



High-speed boat races and family fun coming to Lake McSwain this weekend

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The Western Shootout Drag Boat Races will be held on Lake McSwain this weekend, bringing high energy family fun to the Central Sierra foothills.

Gates open at 7 a.m. Saturday. Qualifying races will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, elimination races begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

“Our last speed-boat event went extremely well and people had a fantastic time,” said Bret Theodozio. “We are pleased to be able to provide a Lucas Oil Division 1 race this spring.”

Each member of the public will be charged \$15 on Saturday and \$20 on Sunday. A two-day pass can be purchased for \$30.

In addition to each person purchasing a wrist band, each car must pay a \$10 park admission fee.

During the races, no other boats will be allowed on the water. Fishing access will be restricted to the shore and to designated areas considered safe during the event.

Campgrounds at Lake McSwain are full at this time, although campsites remain at nearby Barrett Cove Recreation Area. The park is a short drive from most locations in the Central Valley.

Food vendors will be on hand and those attending are invited to bring their own chairs and coolers.

“This is going to be another great, exciting event on the lake and everyone is looking forward to it,” said MID’s Theodozio.

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