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SaltLake-- Sharing the fun and excitement of your boat with friends and family is part of an enjoyable boating experience. As the operator of the boat, you are responsible for ensuring your passengers understand basic safety practices. Before departure, have a safety discussion with your passengers on topics including:

- Importance of wearing a life jacket at all times
- Locations of critical safety equipment including life jackets, fire extinguishers, distress signals, bailing devices, first aid kit, and anchor
- Safety procedures if caught in rough weather, if someone falls overboard, the boat capsizes, or a fire erupts
- How to use the VHF marine band radio, make a MAYDAY call, and signal for help
- Alcohol and boats do not mix. It is illegal for the boat operator to consume alcohol. Boating under the influence is like driving drunk on an unmarked highway at night with no lights and no brakes
- As the operator of a motorboat, never leave the helm (steering wheel and throttle controls) with the engine(s) in gear, even to simply turn around and talk with your passengers

For additional safe boating tips go to stateparks.utah.gov/boating or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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LOW WATER LEVELS AT YUBA STATE PARK

Levan-- Due to low water levels, boat launching at the Painted Rocks boat ramp is not recommended and must be done so at your own risk. The main boat ramp, located off I-15, is open for use and is in excellent condition.

Camping reservations at Painted Rocks Campground are no longer accepted due to low water. Full refunds or transfers to other Yuba campgrounds are offered.

For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (435) 758-2611.

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APPLE HARVEST AT WASATCH MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Midway-- On Saturdays and Sundays through the end of September, celebrate fall at the Third Annual Apple Harvest in Huber Grove at Wasatch Mountain State Park. Pick and taste mountain-fresh apples, which come in several varieties and make great applesauce and ciders. Trees are pesticide free. The cost is \$3 per bag. Bags and extension poles are available at the visitor center. Due to the age and fragile nature of the trees, please do not climb them.

Huber Grove at Wasatch Mountain State Park is a 130-year old homestead, built and settled by Johannes Huber and family. Two of the original buildings remain on the grounds, along with part of the family's original apple orchard, which once numbered more than 22,000 apple trees.

Visitors to the Huber Grove can learn about the historic farmhouse, creamery, and the orchard through interpretative signs arranged throughout.

For more information, please call (435) 654-1791.

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EDGE OF THE CEDARS COLLECTION BOOK AVAILABLE

Blanding-- Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum staff announce the arrival of the new book Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum Collections. The book includes many beautiful images of Ancestral Puebloan artifacts from the museum's collections.

Detailed information is provided including how the museum came to be, history of archaeological research in San Juan County, and prehistory of the Four Corners region. Artifact and pottery types, styles, photographs, and stories of people who work to protect and preserve cultural resources are included.

The book was compiled and written by local experts from the area and includes a segment from renown southwest archaeologist Dr. Bill Lipe.

The book is available for \$29.95 at the Edge of the Cedars State Park museum gift shop. For more information, please call (435) 678-2238.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

- September 12 - 13 Dead Horse Point State Park – Moab
Up Close and Personal: Join a park ranger at the overlook from 10 to 11 a.m. for a closer look at the world in and around Dead Horse Point. (435) 259-2614
- September 13 and 20 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Uranium - the Passionate Heart of the Earth: Uranium made the atomic bomb possible, but there is much more to this element. Discover how uranium is ultimately responsible for the stunning landscape surrounding Dead Horse Point State Park. Meet the park ranger at the visitor center amphitheater at 8 p.m. (435) 259-2614
- September 17 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
We Shall Remain - The Navajo: Join park staff at 6:30 p.m. for a free public viewing and discussion of We Shall Remain: The Navajo. Navajo Educator Clayton Long leads the discussion on the first of a five-part series airing on public television in April 2009. (435) 678-2238
- September 17 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal
Fossil Mammals of the Uinta Basin: Dr. Beth Townsend of Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona presents a lecture on the fossil mammals of the Uinta Basin. Dr. Townsend has spent the last decade collecting and researching the fossil mammals. Lecture begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. (435) 789-3799
- September 18 – 20 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Pottery Workshop: Participants learn how to make pottery in primitive form. Through one-on-one instruction, local artists teach methods of pottery making, decorating and firing in a rock-lined pit. Registration and workshop fee required. karicarlisle@utah.gov or (435) 527-4631
- September 18 Green River State Park – Green River
Green River Melon Days Golf Tournament: Celebrate melon days by participating in this three-man scramble, which begins at 9 a.m. Registration is \$180 per team. (435) 564-8882
- September 18 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Bat Program: Are these creatures truly filthy vermin-filled with rabid and vicious mannerisms? Do you really turn into a vampire after contact with bats? Join Ranger Carpenter to learn the truth about these beneficial and necessary rulers of the night. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 8 p.m. for games, an audio/visual program and night bat viewing. (435) 259-2614
- September 19 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Junior Ranger Program - Campground Critters: Many little critters and creatures live in and around the campground. Find out who lives here, where they live, and what they are doing while you're out playing. Program is geared toward children age six to 12, but everyone is invited. Program begins at 1p.m. at the campground office. (435) 654-1791
- September 19 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Star Party: Join Ogden Astronomical Society and Weber State University for an evening under the stars. Participants can expect to enjoy beautiful celestial views (weather permitting), and stellar conversation with local astronomers. Meet at White Rock Bay at 8:30 p.m. If you bring a flashlight, please make it a red-colored lens. (801) 721-9569

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