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Press Release: **2017 GALLATIN WHITEWATER FESTIVAL, JUNE 24, 2017**

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To whom it may concern:

The Gallatin River flows through the Bozeman and Big Sky area out to the Missouri River providing an abundance of recreational opportunities. This year's Gallatin Whitewater Festival seeks to highlight our area's whitewater resources with a series of events designed to challenge whitewater kayakers, whitewater canoers and rafters as well as provide avenues for non-paddlers to participate.

Since the *Gallatin Get-together* premiered in June 1978, whitewater events on the Gallatin River have been a staple of spring for river enthusiasts in Southwest Montana. We are rolling into the fifth year of the Gallatin Whitewater Festival organized by Wave Train Kayak Team. We are excited to have the Gallatin Whitewater Festival back in full swing this summer. Attendance of competitors and spectators continues to grow annually and, with the Gallatin National Forest offering us a five-year event permit, we will be able to continue growing the festival through the coming years.

This year, Wave Train Kayak Team will again team up with local businesses to bring back this fun event for the Montana paddling community as a fundraiser for Wave Train Kayak Team's non-profit youth whitewater kayaking program. Founded in 1996, Wave Train has been a big part of promoting the river community in the Gallatin Valley. We offer affordable and safe pathways to river kayaking for kids between the ages of 10-18.

Event schedule for 2016:

1. 9:00-10:00 am Registration
2. 10:00 am Mandatory Competitor meeting for all events except *Community Raft Slalom*
3. 10:30 am **Gallatin River Downriver Race**: a timed two mile down river race that takes competitors through the Mad Mile.
4. 12:30 pm **House Rock Boatercross**: a mass start sprint race from the Gallatin River Trailhead through House Rock Rapids.
5. 2:00 pm **Community Raft Slalom**, an event in which local river guides will lend a hand and a raft to pre-registered teams of five to six put together by local businesses and groups of friends. The teams and their guides will power their race boat through a series of gates on their way down river competing for glory, trophies and prizes donated by local and national vendors. We are really excited about this event because it provides an avenue for river enthusiasts with little to no whitewater paddling experience to join the festival in more than a spectator capacity.
6. 2:30 pm **Kayak/ C-1 Slalom**: a race that requires competitors to navigate gates on their way downstream from the Gallatin River Trailhead access above the 35 MPH Bridge.
7. 5:00 pm **Awards at the Gallatin River Trailhead**

The events for this year's festival will provide some great whitewater action with some of the area's top whitewater boaters vying for bragging rights and a boat load of great prizes!

Registration and events will be based at the Gallatin River Trailhead (large pullout across the river from the Lava Lake Trail, just upstream of the 35 MPH Bridge).

Please contact Dave with Wave Train Kayak Team or check out the website [gallatinwhitewaterfestival.com](http://gallatinwhitewaterfestival.com) for more information about the events.

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