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# Winters, California to Celebrate 25 Years of Putah Creek Restoration! Celebrate the 8th Annual Winters Salmon Festival on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 11 AM to 4 PM.

What: Winters Salmon Festival

When: Saturday, November 1st, 2025, 11:00am to 4:00pm

Details: Live music, artisan crafts, giveaway prizes, local food and more.

Where: Rotary Park

201 Railroad Avenue Winters, CA 95694

Cost: Free to attend, family friendly

(Winters, CA) The Winters Salmon Festival, which began in 2016 to celebrate the return of Chinook salmon to the lower reaches of Putah Creek, will be celebrated for the eighth time this November. This year's festival's theme is *Putah Creek Accord 25th Anniversary: A Salmon Success Story*. This year's theme focuses on the cooperative relationship between community partners, government organizations, and local nonprofits in their effort to restore portions of the Lower Putah Creek. The Putah Creek Accord, which was created in 2000, was an agreement that set about the establishment of minimum flow regimes to Putah Creek. This Accord also initiated decades of habitat restoration along the creek, improving the flow of the creek, and in 2014, welcomed back significant numbers of Chinook salmon to their natal spawning grounds for the first time since the building of the Monticello Dam.

The event will feature family-oriented programs including live music by local bands such as The Ryman Brothers, Red Dog Ash, and Welcome West. Local food vendors such as Cousin's Maine Lobster, Baby O's, Buckhorn Food Truck, and Enamora Empanadas will also be in attendance. Keep an eye out for children's activities, educational talks with the Streamkeeper, and numerous giveaway prizes! There will also be a special speaker session honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Putah Creek Accord from 1:00pm to 1:30pm. This speaker session will feature local dignitaries from Yolo and Solano County, in addition to key members that were instrumental in the formation of the Putah Creek Accord, sharing their experiences and stories.

The Festival is free to the public and will take place on Saturday November 1st from 11:00am to 4:00pm in Rotary Park located in downtown Winters.

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In addition to all the festivities featured at the event, local students were asked to submit hand-made posters as part of an annual contest leading up to the Salmon Festival. This year's theme was: **Restoring a Watershed, Reviving a Salmon Run.** Students were asked to create a piece of art that addressed this theme, with a special focus on the role of restoration of Putah Creek. Hundreds of pieces were submitted by local Winters students. One piece was selected from Waggoner Elementary School, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School, Winters Middle School, and Winters High School. Winning entries are given a gift certificate worth \$200, will have their art featured at the Winters Salmon Festival, and one of the selected pieces will be used in the advertising of the 2026 festival. We welcome the community to come and see the student art at the festival. Select pieces will also be displayed at the Winters Public Library leading up to the event.

Visit the Winters Salmon Festival website or Facebook page for additional information.

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Photographs Below:

Photos Courtesy: Solano County Water Agency



Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper for Solano County Water Agency, introduces himself to the crowd at the 7th Annual Winters Salmon Festival.



Children taking a photo with a salmon mascot at the 7th Annual Winters Salmon Festival in 2024.

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Local business, Baby O's, welcomes patrons to their establishment.



Attendees of the 7th Annual Winters Salmon Festival look through an art display created by local students of Winters Unified School System.



Artwork by Lucia Martinez, one of the 2025 Student Art Contest Winners.