

Idaho Festival 2010 E-Newsletter
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Rupert, Idaho

Callers and Cuers who have committed to attending the Festival and participating are:

Lorrie Lane: Lorrie lives in Kalispell, Montana and guest cues for clubs in North Idaho. Lorrie is the mother of Adam Christman whom the Federation is proud to have nominated for the USDA scholarship this year. We'll find out later this summer if his nomination was successful.

Pre-Registrations

For registration flyer see the web site at www.squaredancing.com/idahofed

Area 1	1
Area 2	4
Area 3	16
Area 4	34
Area 5	10
Montana	4
Washington	4

Things to See and Do

Everyone knows we grow a lot of potatoes here in Southern Idaho and most probably know that we also grow a lot of sugar beets. In fact that is the number one crop of this area and you will see lots of fields of both beets and potatoes along the route to the Festival.

Further west Buhl is known as the trout capital of the world. The natural spring waters along the Snake River in that area are ideal for raising rainbow trout and 70% of all trout raised in the United States originate from this area. Clear Spring Foods, the largest in the area, account for 20 million pounds of trout raised each year.

Another related crop you might not be aware of is alligators! If you travel through Hagerman at meal time you can stop at the Snake River Grill on the south end of town and order alligator from their menu. You might have seen Chef Martin on PBS

as he is well known for his preparation of game meals. And if you want to see the alligators up close I have attached the directions to the farm that the Visitor Centers pass out. There is no big sign and no souvenir shops and tourist attractions. It's a family farm but due to it's uniqueness they do allow visitors to stop by and view the gators. If you don't have time to take the bypass route to the farm you can view a couple of alligators at Miracle Hot Springs but the really big guys are at the farm. From the farm you have a couple of choices. Continue on to a Y in the road and either go straight which will take you back to Highway 30 near Buhl or turn left and continue on River Road which takes you back to the Snake River near Clear Spring fish hatchery where you can go up the grade and get back on the freeway.

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Editor Note:

This monthly newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on what is being planned for the 2010 State Festival, callers and cuers you can expect to dance to at the Festival, and other things to see and do in the area so that you can plan a family vacation around the Festival. Because many people still have dial up internet connections I will not use art work or pictures that take a long time to down load. It's just going to be a plain Jane information sheet that will arrive, hopefully, the first of each month.