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RIVER FESTIVAL AT PINE VALLEY RANCH PARK

Jefferson County Open Space Rangers and Naturalists present the annual River Festival at Pine Valley Ranch Park on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

The River Festival is a free educational day that celebrates rivers and watersheds. Drop in anytime between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to participate in fun activities for all ages. Stations will be set up along the north fork of the South Platte River and Pine Lake with interactive activities about Leave No Trace, watersheds, aquatic insects, beavers, fly fishing, river safety, water conservation, local wildlife and native plants.

Registration is not required for this event. For additional information about the River Festival, please call Lookout Mountain Nature Center, 720-497-7600.

Pine Valley Ranch Park is located just west of the town of Pine. From US Highway 285 at Pine Junction, turn southeast onto County Road 126. Continue 5.8 miles to the park turnoff. Consisting of 884 acres and 5.2 miles of trails, Pine Valley Ranch Park provides all season use with picnic shelters, fishing, hiking, biking and equestrian trails and ice skating and fishing in winter months as conditions allow. The park also provides trail access to the Pike National Forest to the south.

Jefferson County Open Space was authorized by Jefferson County voters in 1972 to collect one-half of one-percent sales tax to fund acquisition and maintenance of open space lands for the use and benefit of the public. A portion of the Open Space fund is distributed to the cities based on a formula using automobile registrations. An Open Space Advisory Committee of citizens appointed by the Board of County Commissioners makes recommendations to the County as to how sales tax proceeds shall be used.

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