



River Fest History

Years ago Vernonia Boosters sponsored a "Boat Race" on the river each year. Old timers remember it as great fun. Due to insurance reasons, the boosters were forced to abandon this tradition.

In 2004, with the success of the Salmon Festival the previous Fall, the Jamboree committee reinstated the annual river festival with a new flavor.

No longer a race, the event was touted as a family affair for canoes, rafts and kayaks.

The first year 60 people went down the river (and 60 returned!) and many more people stayed on shore and enjoyed the events including; fishing, a chili cook-off, a home brew contest, an auction, kid's games, rubber duck races and hayrides.

Now the time has come

to partake of the second year of River Fest. Join us for even more family fun at the 2005 Vernonia River Fest.

We hope you'll enjoy River Fest so much you'll want to come back to Vernonia and enjoy the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree the first weekend of August and return again for the annual Salmon Festival the first weekend of October.

