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Swing Street And Dublove Reggae Band Headline Schedule at River Blast

LEXINGTON, Kentucky—It's going to be a blast down on the Kentucky River when Swing Street, performing the greatest dance hits from the past and present, and the reggae sounds of Dublove headline the second annual festival called River Blast, presented by Kentucky American Water, at Fort Boonesborough State Park Saturday August 1 from Noon – 10 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, however there is a \$5 donation per carload for parking.

Organized by the Kentucky River Water Trail Alliance and benefiting Bluegrass Tomorrow and the Kentucky Riverkeeper. River Blast will include the “blast” component a spectacular Fireworks show, presented by Stantec at 9:30 p.m., “Water Fire” a bonfire on the Boonesborough Beach beginning at 6 p.m., and live entertainment all day.

The goal of the event is to create major public awareness of the Kentucky River resource, and watershed, and the Kentucky River Water Trail Alliance. The Alliance has been working with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails Conservation Assistance Program over the last several years to create more access to the river, developing “Blueway” water trails. Recently the Alliance has had much success developing “portages” around the dams on the river, or safe trails to carry canoes and kayaks around dams.

“We also want to celebrate our river resource like many other communities do,” said Clare Sipple, who is chairing the event. “River Blast gives us the opportunity to bring the public back to the river at a site, the Ft. Boonesborough Beach, where thousands flocked to enjoy the water in the 60s, 70s and 80s before it closed. We want to create that kind of enthusiasm for river recreation again. This is a great regional celebration of the river for Fayette, Clark and Madison Counties.”

The high energy 6-member Swing Street band, whose motto is "Dance 'til Ya can't Dance No Mo", features 4 distinctively different lead vocalists and outstanding musicians who have as much fun as the audience. The greatest dance hits from the past and present plus an enthusiastic stage performance makes the Swing Street show unique.

The event also features food trucks, arts & crafts, inflatables for the kids, water/resource educational exhibits and fun for the whole family. Families are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

The River Blast Schedule of Events:

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| 8:00 a.m. | 21 mile paddling race from Boonesborough to Valley View “Race Between the Locks.” |
| Noon | Official Opening of River Blast at Shelter #1 at the Boonesborough Beach
Ice Man’s “Cruise In” Car Show
6-mile paddling race from Boonesborough to Clays Ferry
All Concessions, Food Vendors, Exhibits, Inflatables, Kids Activities,
Arts & Crafts & Open
Entertainment at main stage begins featuring Mike Archer Duo |
| 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Bent Penny Band performs |
| 6:00 p.m. | “Water Fire” Bon-Fire on the Boonesborough Beach |
| 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Dublove Reggae Band performs. |
| 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. | Swing Street Band performs |
| 9:30 p.m. | Fireworks Spectacular |