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Parrot Island Waterpark Hosts Surf-A-Thon for Local Flood Relief



Fort Smith, Arkansas - June 3, 2019 - Parrot Island Waterpark is hosting a Surf-A-Thon to introduce their new attraction, the FlowRider® Double, and raise money for United Way of Fort Smith for local flood relief.

Surf-A-Thon participants will have the opportunity to ride Parrot Island's new attraction, the FlowRider® Double, to see how long they can surf upright. Pledges will be collected at a minimum of \$1.00 per second. The top 20 surfers who earn the most money, plus 10 of their friends and family members, will be invited to a private after-hours party.

The opening day of the Surf-A-Thon is June 22. This day is designated for special guests. It will include local government officials, business owners and leaders, media personalities, and more. The general public will be able to participate in the Surf-A-Thon June 23-25.

To participate in the Surf-A-Thon, visit www.parrotislandwaterpark.com/surfparrotisland and fill out a registration form. Anyone over 48” can participate in this event. The pledge drive is happening now through June 14.

“We are very grateful to be able to utilize our new attraction, the FlowRider, to give back to the community in this way. This is going to be a very fun event that we hope will raise a lot of money for United Way of Fort Smith to help local families affected by the flood. We are so proud to be a part of a community that comes together during difficult times to help one another.” Kyle Taylor, General Manager

Designed and engineered in Southern California by WhiteWater, the **FlowRider® Double** gives patrons of all ages the opportunity to experience the thrill of surfing. A thin sheet of water (approximately 3 inches) is pushed across a patented trampoline-like ride surface by use of powerful pumps. This creates an “endless wave” on which patrons can bodyboard or stand-up ride on a board that is a hybrid of a skateboard and snowboard.

The **FlowRider® Double** has the option of placing an inflatable divider in the middle so that two patrons can safely ride simultaneously.

Season and Day Passes are available for sale online at www.parrotislandwaterpark.com, at the Parrot Island Waterpark ticket office, located at 7300 Zero Street in Ben Geren Park Fort Smith, or by phone at 479-788-6550, Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parrot Island Waterpark is the ideal venue for summer birthday parties, group outings, and private events. Call today to reserve your date!

Parrot Island Waterpark features the region’s only wave pool, a NEW 2-Lane FlowRider, four awesome twisting turning water slides, a relaxing lazy river, an activity pool and a themed children’s aquatic play area. The outdoor waterpark has over 370,000 gallons of aquatic fun and has a variety of amenities, including party pavilions, cabana rentals, food and beverage concessions, 800 complimentary deck and lounge chairs, over 250 complimentary water tubes, expansive grass lawns for relaxing and much more, and is open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Located at Ben Geren Park, residents and visitors can enjoy Parrot Island Waterpark along with miniature golf, playground equipment, outdoor picnic areas and pavilions, softball and soccer fields, tennis courts, a 1 ½ mile fitness and circuit walking trail, two 18-hole disk golf courses, over eight miles of paved bike trails, 11 miles of mountain bike trails, and an outstanding 27-hole county golf course.

For more information, please visit www.parrotislandwaterpark.com . Parrot Island Waterpark is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parrotislandWP and on Twitter @ParrotIslandWP

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