

PRESS RELEASE

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Friends of Eagle Nest Lake & Cimarron Canyon State Parks

Eagle Nest, NM hosts two outdoor adventures in February! Located in the Northeast corner of the Land of Enchantment, gorgeous Eagle Nest Lake State Park (42 Marina Lane , Eagle Nest, NM 87718) is the site of the second annual Southwest Snowkite Festival February 3rd through the 5th. Stuart Penny of Snowkite New Mexico is the organizer of the festival and will offer demonstrations, lessons & will oversee the snowkite poker tournament on the lake. Experienced and non-experienced folks interested in snowkiting or just being spectators are welcome! There will be give aways, the snowkite poker tournament, demonstrations, snow kiting equipment, an area to bar-b-que, an after party & much more! The fun begins daily at 10 a.m. An after party, including the Super Bowl game, will take place beginning at 3 p.m. at the Lucky Shoe with a cash bar & buffet, and The Damn Band will play beginning around 8 p.m. No cover charge! Sponsors include the Friends of Eagle Nest Lake & Cimarron Canyon State Parks, Eagle Nest Chamber of Commerce, Snowkite Southwest, Laguna Vista Lodge, New Mexico Parks Department, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, Liquid Force, Ozone, Desert Wind Kite Boarding & the North American Snow Kite Tour. For more info go to www.swsnowkitefestival.com .

Another outrageous outdoor event is the annual Ice Fishing Tournament also held at Eagle Nest Lake State Park on February 18th. Registration begins at 6 a.m. and the tournament ends at 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per category. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place will be available in each of the three categories of perch, trout/kokanee & Northern pike. It's all about length! The longest fish in each category wins...and if there is a tie, we will then consider girth. One fish per person per category please! Come join the fun with lots of giveaways & prizes, a wood fire warming area & hot drinks/snacks will be for sale by area non-profits. Sponsors include the Friends of Eagle Nest Lake & Cimarron Canyon State Parks, Eagle Nest Chamber of Commerce, New Mexico Parks Department and New Mexico Department of Game & Fish. Many of the Eagle Nest businesses have donated prizes for the entrant's enjoyment.

Volunteers are welcome for both events. Please call the Eagle Nest Chamber of Commerce at 575-377-2420 for more information about volunteering. Friends of Eagle Nest Lake & Cimarron Canyon State Parks, which help support the parks & events, will also be available with membership information.