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Multiple Outdoor Activities this Weekend at Lake Fork & Winnsboro Rodeo, Including Free Events

Rodeo, "The Great Dam Race" 1K/5K Walk/Run, Kids Activities, Bass Tournament, Free Live Outdoor Concert Bellamy Brothers, Bobby Irwin, Kids Activities

[EVENT NEWS, Winnsboro, Wood County, TX] <u>Rodeo</u> - MAY 19, 20, 21, 2022, 7 P.M. nightly; gates open at 6 p.m. Location: 937 Wheeler Dr, Winnsboro, TX

- May 19: THURSDAY; everyone is FREE thanks to Heroes Ranch and Winnsboro Livestock and Dairy Auction
- May 20: FRIDAY "Family Night"; everyone is FREE, sponsored by Wood County Cowboy Church
- May 21: SATURDAY, WRA Parade 10 a.m. through Winnsboro;
- May 21: Saturday, Rodeo at 7 p.m. Admission ages 12 & up \$10; 6 12 is \$5, under 5 free

Thursday and Friday, FREE nights, stadium arena holds about 5,000+ folks. 937 Wheeler Dr., Winnsboro, TX, adjacent to the Winnsboro city park. Concessions on site.

This is the 62nd Annual WRA Rodeo is hosted by the Winnsboro Rodeo Association. Rodeo Events Grand Entry on Thursday evening, Parade on Saturday through Winnsboro, and rodeo events: bull riding, breakaway roping, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, calf scramble, mutton bustin', cowgirl's barrel racing, junior barrel racing, steer wrestling, team roping and wild steer saddling.

Friday night is a special "Family Night", with WRA officials posting, "We are so excited to bring our specialty act, "Aladdin" to Winnsboro Rodeo Arena Bring the kiddos and have the opportunity to meet and greet with cast of Aladdin- AND - we hear they may be bringing a few special guest characters along with them for some autographs & pictures as well." The Texas Spirit Riders are a Rodeo Drill Team. We are a group of ladies dedicated to promoting the sport of Equestrian Drill Team. The WRA Rodeo stock contractor is Champion Rodeo Company, UPRA, CPRA, LRCA.

The Great Dam Race at Lake Fork & Bellamy Brothers & Bassmaster Tournament Saturday, May 21, 2022 9:30 a.m. [Wood County, TX] [HEALTH / SPORT EVENT] Location: 353 Private Road 5183 Quitman, TX 75783, Sabine River Authority headquarter "Come race with us across the Lake Fork Dam on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. ...

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"The Great Dam Race" is a rare opportunity to view Lake Fork from the top of the dam during this timed 5K. Bring the whole family, because following, there's an free 1-Mile Family Fun Dam Walk/Run. It will all take place at SRA's Lake Fork Reservoir during the 2022 Simms Bassmaster Elite Fishing Tournament.

This unique race experience benefits a worth cause of the Pilot Club of Quitman, a non-profit charitable organization focused on brain health. Register here: *https://tinyurl.com/28yzp65j*.

The event details and schedule includes as follows: "Packet Pickup: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:30 - 6:30 at FUMC Quitman Joy Hall Portico at 207 N. Goldsmith St. Quitman, TX. On Race day at the race site 9:30 - 10:30, Race Day Schedule: May 21, 2022, 9:30-10:30am On-Site Registration and Packet Pickup, 11:00am 5K Start, 1 mile walk/run to begin after 5K course cleared - approximately 11:45am (course open until 2:00 p.m.)

"There will be concerts, vendors, and a whole lot more, so plan to make a day of it. After the race there will be several opportunities to join in other free family fun: Bicycle Rodeo and Puppet show for 1st and 2nd graders: Fishing at the Kid's Catfish Tank and viewing fish at the Hawg Trough Bass Tank Exhibit. Free concert - featuring Bobby Irwin."

Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/384093513446387

The Bellamy Brothers LIVE MUSIC

May 22, Sunday, 1 p.m. FREE ADMISSION. LAKE FORK at the Sabine River Authority Headquarters in Quitman, 353 Private Rd 5183, Quitman, TX 75783

"The Bellamy Brothers Headlining the 2022 Simms Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament On Lake Fork. Tons of vendors and more activities. Bring the kiddos. Catch the show and the Pro Fishermen Weigh In. Coolers are welcome." All events will be at the SRA grounds. Hosted by the Bevill Music.

Suggested list of items to bring: Folding lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug spray, water / hydration, sunscreen, sunglasses, wear loose-fitting clothing, sun umbrellas (don't block the view of folks behind you), comfortable walking shoes.

Live Poetry Night, May 20, Friday, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Live, Free, The Culture Club Art Gallery, 107 E. Elm, Winnsboro, TX. "Read an original or favorite poem, passage, or song lyrics, or be part of the audience. All ages welcome. Free admission. BYO refreshments." Source: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/546427573399528/546427583399527/</u>

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Educaitional Trivia: About the SRA and Lake Fork

The Sabine River Authority (SRA) is responsible for the Sabine River (/sə'bi:n/) and land use surrounding the 360-mile (580 km) long river traversing Texas and Louisiana, in five counties (Orange, Rains, Newton, Wood), including Lake Fork, Lake Tawakoni and Toleda Bend, and empties into Sabine Lake, an estuary of the Gulf of Mexico.

The SRA was created as a conservation and reclamation district with responsibilities to control, store, preserve, and distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary system for useful purposes. Lake Fork is in rural Wood County, and is a renowned fishing and tourism attraction in the United States.

Lake Ford was initially concepted to serve as a cooling pond for a proposed nuclear plant serving the Dallas and suburbs area, but environmentalists halted that effort, and the east Texas lake reservoir was finished as a water source and outdoor sporting basin. Dallas claims roughly 73% of the surface water as a reservoir for its citizens, but is rarely pumped.

Lake Fork Reservoir in Wood County is known today as holding some of the world records for fishing of bass, buffalo and other fish species, bird watching, and many surrounding lodging and camping facilities and restaurants and close proximity to shopping in the area. More info at the SRA's site, including lake levels, <u>https://www.sratx.org/</u>, or a aerial view and details at <u>https://www.trailscountryreporter.com/lake-fork.html/</u>



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