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Have a Spring Break Blast At Silver Dollar City's Family Spring Break Days, Young Christians' Weekend, Showboat Branson Belle

Silver Dollar City Opens for 50th year March 18 with Family Spring Break Days

(Branson, Mo. 3/10) **Families and kids on spring break can be the first to experience Silver Dollar City's new \$7 million ride, *Tom & Huck's RiverBlast*, a super soaking water raft ride themed around the adventures of Tom Sawyer & Huck Finn, when the park opens for Family Spring Break Days March 18.** Riders and spectators will engage in America's Biggest Water Battle, armed with super soaker water guns navigating the Mighty White River with hundreds of water elements and targets all along the waterway, battling raft-to-raft, raft-to-shore and shore-to-raft.

Plus, the celebration of Silver Dollar City's 50th Birthday begins with rides, crafts, attractions and live entertainment, featuring the Sons of the Silver Dollar, Pure Heart and the Homestead Pickers, and the interactive show Doc Gizmo's Science Theater. An **Easter Celebration April 2-3** includes performances by the praise group Lifesong, plus Easter egg hunts and activities, and appearances by the Easter Bunny.

"This is the beginning of a big year, with the new ride and special elements throughout the year," says Silver Dollar City's Marketing Director Janet Oller. "Families on spring break will be the first to experience the fun."

Take time to celebrate at **Silver Dollar City's Family Spring Break Days running Thursdays through Sundays, March 18-28, and an Easter Celebration April 2-3.** Hours are 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. March 27-28. For information, call 800-831-4FUN(386) or log on to www.silverdollarcity.com.

Young Christians' Weekend is Rocking Out March 27 – 28

Also featured during Family Spring Break Days is a special event for teens: Young Christians' Weekend, March 27-28. The Midwest's premier Christian youth

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event combines big-name concerts and inspirational speakers, along with praise and worship rallies.

Featured bands are DecembeRadio, Lincoln Brewster and 33 Miles. Rally and worship speakers include Doug Compton and Kanakuk Ministries founder and author Joe White. Armbands for admission to rallies and concerts are issued at the time of ticket purchase or are given until events are full.

Silver Dollar City's Young Christians' Weekend runs March 27-28. Complete weekend schedules are available online. To make reservations for the family or the whole youth group, call 800-417-7770 or visit www.silverdollarcity.com. The park is open to the public during the event.

Showboat Branson Belle Launches Season March 19

The Showboat Branson Belle launches its season March 19, with cruises on select days in March. Headlined by ventriloquist Todd Oliver and his trio of talking dogs, *Branson's Premier Lake Experience* includes a 3-course dinner, a cruise on Table Rock Lake and a music and dance show complete with its own live orchestra, in the 700-seat theater aboard the authentic paddlewheeler.

Considered one of Branson's most spectacular attractions, the massive ship has three stories, a galley and a top viewing deck. All cruises run approximately two hours and 15 minutes, and begin at noon, 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. For complete schedules, call 800-775-BOAT(2628) or log on to www.showboatbransonbelle.com.

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