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RIVER, REEL, & RAFFLE: FILM FEST TO HIGHLIGHT BOOTHE RIVER PARK

SARANAC LAKE, NY – The Friends of the Boothe River Park are inviting the community to an evening of film, fun, and local flavor to highlight the Boothe River Park Project—Saranac Lake’s very own river revitalization and whitewater feature initiative. The event will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at The Garagery in Saranac Lake. More than a list of films, the film fest is a chance for paddlers, nature lovers, and curious locals to connect, get inspired, and support this transformational project.

This community-spirited gathering will feature a curated lineup of short films themed around paddling, rivers, and environmental stewardship. Attendees will also have the chance to win a brand-new **NRS drysuit**, generously donated by **NRS**, in a special event raffle.

“We’re thrilled to bring people together to celebrate the spirit of this project,” said Scott McKim, president of the Boothe River Park Friends. “The Boothe River Park Project is about so much more than a river feature—it’s about reconnecting the community to our river, restoring habitat, creating new recreation opportunities, and supporting downtown revitalization in Saranac Lake.”

The Boothe River Park Project, located near Route 3 La Pan Bridge, will enhance a stretch of the Saranac River with a low-impact whitewater feature designed for paddlers of all skill levels—from seasoned kayakers to tubers and SUP enthusiasts. Alongside recreation, the project emphasizes environmental restoration, safe access, and sustainable development, all while preserving the natural beauty and ecological function of the river.

“The Saranac River runs right through our village, yet for many, it remains out of sight and out of mind,” said McKim. “This project brings the river into the heart of our community in a playful, purposeful way—and events like this one are a reminder that rivers connect us all.”

Date and Time: Doors open at 6:30pm and show start at 7:00pm and ends at 8:30pm

Venue Name and Address: The Garagery, 53 Main St. Back entrance of Grizle T's Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Ticket Price: \$15 before the event, or \$20 at the door if seats are still available.

Golden Ticket: \$50 before the event, or \$60 at the door (includes raffle ticket for drysuit from NRS)!

Where to purchase tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boothe-river-park-presents-river-reels-film-fest-tickets-1296340261619?aff=oddtcreator>

Additional information: Film festival includes captivating films, giveaways and raffle prizes, cash bar, and a community of river lovers.

Whether you're a whitewater junkie, angler, film buff, or someone who just loves Saranac Lake, you're invited to come celebrate this bold, grassroots effort to make waves—literally and figuratively. For more information, please contact the Friends of the Boothe River Park at bootheriverpark@gmail.com or visit their website at <https://bootheriverpark.com/events>.