

## Spend your summer with us...

This is the part of the Lake Guide each year in which we essentially say, "Welcome to summer." But you'll have to forgive us if we modify that sentiment to simply, "Welcome, summer!"

It was a rough winter in this region, and the fact that it seemed to linger almost into mid-May certainly didn't improve anyone's outlook on it.

That's why this Lake Guide welcome is really an embrace of summer, which, I will presume, has begun arriving by the time you read this.

The great thing about this area is, when summer does arrive, you'll know it. In fact, you can't miss it.

The Yankton area, you see, was made for summer.

The primary evidence for that is Lewis and Clark Lake west of Yankton. The mad-made lake along the Missouri River becomes a virtual city during the summer season, with campers, swimmers, bikers, fishermen, boaters, skiers and so many more moving into and out of the region from day to day and weekend to weekend. The lake area draws more than a million visitors a year and is South Dakota's most visited tourist attraction

outside of the Black Hills.

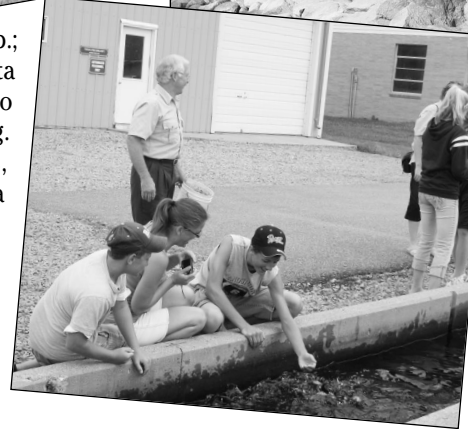
In particular, the lake area is a camper's paradise. It features hundreds of camp pads, with more on the way. It is probably one of the most popular camping destinations in the Upper Midwest - and a wonderful sign that summer is in full bloom.

In Yankton itself, the signs of summer will be everywhere.

It actually begins in late May when the National Field Archery Association headquarters hosts the First Dakota National Archery Classic and the NFAA Unmarked 3D National Championship. The sport of archery has grown rapidly in Yankton with the arrival of the NFAA offices, and these two tournaments are showcases for some of the nation's best archers.

Throughout summer in Yankton, there will be music in Riverside Park, bikers and hikers using the Auld-Brokaw Trail and fireworks will fill the skies. And summer in Yankton isn't complete without the Riverboat Days celebration, one of the biggest and most popular three-days festivals in the state.

The area around Yankton is also teeming with summer adventures, ranging from Czech Days in Tabor to Kolache Days in Verdigre,



Neb.; from the Great Dakota Wine Festival in Vermillion, to Danish Days in Viborg. Numerous other festivals, rodeos and events fill the area calendar.

The Yankton area also has enough history to keep you busy throughout summer. And there's history in the making, as construction crews this summer are working to convert the historic Meridian Bridge into a biking/pedestrian trail that will hook up with a new park and trail on the south side of the river.

In others, there are things to keep you busy all summer - which is what summer in the Yankton area is all about. Enjoy ... and welcome summer!

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