



Taking the Work Out of Celebrating Labor Day in Steamboat *Weekend Full of Event Brings Fun, Festivities & Potential Impacts*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 29, 2018-Labor Day weekend in Steamboat Springs is packed with entertainment in the air, across downtown and all over the valley. It's a Labor Day celebration for the entire family and to help eliminate any chance of a family feud, keep these events and their possible impacts and closures in mind as you plan your weekend.

"Labor Day should be everything but stressful," said Steamboat Springs Police Chief Cory Christensen. "There's a lot going on around town this weekend, so plan extra time to get to your events and functions and please celebrate the holiday responsibly."

While this list does not encompass all the events over the holiday; it does highlight events which are anticipated to have impacts or closures on city streets and facilities. For a complete listing of festivities taking place over the Labor Day weekend, visit the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association's [website](#).

Yampa Valley Crane Festival – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Go soaring with cranes when you visit Steamboat Springs and the beautiful Yampa Valley in Northwest Colorado for the 7th annual Yampa Valley Crane Festival.

- Stockbridge Transit Center – Crane viewing shuttles depart from the Stockbridge Transit Center on Friday morning and evening; Saturday evening at 4:30pm; and Sunday morning. Expect higher volume in this area and increased use of the parking lot.

Farmer's Market – Saturday, September 1 – 9AM to 2PM

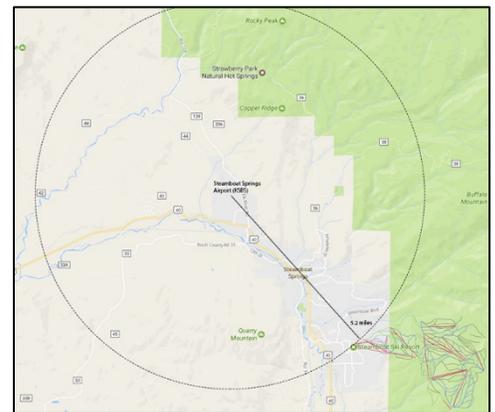
Every Saturday, find fresh produce, local products and artisans' wares, great food and live music as you start your day in downtown Steamboat Springs.

- Street Closure, Yampa Street from 6th to 8th Streets and 7th Street to the Alley from 6AM to ~2:30PM.

Wild West Air Fest – Saturday, September 1 – 9AM to 3PM

The Wild West Air Fest features nationally renowned performers providing edge of your seat excitement as they perform thrilling aerobatics and formation flying.

- **Road Impacts**, Saturday, Sept. 1: No parking at Steamboat Springs Airport or along Elk River Road in vicinity of airport.
- **Parking/Shuttles**: SST is providing free shuttle service from Stockbridge Transit Center and Routt County Justice Center. Expect both parking lots to be near capacity most of the day.
- **Drone Closure**, Saturday, Sept. 1: No drone operations within five miles of the Steamboat Springs Airport. *See map.*



Howelsen Park

With several events being hosted at the park over the holiday weekend, expect a great amount of pedestrians and motorist as well as increased usage of the parking lots at the rodeo arena and ski area. Please walk, bike or take the FREE SST bus to events downtown especially those at Howelsen Park.

Bull Bash – Saturday, Sept 1 @ 5PM

- 40 of the top professional bull riders in the world come to Howelsen's Brent Romick Rodeo Arena to compete for over \$15,000 in prize money.

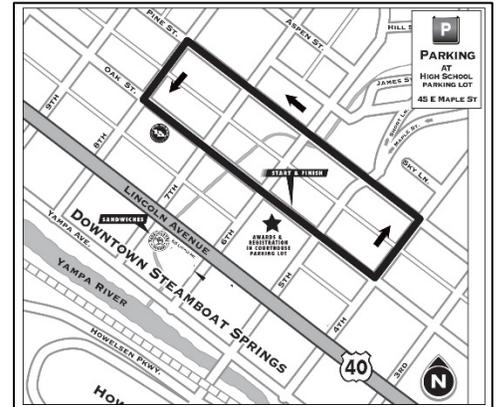
End of Summer Jam – Sunday, Sept 2 @ 3PM to 9:30PM

- The Free Summer Concert Series closes out its season at Howelsen Hill Amphitheater with the End of Summer Jam. The show will feature many performers including The Motet, Kyle Hollingsworth Band, and Eric Tessmer.

Steamboat Stage Race – Saturday (9/1), Sunday (9/2) & Monday (9/3)

Three days of road bike racing draws racers from across the Rocky Mountain region to Steamboat Springs over Labor Day weekend. The event offers a variety of age- and ability- based categories with three race stages that include a time trial, road race, and criterium. A portion of proceeds from the event go to Routt County Humane Society, Bicycle Colorado, and Lift Up Food Bank.

- **Road Impacts**, Saturday, Sept 1: Expect racers on Hwy 40 from Bald Eagle Lake to Hwy 131; Hwy 131 to CR 14; and River Road to just south of the Brooklyn neighborhood.
- **Road Impacts**, Sunday, Sept. 2: Racers will start and finish on 13th Street around the Library and travel out and back on CR 33 & CR 27
- **Street Closures**, Monday, Sept 3: Oak & Pine Streets between 4th and 8th Streets as well as 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th between Oak & Pine. See *street map*.



Don't forget about your best friend over the holiday and understand that dogs are not permitted at most events. It's best to leave your pet at home and DO NOT leave them in your vehicle or unattended in town. To report an animal complaint or animal emergency, contact Steamboat Springs Animal Control at 970.879.1144. For a lost or missing animal, call the Routt County Humane Society Animal Shelter at 970.879.7247 with a description of your pet, their name and your contact information.

It's important to remember that the city remains under Stage I Fire Restrictions. Under Stage 1, certain activities are prohibited; however, the public can still use charcoal fires for cooking (BBQ); may have recreational fires at private residences with a valid permit from Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue; and recreational/camp fires are allowed in permanent fire pits or fire grates in a developed picnic areas or camp grounds.

"While we've seen rain recently, it still remains dry across the Yampa Valley," said Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue Chief Mel Stewart. "The area has seen several small fires, which fortunately have been extinguished quickly by local fire agencies, but it reinforces the need to continue to exercise caution."

The Yampa River is closed to commercial operations and under a voluntary closure for all recreational uses as flows have fallen below healthy levels. River enthusiasts – tubers, SUPers, swimmers, anglers – are requested to adhere to the voluntary closure and avoid river recreation until conditions improve. The current status of closures and restrictions can be found on the city [website](#).

The City of Steamboat Springs would like to thank residents and guests for their cooperation and wishes everyone a safe and wonderful Labor Day weekend.

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