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Weekend Fishing Derby at Sugarite Canyon State Park

Raton, NM – Cast a line for cash, prizes and a boat at Sugarite Canyon State Park's Lake Maloya for the Annual Fishing Derby bright and early Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8 at noon.

"This is a great event for the whole family," said Park Manager Robert McIvor. "And Saturday is Free Fishing Day in New Mexico so you don't need a fishing license that day."

Registration for the weekend derby is \$10 and multiple registrations are allowed. Besides a great weekend of fishing, every registration ticket includes:

- Entry into daily drawings for door prizes throughout the weekend;
- Entry into a drawing to win a 16-foot Lowe 1648 MT Jon boat complete with trolling motor and accessories to be drawn on Sunday, June 8.

Register today at Sugarite Canyon State Park, Radio Shack, or High Desert Outdoors.

Catch a tagged fish during the derby to win instant prizes and be entered into Sunday's drawing to win four cash prizes - \$1,000, \$600, \$400 and \$100!

Free Youth Fishing Derby – Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish in two age groups: anglers 3-11 and anglers 12-17. Any fish caught as part of the youth derby must be alive when presented to derby officials to receive a prize.

This spectacular weekend event is sponsored by the Friends of Sugarite Canyon State Park, the Raton Kiwanis Club and Shirley Prince in memory of G.W. and Ruth Prince.

Fishing at Sugarite Canyon will continue to pay off even after the derby! Four special fish with blue tags are worth \$50 each. Fish must be brought to the Visitor Center to be redeemed by August 31, 2014, with the blue tag attached.

Regular entrance fees apply. Sugarite Canyon State Park is located about six miles northeast of Raton. From Interstate 25, take Exit 452 and follow N.M. 72 and N.M. 526 into the park.

For more information about this and all New Mexico State Park events, please visit nmparks.com.

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