

Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival returns to Butte Creek



The Patagonia Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival is coming back to Butte Creek and the Paradise Ridge for the Friends of Butte Creek's 2nd annual celebration on Saturday, April 19 at the Paradise Performing Arts Center, 777 Nunneley Rd. This year's program has been expanded to two shows. There will be a children's matinee with a special kid's program at 2:00. The evening program begins at 6:00. Doors open an hour before each show. Refreshments will be available, and delicious treats made by Dixon Ranch Cafe can be purchased at the concession.

Hosted by the Friends of Butte Creek in partnership with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and sponsored by the South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL) and Pacific Gas and Electric, this on tour film festival combines award winning environmental and adventure films with the energy of local activism. The festival makes the call to "Let Butte Creek Run Free" and you are invited to join in the efforts to preserve and protect the last, best run of the wild Chinook spring run salmon.

Here are descriptions of some of the films:

The Edge of Eden: Living with Grizzlies - Charlie Russell spends 10 summers in the wilderness of Kamchatka Peninsula rescuing and raising orphan grizzly cubs. This film is the 'best of the fest' and will be shown during both the matinee and evening programs.

Rita - The true story of two 7-year old girls, one American, one Nepalese, who become friends in an adventure in the Himalayas.

Oil and Water - Two kayakers embark on a 35,000 km. road trip from Alaska to Argentina in a retro-outfitted Japanese fire truck without a single drop of petroleum. *More information and trailers at: www.buttecreek.org*

Tickets are available at Paradise Performing Arts Center, Metagraphics, The Music Connection, The Country Touch, Fir Street Galleries and Whisker Pines.



Butte Creek Salmon Run

The best in the State!

The Spring Run Chinook Salmon of Butte Creek are the only run of salmon in California that had an increase in population from 2006 to 2007. Returns went from 6500 to 6800 fish, which is still below the 10 year average of 10,000. The increase comes at the same time as the hatchery produced Fall Run stocks declined by 80%. Butte Creek salmon are unique in that 100% of the fish are naturally spawned and spend every minute of their lives wild and free. Salmon recovery in California may be futile if we can't provide more natural habitat.

DeSabra Centerville Hydro Project:

Making hydroelectric production more fish friendly.

Ongoing relicensing studies are revealing a number of project modifications that will improve the aquatic habitat for salmon, steelhead and frogs. Increased flows in the creeks, screens, ladders and better temperature management will make the project more fish friendly and help to avoid massive fish die-offs caused by warm water like what happened in 2002 and 2003.

Visit our website for more information on the relicensing.

Steelhead fishing season was the worst on record. Better luck next year. Season is open Nov.15-Feb.15.

Report all fishing activity to Cal Fish and Game: 916-445-0380

Volunteer now for ongoing projects! Sign up at the festival.

- * Water Quality Monitoring
- * Salmon Tour Docents
- * Creekwatcher
- * Wild and Scenic Campaign
- * Environmental Education

Butte Creek begins at nearly 7,000 feet above Butte meadows. It is joined by more than a dozen tributaries as it makes its way to the Sacramento River. FBC has a mapping feature on its website that identifies most of the tributaries and many more interesting sites. Thanks to the generous support of IMRivers, we have been able to provide this mapping feature without cost to the organization.

Check it out at: www.buttecreek.org

Friends of Butte Creek is a 501c(3) nonprofit educational organization. Please join us in protecting this magnificent watershed. Send your tax deductible donations to Box 3305, Chico CA 95927 or donate online. For more information drop us a line at friends@buttecreek.org



Butte Creek supports the largest run of wild, naturally spawned Spring Run Chinook in California



News Flash*****

Giant 25 foot salmon sighted. Rumor has is it will be migrating through Chico April 18 to celebrate the return of the Spring Run Salmon. For more information go to our website!

