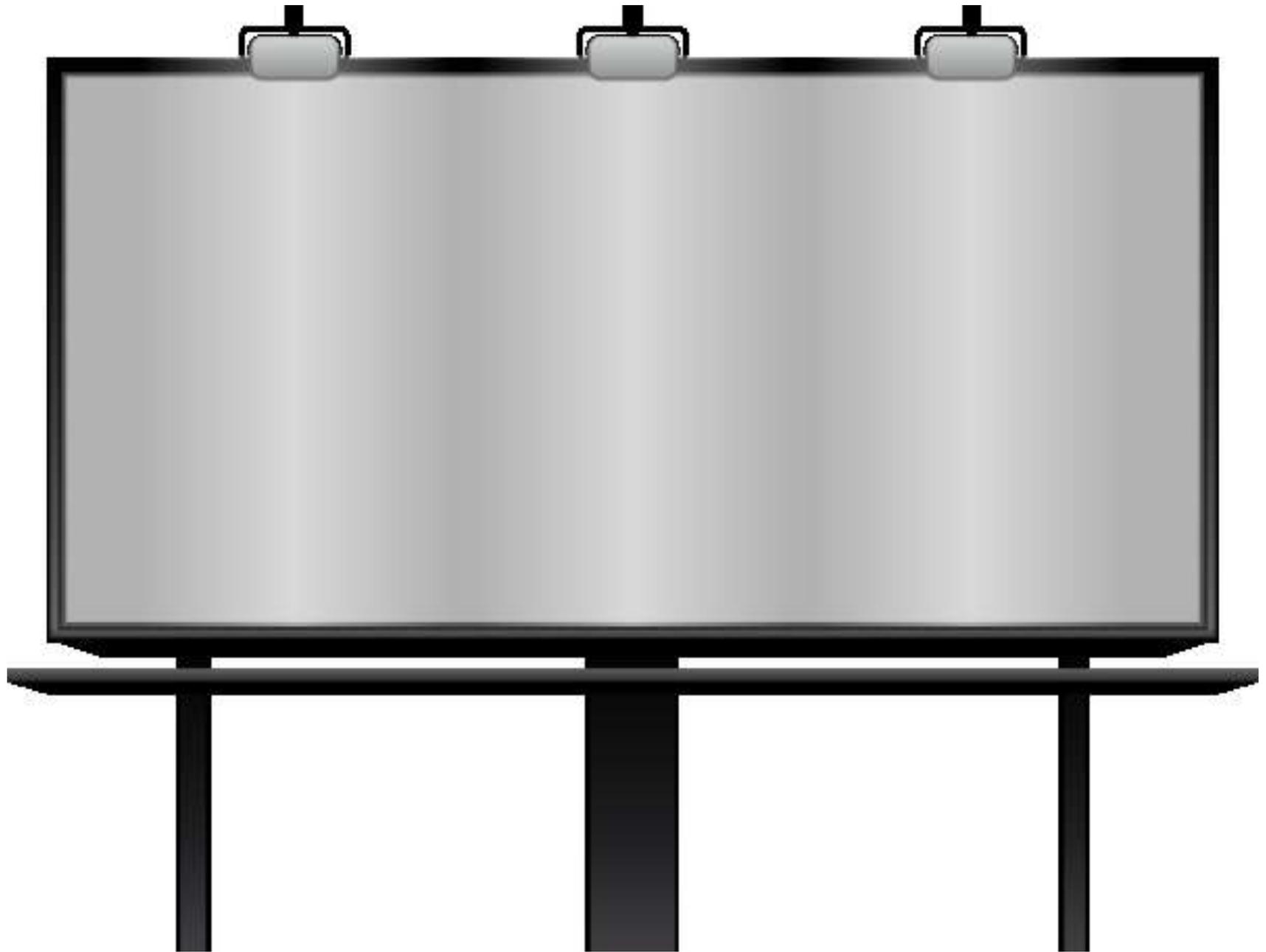


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Utah Lake Festival

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Enjoy free fishing, free food, and free activities at the Utah Lake Festival on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Utah Lake State Park.

2010 Utah Lake Festival – Free Fishing, Games, Food & Fun For All!

The sixth annual Utah Lake Festival will be held Saturday, June 5, 2010, from 10 am to 2 pm, at Utah Lake State Park. The purpose of the Festival is to offer Wasatch Front residents a chance to get outside and enjoy Utah Lake, experience its many recreational opportunities and offerings and learn about the lake's ecosystem, native species and the importance of stewardship.

The Festival will offer an array of activities for everyone, including the opportunity to make and wear fish hats, free fishing, canoeing demonstrations, a sail boat regatta, a water ski show, games and activities for kids, music and boat tours. There will also be free hot dogs, snow cones, apples, popcorn, cotton candy and water for Festival attendees. Park entrance is free during the Festival.

Attendees will also receive a "Utah Lake Festival Passport" at the Utah Lake State Park's visitor center. The passports are used to collect stamps from selected educational and activity booths. Once attendees obtain all of the required stamps they can take their passports to the visitor center and receive a free t-shirt and stickers!

The June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (JSRIP), a program designed to recover the endangered June sucker fish that lives only in Utah Lake, the Utah Lake Commission, a group comprised of local government officials and state agency leaders, the Utah Lake State Park and multiple municipalities surrounding Utah Lake are working together to put on this year's Utah Lake Festival.

Historically, Utah Lake was used recreationally much more than it is today. More than 20 resorts once dotted the shoreline. Show boats, with live music and dancing, took people out for excursions to Bird Island, airplanes landed on sandy beaches to offer people rides, and for decades boat races were held as a Memorial Day mainstay in the Provo Harbor.

Although there are countless stories to be told about Utah Lake's past, the Lake has much to offer today. Whether you visit for adventure or relaxation, this massive freshwater lake and its miles of shoreline are sure to please everyone.

For more information about the Utah Lake Festival, Utah Lake or the JSRIP contact Vesna Ilic at 801.364.0088, ext. 104, or visit www.junesuckerrecovery.org or www.utahlakecommission.org.

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Utah Lake Festival entertains, educates

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Doug Kleven shows his son, Zeke, 5, how to cast a fishing rod at the Utah Lake Festival in Provo on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

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Scott Root holds a barn owl before releasing it into the wild at the Utah Lake Festival in Provo on Saturday, June 2, 2012. SPENSER HEAPS/Daily Herald

Fishing, free food, sailing and more attracted large crowds to Utah Lake State Park Saturday for the eighth edition of the Utah Lake Festival. Informational booths gave guests the chance to learn about the natural ecology found at the lake while boat rides allowed them to see it first-hand.

"It's been really good," said volunteer Peggi Evy. "Bringing people down here, they get to know the lake, they get to know what the lake has to offer like fishing and boating ... a lot of people have come down and had a lot of fun. We just want to give people a good experience."

Reed Harris, director of the June Sucker Recovery Program, had a booth with his organization to teach people about the species, which is found only in Utah Lake and was almost extinct only a few years ago. "I think that any time we can sell the idea that Utah Lake can be better than it was, that's a good message for people to take home with them," said Harris. "Ultimately this lake is a huge resource for Utah County."

Harris hopes that as more people come down and enjoy the lake they will be more inclined to support further cleanup operations.



Reed Harris, center, and Scott Root, right, release a pair of barn owls at the Utah Lake Festival in Provo on Saturday, June 2, 2012. SPENSER HEAPS/Daily Herald

Representatives from the Great Basin Wildlife Refuge were on hand to give visitors another taste of the natural environment of the lake as they release a pair of barn owls that had been nursed back to health. People crowded around to watch the two birds fly off into the distance.

"People don't really understand wildlife," said Becca Mattson, a volunteer at the refuge, about releasing the birds so the public can watch. "They like to see it in action and then they care about it. We are encroaching on their habitat, so we are hoping people will be able to see how they can give back."

Patti Richards, director of the refuge, added that "there's too many kids that are on iPads and iPhones and looking down, and nobody is looking up any more. So it gives them another chance to look up and see what's going on."

UTAH LAKE SURVEY

1. Which of the following best describes your current view of Utah Lake?
 - A. It is a great place to recreate with family and friends
 - B. It is becoming more important as a recreation place in Utah
 - C. It is dirty/polluted and has little impact in my life
 - D. I have rarely/never thought of Utah Lake

2. When was the last time you visited Utah Lake (stood on the shore or in the water)?
 - A. Within the last month
 - B. Within the last year
 - C. Within the last five years
 - D. Rarely/Never

3. What is your favorite activity at Utah Lake?
 - A. Fishing
 - B. Boating/Water Activities
 - C. Shore Activities (picnics, bird watching, etc.)
 - D. Few/No activities at Utah Lake

4. Why is Utah Lake useful to the people of Utah Valley?
 - A. It provides water in time of drought/a place for water in time of floods
 - B. It provides fun places to recreate
 - C. It provides a pretty view at sunrise/sunset
 - D. It has little or no usefulness

5. Which word best describes Utah Lake to you?
 - A. Useful
 - B. Fun
 - C. OK
 - D. Unimportant