

What is Salmon Festival??

The Wenatchee River Salmon Festival is a four-day natural resource education event held in September to celebrate the return of wild salmon to the Wenatchee River. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, located at the mouth of the scenic Icicle Canyon near the Bavarian city of Leavenworth, Washington.



An exciting menu of hands-on activities and "edutainment" gives folks of all ages a unique opportunity to discover and appreciate the complexities of the natural world and the significance of salmon to people of the northwest.

Students from schools throughout north central Washington visit the Festival during special school days. On Saturday and Sunday the event attracts thousands of visitors from the northwest and Canada.

The Festival brings people, natural resources, education, entertainment and science together in a non-commercial, non-political package that connects people to nature.

Since its 1991 inception, the Festival has remained true to its natural resource education mission while updating and augmenting activities to keep the messages fresh, timely and engaging. The Wenatchee River Salmon Festival is nationally recognized for its educational excellence.