

Rist Canyon Mountain Festival

Description of the Event

The Rist Canyon Mountain Festival will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Each year the festival is held from 10 AM to 4 PM. The Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department (RCVFD) sponsors the mountain festival each year as a fundraiser. The Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department is a Colorado non-profit corporation certified on June 21, 1975 and operates as a non-tax-based fire department.

The festival will be held on property owned by Gene and Gail Michaud located at 11540 Rist Canyon Road, Bellvue CO 80512. The location is a 15 acre, open, grassy meadow along with 4.5 acres of parking space. There are no permanent buildings on this parcel.

There will be approximately 100 - 150 RCVFD volunteers who staff the event. There will be an estimated 1,000 attendees on the grounds at one time. Parking will be provided off the main road on 4.5 acres and will be staffed by approximately 20 people with a main entrance and an exit. (Please see site plan.)

Festival Events:

- Book sales
- Silent auction
- Crafters sales
- Food vending
- Live music
- Dunk tank
- Non-profit organizations' informational booths
- Plant sales
- T-shirt sales
- Free ice cream dispensing
- Bake sale
- Fire department demonstrations
- Kids' games and activities

Emergency Plan

There will be RCVFD EMS and First Responders on the grounds at all times. The RCVFD staffs a fire fighter/medical tent on the site. RCVFD will have a QRT vehicle on site for transporting any injured if needed. The event site will be located where RCVFD has their landing site for the Flight for Life helicopter. Each year the Flight for Life helicopter flies in at noon (if not on call) for a demonstration, brief talk and showing of the helicopter.

The Communications and Security Plan will be in place as in past years and the contact Safety Officer will be Jeff Elsner, RCVFD Fire Chief or his designee. Chief Elsner will coordinate with the Larimer Sheriff Reserve officers for ground security. There will be no reliable cell phone coverage in the area. Primary day of the event communications will be: Rist Canyon Command via 900 on EMS North, or Firenet. We will also be 800 MHz capable.

Port-a-Potties and Hand Washing Stations

There will be eight portable toilets located on the festival grounds of which 2 of the 8 will be handicap accessible. Three hand washing units will also be provided near the toilets. The vendor for the portable toilets is Republic Services, 1941 Heath Pkwy., Fort Collins, CO 80524, phone no. 970/484-5556.

Alcohol and Food

There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the festival grounds. This will be strictly enforced.

All food is provided by licensed Larimer County vendors. Each food vendor will be required to provide their own potable water and will be responsible for any "gray water" generated. Vendors' trash will be placed in 55 gallon steel receptacles at each vendor location provided by RCVFD.

RCVFD will provide bottled drinking water for purchase at a nominal fee. If there is a need for free bottled water, it will be available at the fire fighter/medical tent (see site plan attached to permit application).

Trash Management

Twenty-five steel 55 gallon barrels will be provided throughout the festival grounds with heavy-duty liners for collection of all solid waste that will be removed as needed throughout the day. The bags of trash will be placed in a storage area away from the festival grounds during the festival. After the festival the solid waste will be picked up by Canyon Utilities Service, Inc., Sidney Sattler, 32919 Poudre Canyon Hwy. Bellvue, CO 80512, 970-881-2262. Canyon Utilities provides RCVFD with scheduled monthly trash removal service.

Certificate of Insurance

Liability insurance is purchased with Flood and Peterson Insurance, Inc., contact agent is Leandra Hall, 970-356-0123 (copy attached to permit application).

Site Plan

A detailed site plan with all requirements is attached to the permit application.

All temporary structures will consist of poled and canopy tents constructed from fire retardant materials (certificates can be provided if requested) that will be rented from RC Special Events of Fort Collins, Kathleen Berry; 970/224-4774.

Informational and directional signs are erected on the festival site.

Traffic, both entrance and exit, will be monitored and staffed by RCVFD fire fighters. Road signs will be placed approximately ¼ mile before the entrance and firehouse emergency caution lights are used to alert road traffic.

For questions or further information:

Bridget Tisthammer, Landline (970)484-6724, email ristwatch@rcvfd.org