

# Wet or dry, rides are wild at Slide

Wet or dry, Alpine Slide has your ride. To beat the heat splish and splash on the water slide, where two side-by-side flumes filled with solar-heated water take riders on a wet, wild ride. Whip through a maze of twisting turns and straightaways, before making a splash into the pool at the bottom.

Lay on your back and shoot the tubes like a torpedo and you'll enjoy an incred-

ibly fast trip down. Sit up and you'll slow down before being deposited into the water. Water slide rides are inexpensive—a buck each, ten for \$8 or all day for \$12.

For a hot time try the famous Alpine Slide sleds, about as close to Olympic bobsledding as most of us will ever get. Riders are in charge of their own destiny as they navigate two quarter-mile cement tracks filled with banked turns and long



Beat the heat on Alpine Slide's double water slide

## Bands, beach, bashes at B's BBQ

From Mexican independence to German Oktoberfest, there's a world of fun in September at Big Bear's lakeside hangout. And that's not even counting volleyball on the beach and bands on the deck. From horseshoes and weeknight karaoke to Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 4 there's a myriad of reasons to beat the heat lakeside at B's Backyard Bar-B-Que and the adjacent Boathouse lounge and beach.

Family Fun Day on Sept. 4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. is out in the park with bounce house, pinatas, games and prizes. It's a precursor to Local's Appreciation Day on Sept. 6, with \$1 tacos, hot dogs, even beers. In between there's Bands on the Beach on Sunday, Sept. 5 while Ron Bertorello and Full Deck plays on the deck over Labor Day weekend.

Mark Mexican Independence Day on the beach Sept. 12 from 1-8 p.m. The fiesta features \$1 carne asada tacos, bounce house for the kids, plus burgers, hot dogs, draft and bottled beer are available. Enjoy

rock-pop band Hormiga and karaoke with Funny Mr. DJ and DJ Li Berta.

In the restaurant, enjoy great comfort foods and Oktoberfest with Hungarian goulash, knockwurst and sauerkraut. Plus there's German beers for just four bucks. Or just savor the barbecue delights B's is known for, like pulled pork slow-cooked for 16 hours in the 3,500 lb. wood smoker, ribs, steaks, seafood and much more.

Friday's the night for all-you-can-eat fish and chips at B's Backyard (\$12.99). The restaurant uses real Icelandic cod dipped liberally in batter, served with a mountain of French fries.

Saturdays and Sundays see breakfast at B's, with traditional favorites served with beautiful lake views. Catch the popular Bloody Mary bar, where guests choose from different mixes and fixin's to create their own morning jumpstart...\$3 each!

B's Boathouse is at 350 Alden Rd. off the boulevard east of Pine Knot. 866-5400.

straightaways aboard sleds sporting teflon runners and ball-bearing wheels that they actually control.

Make no mistake, this is no mass transit amusement park attraction, where there's typically little or no interaction by the rider. Skill does matter, as riders use just enough brake to stay in control and lean into each turn to garner momentum. They can tuck for less wind resistance like Olympians do down straightaways to go still faster. Or just let the brake do the work to go slower...the choice is yours.

In short, skill plays a big role in determining the experience guests enjoy, and with the Alpine Slide, like any other sport, riders improve the more they do it. No two trips down are ever quite the same, and the Alpine Slide experience is a completely unique one, since there isn't another one west of Colorado.

Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain also features the Putt `N Around go-karts and 18-hole miniature golf course, filled with water hazards, breaking greens and "sand traps." New Can Am go-karts sport 5.5 horsepower Honda motors and a slew of safety features.

The area is open daily through September 12, then weekends only till its Lenko snow guns fire up in late October or November. Alpine Slide offers worldclass inner tubing experience with Magic Carpet uphill lift, nightly grooming and tons of snow as it builds a base that eventually tops out at 30 feet high or more.

Plus night tubing sessions are legendary, as the snow gets faster when the stars come out. Held Fridays, Saturdays and holiday periods, tubing under the lights is wild and spooky.

Call Alpine Slide at (909) 866-4626.

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