16th Year

OROVILLE -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) invites the public to attend the 16th annual Oroville Salmon Festival Friday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Oroville festival celebrates the yearly return of Feather River salmon and provides attendees an opportunity to learn more about these majestic fish.

Three new venues will be added at this year's event:

- The *Salmon Court* offers food, olive oil tasting, and beverages for sale
- *Non-Profit Alley* features not-for-profit vendors and the *Live Like a Champion* program for a healthier Lifestyle
- *Aquatic Center Kayak Rides* will take place on the river, across from the Nature Center near the Hatchery

Events on Friday, September 24 include a salmon and tri-tip barbecue starting at 6 p.m. at the Feather River Nature Center on Old Ferry Road hosted by the Friends of the Feather River Nature Center. Tickets are \$20.

On Saturday, the annual Salmon Run starts at 8 a.m. in River Bend Park. Participants can pick a 5K walk or run, a 10K run or the kids' half-mile or one-mile fun run.

A traditional Maidu Salmon Ceremony takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Feather River Nature Center on Old Ferry Road. Admission is free.

Free tours of the Feather River Fish Hatchery start every half-hour from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., where salmon will be spawning. Tours are limited to 40 persons per group.

More information on the Salmon Festival is available through the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce at (530) 538-2542 or online at [www.oroillechamber.net](http://www.oroillechamber.net).

In addition to DWR, the festival is sponsored by the City of Oroville; the Oroville Mercury-Register; the Oroville Community Mirror; the Work Training Center; the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce; the Oroville Downtown Business Association; the Feather River Recreation and Parks Department; the *Chico News and Review*; Butte County Cultural Tourism; the Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation; the California Department of Fish and Game; the California Department of Boating and Waterways; Steve Seidenglanz; SFB; Recology; KCVU TV; KRVU TV; and The Blaze 103.5/Mix 95.1

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