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**DRAGONS ROAR AT RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK**

*Come be a part of the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) celebrations in Adams County!*

Colorado Dragon Boat and Adams County have announced the date for the third iteration of the Dragon Boat Regatta on Mann-Nyholt Lake at Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton. This regatta will be on Sunday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

“We are so grateful to continue our partnership with Adams County and Riverdale Regional Park,” says Sara Moore, Executive Director of Colorado Dragon Boat. “It is amazing to see the investment from the county toward increasing diversity and culture at Riverdale Regional Park, and Colorado Dragon Boat is honored to be a part of this expansion!”

The regatta will have a festival feel with performances, an Asian Marketplace, a Dragonland area for kids, food trucks, and dragon boat races throughout the day. We encourage families to come for the whole day!

This event is free and open to the public. Come cheer on our dragon boat teams as they race across Mann-Nyholt Lake with the Rocky Mountain backdrop. Come dance with us at our Dragon Harmony Stage and walk around to all our amazing Dragon Marketplace vendors to get your favorite Asian goodies. Bring the kids to our Dragonland area for fun and educational activities. And, of course, make sure to come hungry so you can eat all the delicious food from our Dragon Delights Food Haven. Explore Riverdale Regional Park and come together in celebration of AANHPI Culture!

The 2023 Dragon Harmony Stage will have a full lineup of AANHPI performances that will get you up and dancing! Feel the beat with MUDRA Dance Taiko drums as they teach you dance moves from India; learn how to break it down with step-by-step instructions from The Royals Dance Crew; and come support the Maui Community after the devastating wildfires by learning about Polynesian music, language, and dance from Halau Kalama's performance. They will also be selling leis onsite and all proceeds will go toward helping the Maui community rebuild. For the full list of our performances, please check out our [website](#).

New this year will be our closing performance! Make sure to stop by the Harmony stage at 3:30 p.m. after our race awards to be a part of this historical event. More information coming soon.

Grab a tasty meal from one of our food trucks at our Dragon Delights Food Haven area. Are you feeling some delicious sushi or mouthwatering tacos? Why not both? Grab a plate from Adams County's local food truck The Captain Taco & Sushi, check out the Rice Guy for an assortment of Asian food options that are sure to fill you up, and grab your lumpia and adobo from the Little Kusina Food Truck that serves authentic Filipino food.

Do you have a sweet tooth? Make sure to check out The Alley (Boba Teas) and Kona Ice for some refreshing sweetness during the day-long event.

Don't forget about the kiddos. We will have our very own Dragonland area for kids and education next to the marketplace. Let them jump sky high with Eurobungy and then make their own Hawaiian kite at one of our interactive art booths. While the kiddos are playing, you can go shopping! Check out the amazing marketplace vendors onsite who will be selling some beautiful Asian goodies. All proceeds from our marketplace go directly to the vendors who are from the AANHPI community.

This regatta would not be complete without our dragons! Colorado Dragon Boat was able to purchase NEW Dragon Boats this year. Come see them soar across Mann-Nyholt Lake all day Sunday, with over 10 dragon boat teams competing for glory! Learn more about our dragon boat teams and how you might be able to get on a boat throughout the year.

A list of all our vendors, performers, food trucks, Dragonland area activities, and dragon boat race teams can be found on our [website](#).

Riverdale Regional Park is the year-round home for Colorado Dragon Boat's Dragon Boats, and Mann-Nyholt Lake is a popular destination for dragon boat practices throughout the warmer months to practice, train, and race. Colorado Dragon Boat is honored to be in partnership with Adams County to bring more AANHPI culture and diversity to Riverdale Regional Park year-round.

Members of the press interested in covering this historic regatta may contact Sara Moore at [sara@cdbf.org](mailto:sara@cdbf.org).

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### **About Colorado Dragon Boat**

*Colorado Dragon Boat is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that advocates for the Asian American Pacific Islander communities through our three programs: the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, the Colorado Dragon Boat Film Festival, and the AAPI Emerging Leaders Program. For more information, please visit our website at [cdbf.org](http://cdbf.org).*

### **About Adams County**

*With rich traditions and history, Adams County offers the best of suburban and rural life – vibrant cities, quiet towns, and miles of recreation. Located in the Denver metro area, Adams County is the state’s fifth-largest county serving a population of over 520,000 residents. Adams County is home to the cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, and Thornton; portions of Arvada, Aurora, and Westminster; the town of Bennett; and a portion of the town of Lochbuie. Unincorporated communities include Henderson, Strasburg, and Watkins. Stay up to date on the latest county news and information on [adcogov.org](http://adcogov.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [Instagram](#).*