

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for June 16:

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#### OPERATION DRY WATER AT LAKE POWELL

Page, Arizona– Utah State Parks boating rangers, in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and U.S. Coast Guard, sponsor a boating under the influence (BUI) checkpoint Saturday, June 27 at Halls Crossing Marina area on Lake Powell. Other local enforcement agencies will be assisting in the efforts.

Operation Dry Water is a coordinated, national weekend of BUI detection and enforcement aimed at reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities and fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water.

Curbing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities is a key to achieving safer and more enjoyable recreational boating. In 2007, U.S. Coast Guard statistics indicate that 21% of all boating fatalities were a result of alcohol use. This continues an upward trend in the percentage of fatalities where alcohol was the primary cause of the accident.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is a national nonprofit organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. NASBLA represents the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and six U.S. territories.

For more information on boating in Utah, visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it, Utah!

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#### IRONMISSION STATE PARKMUSEUM HOSTS SUMMER HISTORY PROGRAM

CedarCity--Iron Mission State Park Museumstaff invites children ages eight to 12 to participate in a summer history program every Wednesday until August 19 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Children learn about pioneering, cabin building, rope making, candle making, Indian life, Pony Express, gold panning, and many other aspects of western history. There are no textbooks, workbooks or pencils - just fun, hands-on experience. This ten-week program is affordable, as well as flexible, to accommodate your budget and busy summer plans. Buy a ten-week pass for \$15, a five-week pass for \$10, or one day for \$3.

For more information, please call (435) 586-9290.

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#### UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

**July 11** Jordanelle State Park - Heber  
Watersheds- Meet the park naturalist as she walks about the campground discussing the effects of dog waste on our reservoirs and drinking water. Hailstone campground is located on the west side of the reservoir. (435) 782-3030

July 11 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse  
**Threshing Bee-** Join park staff for the second annual Threshing Bee at the historic Fielding Garr Ranch. Event is dependant on grain being ready. (801) 649-5742

July 11 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
**Junior Ranger Program-**Discovering Rocks and Minerals: Have you ever eaten a rock? How about a mineral? You might be surprised at just how many rocks and minerals we use, and even eat, every day. Program is geared toward children six to 12, but anyone is invited. Program begins at 1 p.m. at the campground office. (435) 654-1791

July 11 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
Whodunit? A Wildlife Mystery- Join the park naturalist to uncover some of the mysteries of wildlife. Learn to identify common animals by what they leave behind through this fun, interactive program. Meet at the campground amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. (435) 654-1791

July 11 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn - Fairfield  
Travel back in time from 1858 to 1861 and enter the world of a soldier with Johnston's Army. Soldiers meet costumed interpreters, play 19th century games, drill, fire a 1860s period firearm, make and take home soldier craft activities. Equipment, instruction, day-use entrance fees and a fun outdoor gift are all included in the price of \$10 per group with up to eight people. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please e-mail [rockin@utah.gov](mailto:rockin@utah.gov) or call (801) 537-3123.

July 11 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Learn ancient pottery making techniques and create your own art! Mold clay into bowls, pinch pots and vases, and then decorate those using traditional methods of American Indians. Watch as your pot is fired in an outdoor kiln. Equipment, instruction, day-use entrance fees and a fun outdoor gift are all included in the price of \$10 per group with up to eight people. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please e-mail [rockin@utah.gov](mailto:rockin@utah.gov) or call (801) 537-3123.

**July 11** Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

**Huber Grove History Tour-** Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about the Orchard from 10 to 11 a.m. The tour is free and open to everyone. (435) 643-1791

**July 14** IronMission State Park Museum - Cedar City

**Story Time-** Preschool children can learn about the past through stories and history-related activities from 12:30 to 1 p.m. (435) 586-9290

July 15 Edge of the Cedars State Park - Blanding

**Hand-Drum Workshop:** Make your own hand-drum using elk hide and cedarwood in this one-day workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hand-drum can be a lasting work of art, as well as a unique musical instrument. Cost for materials and class is \$100. Pre-registration is required and \$70 material fee must be paid by July 1. (435) 678-2238

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