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A day of Bluegrass at Discovery Center

Big Bear Discovery Center celebrates its 10th anniversary with a new event: "Bluegrass, Bluejeans and Beyond" on Saturday, July 26.

Spend an entire family fun-filled day with bluegrass, folk and country music, American food, nature-themed arts and crafts, gold panning and interactive programs, starting at 9 a.m.

The festival is broken into two segments. Dayfest is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with a slew of terrific entertainers taking the stage starting at 10 a.m. Don't miss favorites like Sligo Rags, Scott Gates and Pacific Ocean Bluegrass Bank, the Mill Creek Boys, South Coast, Bear Bones, Mountain String Band, Phil Cristie, Big Bear's own Holcomb Valley Boys, plus an appearance by the CATS kids.

As the sun sets the music heats up

during Eveningfest, with the Ramblin' Rangers and the SBNF Rangers opening. Headlining is the Black Irish Bluegrass Band featuring Michael Martin Murphey, plus Cody Bryant and Riders of the Purple Sage and hits "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Tumblin' Tumbleweeds" and more.

Dayfest tickets cost just \$10, while the evening performance is \$30. The best deal is the combination ticket good for both day and night entertainment, just \$35 if purchased by July 7. But hurry...only 500 tickets will be sold.

Music in the Mountains concert series in the outdoor amphitheater continues at 7 p.m. on July 5 with Cajun country by Doo Wah Riders, and July 12 with western music by Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave. Tickets are \$15.

Call 382-2780 or 866-3437.

Castle Rock Trail...

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that was dry in late June, it works through ponderosa pine, white fir and incense-cedar trees.

Soon partial lakeviews begin to emerge, never panoramic but always refreshing. In many sections hikers aren't really following trail at all but rather must use buried boulders as stepping stones straight skyward. And don't be fooled by the huge granite rocks that loom along the way—you'll know when you're there yet because Castle Rock is unmistakable in its

towering grandeur.

About half way a boulder section emerges and the trail is pretty easy to follow through, though there really isn't a wrong route. Rejoin the path on the other side of the rock section for the remaining walk to the destination, which takes form on your right.

Castle Rock looks much like a medieval fortress, right down to turret sections high above. The trail first approaches rock climbing sections, but unless you've brought rope and carabiners, continue up and around the rocks to the back section, where most people scramble up a small indentation section to the top. Not for the unsteady to be sure, but for those who can scramble to the top, the views are worth it.

Hang out for awhile and watch rock climbers hang around on their dangling ropes. Those craving more hiking can continue up the trail where it connects with 2N86, near the junction with fabled 2N10 (Skyline Dr.)

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Camelot...

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Nimue, played by Jessica Brown, is on stage. They add still more magic to a show that already has plenty, what with memorable tunes including the title song, "The Lusty Month of May," and "If Ever I Would Leave You," a glorious ballad immortalized by the late Robert Goulet.

Dreamworks vice-president and Big Bear resident Ty Warren plays Pellinore. In *Broadway* he sang the *Phantom of the Opera* numbers and last fall was double cast as Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*. Plans call for him to appear as the monarch in the planned summer 2009 production of *The King and I*.

Others in the 70-plus member cast include Steve Combs are Merlyn, Paul Mitton as Sir Dinadan, Kyle Gassmeyer as Sir Lionel, Joe Sellarole as Sir Sagamore, Jessica Brown as Nimue, Alicia Jiminez as Morgan Le Fey, and director Cassling's son Spencer as Tom of Warwick. Plus a special chorus of Big Bear favorites as the Lords and Ladies of Camelot. With colorful costumes, swords, and sets including a 40-foot tall silhouette of Camelot, the show is full of fan fare.

About the only part of *Camelot* that isn't magical is the ending. "This is not a happy story where everyone falls in love," Cassling says. "At the end nobody really gets what they want, but they put aside their own needs for the greater good. That's the important message of the show."

Tickets prices vary by date and location, ranging from \$9.95-\$22.95, seniors \$8.95-\$20.95, child \$6.95-\$15.95—see the calendar on page 13. For a production of this splendid quality, you would expect to pay \$50 and up!

Call the PAC at 866-4970.

July 4th holiday...

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homemade jams, spas and more. Some crafters make their wares on site. There's also a special children's area with petting zoo, bounce houses and face painting.

When hunger strikes hit Wyatt's Cafe and Saloon for half-pound burgers, fresh grilled brats, shaved ice, kettle korn, hot dogs and cotton candy. Doors open at 10 a.m. each day and admission is just \$3 (12 and under free), and there's a two-for-one coupon on page 9 valid Saturday and Sunday. Call 585-3000.

Zooccasion at Moonridge Animal Park has wildlife drawings, contests and educational activities for children on tap July 5-6 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Kids can color their own snakes and then turn them into snake mobiles and at 11:30 there's Native American animal stories. Plus there's noon animal presentations and 3 p.m. Feeding Frenzy tours, included in regular zoo admission of \$9, \$6 seniors/3-10. 584-1171.

Other holiday highlights include the 10th annual **Tribute to America and Our Veterans** on July 3 and 5 at 7 p.m. at North Shore Elementary (North Shore & Stanfield Cutoff). The free show, sponsored by Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church and directed by KJ Barto, features patriotic music by Bear Valley Community Chorus. Call 866-6603.