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Cross Ranch hosts Missouri River Bluegrass Festival

The Missouri River Bluegrass Festival enters its 24th season June 20-21, providing musical entertainment in the shade of Cross Ranch State Park's familiar cottonwood trees.

Headlining this year's two-day event are Nightflyer and Nu-Blu. Nightflyer is a seasoned group of professional musicians playing mostly contemporary with strong traditional bluegrass roots, a little gospel and just a touch of the blues thrown in. The group appears Friday at 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 4:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Nu-Blu makes its second appearance at Cross Ranch State Park, last year the group took part in the park's Bluegrass Turns Pink event. Nu-Blu is a group hailing from Silver City, North Carolina. Carolyn and Daniel Routh started the group and are joined by long time band members Levin Austin and Austin Koerner. Nu-Blue has five albums to its credit and has developed a unique sound which combines the members love for bluegrass music and respect for its traditional roots, along with an edgy feel that gives their music a fresh energy and spirit. Nu-Blu appears at 8:30 p.m. Friday and at 3:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Other performers appearing at the festival include: DW Groethe, a Bainville, MN, cowboy poet and musician who will emcee the festival; Jami Lynn and Dylan James, specializing in traditional and original folk music; local favorite and Washburn-based Cotton Wood; the Center Community Band; and the Pfligers.

Performances are held June 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and June 21 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for Friday's performances, \$20 for Saturday or \$30 for both days. Children age 16 and younger are admitted free.

Camping is available at Cross Ranch State Park and the nearby Sanger camping area. Reservations can be made by calling 800-807-4723 or by going online at parkrec.nd.gov. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only; no pets, alcohol or unruly behavior is allowed.

Two more bluegrass concerts are planned for this summer at Cross Ranch State Park with the return of Bluegrass Goes Pink on Aug. 9 and Cotton Wood & Cobbler on Aug. 31.