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Summer seasons kicks off at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park on Friday, May 26

Events include the grand opening of a new melodrama, cans-for-a-tram rides for the first Music on the Mountain concert of the year and two performances of the Dance of the Sacred Fire.

Glenwood Springs, Colo. (May 17, 2017) — Although Memorial Weekend is the unofficial beginning of summer, it officially launches vacation season at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, America’s only mountain-top theme park. It starts on Friday, May 26, with the introduction of “Trouble Bubbles at the Iron Mountain Hot Springs,” a brand new melodrama. The fun continues into the evening with the Summer Kick-off Party, the first Music on the Mountain concert and two fire show performances.



“Our summer kick-off parties are always a lot fun. Guests love the chance to get together, enjoy the views, dance to the music and watch the sunsets. This year, we are really excited to introduce the melodrama during the day and welcome back The Missing Link Band and the Dance of the Sacred Fire performers that evening,” said Nancy Heard, general manager for Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park.

“Trouble Bubbles at the Iron Mountain Hot Springs” is the brainchild of Jonathan Gorst, who owns The Riviera Supper Club and has an impressive theatrical background that started at the age of 16. He has teamed up with Bob Stepniewski, food and entertainment manager for the park, to bring this idea to fruition.

Part ghost story, part mystery and part romantic comedy, “Trouble Bubbles at the Iron Mountain Hot Springs” is an updated version of the American melodrama that’s sure to delight the whole family. The story follows Sheriff Warren Peace, newspaperman Avery Braveman and plucky Hotel owner Jenna Rossity as they unravel the evil plot of Professor Thaddeus Mack, all in the midst of ghostly shenanigans. As the show unfolds, the colorful characters of the Old West are brought to life by a troupe of young actors who hail from the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond.



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“Working with Jonathan to turn his idea into a reality has been so rewarding,” Stepniewski said. “Not only are we providing travelers with another reason to visit Glenwood Springs and our guests with another form of quality, family-friendly entertainment, this melodrama recognizes and cultivates creative young talent.”

Performances of the melodrama are at noon and 2:30 p.m., Friday through Monday, May 26 – 29, in The Fort, the new covered group area in the plaza. Shows are included with admission to the park and continue June 3, 4, 10 and 11. Beginning Friday, June 16, performances are scheduled twice daily on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays through mid-August and weekends through September. Schedule is available at GlenwoodCaverns.com.

The Summer Kick-off Party and first Music on the Mountain concert of the year start at 4 p.m. on May 26 with free rides to the park via tram or adventure vehicle in exchange for a canned food donation for the LiftUp community food pantries. The Missing Link Band starts the ninth season of this free benefit concert series at 6 p.m. With Nick Kuhlmann on drums, Paul Barker on bass, Erik McPherson on guitar and lead vocals, Kim Kwiatkowski on lead and harmony vocals and Bob Stepniewski on percussion, the band plays AM Gold sounds of the 60s, plus hits from all ages and genres.



During the concert, Maciej Mrotek and his team will perform the Dance of the Sacred Fire at 8:20 and 9 p.m. These high-energy, 15-minute fire shows have captivated audiences here and around the globe.

The Music on the Mountain series continues with nine additional concerts throughout June, August and September. The lineup for this year’s concerts follows. Unless stated otherwise, guests can enjoy a free tram or adventure vehicle ride beginning at 4 p.m. with the donation of a can of food for the LiftUp food pantry. The bands play from 6 to 10 p.m.

- Friday, May 26 — The Missing Link Band (*blend of classic rock, dance, funk & groove tunes*)
- Saturday, June 3 — Whiskey Stomp and the Logan Brothers (*two popular local bands*)
- Saturday, June 10 — Bryan Savage (*solo jazz saxophone and flute virtuoso*)
- Sunday, June 11 — Integrantes del Norte (*Latin Music on the Mountain*)
Guests can enjoy a free tram ride after 2 p.m. with the donation of a can of food for the LiftUp food pantry. The band plays from 4 to 8 p.m. for this special Sunday event.
- Saturday, August 19 — Fifty50 (*classic, modern and original rock*)
- Saturday, August 26 — The Gerry Goodman Band (*Stevie Ray Vaughan cover tunes, classic rock*)
- Saturday, September 9 — Already Gone (*American resort rock*)

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- Sunday, September 10 — Christian Music on the Mountain (*The Orchard from Carbondale*)
Guests can enjoy a free tram ride after 2 p.m. with the donation of a can of food for the LiftUp food pantry. The bands play from 4 to 8 p.m. for this special Sunday event.
- Saturday, September 16 — Poser (*classic rock*)
- Saturday, September 23 — Emotional Rescue (*Rolling Stones cover band*)

“While these concerts are a lot of fun, they’re also good for our community. Since the series began in 2009, more than 62,200 food items have been collected and donated to the LiftUp community food pantries, and that’s very important to us all,” Heard added. “We’d like to thank our sponsors, Bighorn Toyota, Glenwood Insurance Agency, Community Banks of Colorado, Glenwood Springs Post Independent, KSPN/Lift ATM, Swire Coca-Cola, Glenwood TV, Hotel Glenwood Springs, Young Services and Iron Mountain Hot Springs, who make the series possible.”

During the kick-off party and concerts, the Lookout Grille and Snack Shack are open for dinner and refreshments, with drink specials available inside at the Lookout Grille and outside in the plaza. Guests can also enjoy the park’s rides and attractions during the events. A Funday Pass, just \$38 with the free tram ride, includes both walking cave tours and unlimited access to all rides. The outdoor rides are open until dusk; the Laser Tag arena and 4D Motion Theater are open until the park closes.

The park is open until 10 p.m. during the Summer Kick-off Party and all Saturday Music on the Mountain events. On Sunday, June 11, and Sunday, Sept. 10, the park will be open until 8 p.m. More information about the park, including hours of operation and a list of which attractions are open, can be found at GlenwoodCaverns.com or by calling 800-530-1635 or 970-945-4228, ext. 0.

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Located in scenic Glenwood Springs, Colo., midway between Aspen and Vail, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park offers a one-of-a-kind mountain-top adventure. The Adventure Park features a gondola ride, walking and wild tours of Glenwood Caverns and Historic Fairy Caves, dining, and year-round attractions including an Alpine Coaster, Soaring Eagle Zip Ride, 4D Motion Theater and Laser Tag Arena. Seasonal offerings include the new Haunted Mine Drop scheduled to open summer of 2017, Giant Canyon Swing, Glenwood Canyon Flyer, Cliffhanger Roller Coaster, Wild West Express family coaster, a climbing wall, gemstone sluice box mining, a Ferris wheel ride and a holiday light display. Ideal setting for groups and birthday parties. Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park operates the new Iron Mountain Hot Springs now open on the bank of the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs.