



MEDIA UPDATE

August 27, 2020

Salt River Tubing & Recreation is a seasonal, outdoor water recreational business in Tonto National Forest which usually operates April until the end of September, weather and water flow permitting. SRTR is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on the Lower Salt River and, 2020 has been a historical, unprecedented, and memorable tubing season to date!

Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-43 on June 29, 2020 closed bars, indoor gyms, indoor movie theatres, water parks and tubing operators. SRTR respectfully complied with the Executive Order closure and **has not been open for business for the past eight (8) weeks (59 days)**.

Since SRTR's initial opening on May 16, 2020, the following COVID-19 Safety Protocols were in place and enforced:

- SRTR distributed FREE Bandanas to the Public to wear as face coverings! A Face Covering/Bandana was **REQUIRED** during the Tube Rental/Tube Return Transactions **AND** for Shuttle Bus Transport To/From Salt River. **NO EXCEPTIONS WERE PERMITTED!**
- SRTR implemented safe distancing between customers on the beach areas awaiting the tube rental transaction/return processes and bus loading lanes.
- SRTR always required its Employees to wear Face Coverings as well as gloves. Daily temperature checks were administered to employees upon reporting to shift.
- Employees were instructed to wash their hands/sanitize frequently and incorporate safe distancing during lunch breaks.
- Shuttle Bus Transport – SRTR's Shuttle buses were downsized to transport fifteen persons/bus. Shuttle buses were disinfected nightly (every 24-hours) with disinfectant solutions.

SRTR Safety Protocols were enforced **DAILY**. During the weekends (busiest visitation), enforcement of the Safety Protocols was implemented by off-duty MCSO Deputy Sheriffs, TEAM Security and SRTR staff.

Since SRTR's Opening Day on May 16, 2020, our watchwords were ***"Arizona Tubers! Let's show America we can RECREATE RESPONSIBLY with Safe Distancing on the Salt River!"*** A Face Covering/Bandana is **REQUIRED** during the Tube Rental/Tube Return Transactions **AND** for Transport on SRTR's Shuttle Buses To/From the Salt River. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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SRTR posted this verbiage on SRTR's website, social media, radio advertising and print publications. SRTR remains confident that its safety protocols concerning COVID-19 were above and beyond Arizona mandates during its operational period of May 16 until June 29, 2020.

Usually, beginning with the last week of August, SRTR's operating days are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until the end of September. **Currently, only SIXTEEN (16) days, including Labor Day, remain in SRTR's operating season.**

Due to Governor Ducey's Executive Order closure on June 29th, SRTR employees have sought employment elsewhere in the past fifty-nine (59) days of closure. Understandably, many of our employees are unwilling to return to SRTR for only sixteen (16) operating days of the remaining season. Due to the lack of certified and experienced SRTR personnel returning for duty, SRTR is unable to provide the quality service that meets our guest's expectations and safely re-open on August 28th for the remaining 16 days of the tubing season.

SRTR IS CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020 SEASON

SRTR anticipates re-opening on April 24th for the 2021 tubing season! Stay tuned to our website at www.saltrivertubing.com and social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the 2021 opening season! SRTR has greatly appreciated the opportunity to provide a quality, outdoor recreational adventure on the Lower Salt River in beautiful Tonto National Forest during the past forty years.

***We ARE and WILL Continue to be
Arizona's Floating Beach Blast Tradition on Salt River!
SEE YOU IN APRIL, 2021!***

A REMINDER FOR THE LOWER SALT RIVER GUESTS:



ARIZONA!



**Take Pride in Your Public Lands and 'Stash & Bag' Your Trash in Litter Bags!
'Lend a Hand, It's YOUR Public Lands'!**

THANK YOU ARIZONA!

We will be back in April 2021!

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy & Wear a Face Mask!

