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## WYOMING DISCOVERY DAYS IN HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK FIRST WEEK-END IN AUGUST PRESENTS THE HEAR ME NOW STORYTELLING CIRCLE

Wyoming Discovery Days (formerly Big Horn Basin Folk Festival) takes place Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8, 2021, in Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis, Wyoming. This year's theme – Wyoming Rails, Trails & Folk Tales - will celebrate Wyoming's unique cultural heritage through stories, music, food, art, and demonstrations. The Hear Me Now Storytelling Circle will be happening on both days.

There will be amazing tales from amazing storytellers. Michelle King (Basin) took the lead in organizing the line-up. She has been “in love with stories her entire life”. Willie LeClair (Riverton) offers stories and music which give a better understanding of Native American peoples' traditions, history, and lifestyle here in Wyoming. Toddi Darlington (Thermopolis) will enthrall festival goers with the story “Murder at the Railroad Camp”. Ray Shaffer (Thermopolis' own) always digs deep to come up with new stories about the Big Horn Basin. Cathy Ringler (Clark), storyteller, cowgirl, leatherworker, and retired teacher, will have some surprises. Other storytellers and fabulists include John Gutierrez (Gillette), David Romtvedt (Buffalo), and surprises for the children's storytelling.

The festival is open to the public without charge. Wyoming Arts Council, Wyoming Humanities Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts have provided special funding to

help with the event. There is additional funding from local and state sponsors including the public and private sector.

The festival is held the same weekend as the Gift of the Waters Pageant Days. The Pageant tells how the hot springs were given to the state by the Native Americans from the Wind River Reservation. It will be performed starting around 6 pm in the area around the Big Spring on Saturday and Sunday evening.

Visit our website for an entry form and submit by July 15th if you are interested in participating in Wyoming Discovery Days. Accepting: Artists, Craftsman, Trading Post Sellers, Demonstrators, Food Trucks, & Breweries. [wyomingdiscoverydays.org](http://wyomingdiscoverydays.org)

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Note: A more detailed roster of artists, performers, programs, and sponsors will be published closer to the event.