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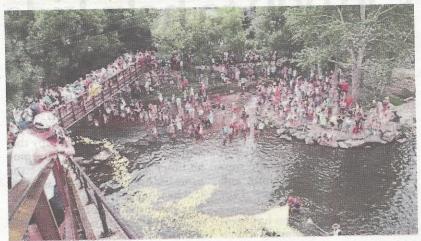


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## Flood of rubber ducks ready to float to finish

Proceeds from Evergreen Dam Ducky Derby go toward three local nonprofits

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The Dam Ducky Derby, now in its seventh year, annually draws 3,500 visitors to downtown Evergreen with food and festivities throughout downtown, on Main Street and the duck drop at the Evergreen Dam.

How does it work? A fire truck drops numbered ducks from above the dam to the creek below. As the rubber ducks race down Bear Creek, spectators follow the flow of thousands of ducks as they approach the finish line at Highland Haven Creekside Inn. Children help collect the ducks in their baskets so they can compete again next year.

Anyone may participate by buying one or more uniquely numbered ducks for \$5. The winning ducks' numbers are documented as they cross the finish line, and cash prizes and sponsor gifts are awarded to the owners of the speediest ducks. 1st prize: \$1,500. 2nd prize: \$1,000. 3rd prize: \$500. Downtown restaurants and other vendors will also be pro-

viding additional prizes in the form of gift certificates.

During and after the Dam Ducky Derby, there will be an event in the parking lot of 27888 Meadow Drive — opposite Da Kind Soups — with ample parking and restroom facilities, too. There will be an outdoor barbecue, vendor tables, a wood working demonstration and other fun activities.

Proceeds from this year's Dam Ducky Derby will go to support three local non-profits: Mount Evans Camp Comfort, the Evergreen Animal Protection League and Mountain Reads — an adult literacy program — supported by Evergreen Rotary Club. Each will receive a third of the net proceeds.

The Dam Ducky Derby is in downtown Evergreen, Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. To learn more, go to downtownevergreen.com/Dam-Ducky-Derby-2016 and buy ducks.

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