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## Three groups have set events for Gay Pride weekend

Move over Reno Gay Pride, two other groups will be offering events over Gay Pride Weekend 2010. Reno Rainbow Fest announced on June 1 plans to launch a party event to coincide with Gay Pride Weekend in Reno. A second group, BOC (Build Our Center), is planning to host a community event in the downtown area as a fund raiser for the new organization.

Reno Rainbow Fest will host two parties at local bars and a pool party at the Siena on August 13-14. The Friday night party will feature a dance and rainbow waving party at Neutron and Rainbow Idol competition. Saturday there is a pool party at the Siena and then concludes with a dance and the finals of the Rainbow Idol at the 5 Star Saloon.

The Reno Rainbow Fest is planning to give back to the community and has selected the Northern Nevada Outreach Team (NNOT) as the recipient charity of any profits from the event.

"I want to give back to the community. I always have..." Kaye Crawford, who, along with Shelly Palmer, producing Reno Rainbow Fest, said. "I am no longer associated with Reno Gay Pride."

Build Our Center (BOC), the group trying to build a new community center, have also announced they will be hosting several events during Gay Pride weekend. Details will be released as soon they have all been finalized.

Both Reno Rainbow Fest and BOC are presently seeking local sponsors for the new events.

Reno Gay Pride will host its 14 annual event in its traditional home in Wingfield Park, where it began. Reno Pride has also been: in the Old Mapes lot, on the north side of the Truckee River, in the heart of Reno; along Virginia Street, from Second Street to Sixth Street; and in the Sands Hotel/



Casino parking lot on Arlington.

Reno Gay Pride started the Gay Pride Parade in 2000, but cancelled the parade in 2009 and 2010, due what they said were cost nearing \$10,000 to do the parade. Many in the community want a parade brought back saying it is the highlight of a Gay Pride celebration.

Several groups have contacted City of Reno officials to see what the costs for a parade are. Whether or not there will be a parade has yet to be determined.

Reno Gay Pride has not formally released any information on its website about what is happening at the festi-



Reno Gay Pride is held in Wingfield Park in the heart of downtown Reno's Art District and Riverwalk project. Nearly 3000 attend the event annually

val, which opens at 11 am and closes at 6 pm. They will begin with a Pride Party, details to follow.

Annually, some 2,500 to 4,000 attend the Pride event in Wingfield Park. Attendance dropped for a while when the event was not in the park.

Tavern Theater is planning to open its first production with *Zanna Don't, A musical "fairy" tale* on Thursday, August 12, at The Patio. There will also be performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 each.

The weekend of gay community celebration will close with a Sunday Service in the park, sponsored by Light Of The

Soul United Church of Christ (LSUCC). This is the second year the service has returned to the park after a 7 year absence. Reno has the only Pride to have a service. The Sunday service was part of festival for six years, then was discontinued. It is scheduled to begin at 11 am in Wingfield Park's Amphitheater, Sunday, August 15.

Reno Rainbow Fest has a website: renorainbowfest.com. BOC has a website at: build-ourcenter.org. Reno Gay Pride's website is Renogaypride.com. Tavern Theater has e-mail: thetaverntheater@yahoo.com.

### Scheduled events for Gay Pride Weekend in Reno August 12 to 15

#### Thursday, August 12

Zanna Don't  
A musical "fairy Tale  
The Patio 7:30pm \$20

#### Friday, August 13

Reno Gay Pride Kick-off  
Party TBA

Zanna Don't  
The Patio 7:30pm \$20

BOC Event  
TBA

Rainbow Fest Kickoff Party  
Neutron TBA \$TBA

#### Saturday, August 14

BOC Event  
TBA

Reno Gay Pride 14  
Wingfield Park 11a-6p \$5

Rainbow Splash Pool Party  
Siena Hotel 5pm \$TBA

Zanna Don't  
The Patio 7:30pm \$20

King and  
the Naughty Bunnies  
Ten99 TBA  
Live band

Rainbow Fest  
Saturday Night Live  
5 Star Saloon 11pm \$TBA

#### Sunday, August 15

Sunday Services  
in the Park  
Light of the Soul  
Wingfield Park 11 am

These are the events for Pride weekend that have been scheduled as of June 2, 2010. More surely will be added.