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### **ROCKIN' UTAH WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Lake City** – Join Utah State Parks staff for winter ROCKIN' Utah programs. Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas, build snow caves, and more.

December 4 Territorial Statehouse State Park and Museum - Fillmore  
Old Time Christmas: Bring your family and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas the old-fashioned way. Make homemade ornaments, string popcorn for your tree, play games, make candles and create simple pioneer toys. This is a joyful event for the entire family and a great way to begin the holiday season. Activities begin at noon and conclude at 4 p.m. Registration is \$10 per family with up to eight participants.

December 11 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield  
Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp: Take a step back in time to learn about the lives and times of women at Camp Floyd. Participants wear period dresses, meet costumed interpreters, play 19th century games, learn etiquette of the period, construct rag dolls, learn period dances and more. This program is designed for youth eight to 11 and an adult must accompany participants. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Registration is \$15 per person and is limited to 24 participants.

January 15 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
A Day in the Snow = Fun: Despite the cold and snow, winter is more accessible than you might think. Strap on snowshoes provided by the park and head out on a short trek to an open field where we build snow caves, play snow games and enjoy Dutch oven soup. Later, we'll head back to the visitor center and warm up and wind down in front of a warm fire. Activities begin at the visitor center at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 35 participants, and registration is \$10 per family.

To register for a ROCKIN' Utah event or for more information about more activities, please call 801-537-3123 or email [rockinutah@utah.gov](mailto:rockinutah@utah.gov).

ROCKIN' Utah creates opportunities for families to explore the outdoors and learn skills to build their own connections with nature, and gain a greater appreciation of Utah's natural and cultural resources.

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## **YOUTH PERSONAL WATERCRAFT EDUCATION COURSE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**Salt Lake City** – Plan ahead for next year's boating season and take the personal watercraft (PWC) youth education course now available online at [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov).

PWC courses, which cover JetSki and SeaDoo-type boats, are \$34.95 and include a \$5 certification fee. Upon successful completion of course work, students can print temporary certificates valid for 60 days and later receive permanent certificates by mail.

Students are strongly encouraged to thoroughly study all materials prior to testing. If they do not pass the course, they must pay a second registration fee to retake it.

All youth, 12 to 17 years of age, are required to complete and pass the Utah PWC Education Course in order to operate a PWC on any water body in Utah. Children younger than 12 may not operate a PWC without a responsible adult onboard.

For more information, visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call 800-RIDE PWC. Wear it Utah!

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## **NEW ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE WORLD RECORD**

**Richfield** – Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree organizers received official word from the Guinness Book of World Records that it now holds the record for "Largest Parade of ATVs". The new record was set at the 2009 Jamboree with 1,870 machines, easily surpassing the existing record set by the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota with 1,632 ATVs.

“ATV use is growing all over the country, and with Utah's great trails and destinations, we are at the forefront of that growth as this new record shows,” commented Utah State Parks Deputy Director Fred Hayes. “Successful events like the Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree show that ATV use on Utah's public lands can be accomplished consistent with other multiple-use efforts.”

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## **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

December 14 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City  
Children's Story Time: Join park staff for stories and crafts for preschoolers and their parents from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This event is free to the public. 435-586-9290

December 18 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
Christmas at the Ranch: Celebrate Christmas at the Huber Grove Historical Site from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy an outdoor fire, guided tours, ornament making, and hot apple cider. Free to the public. 435-654-1791

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