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Steelhead event on Saturday

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Friday, May 09, 2003 - FREMONT -- Fly-fishing lessons and walking tours of steelhead restoration sites are among the activities planned Saturday during the fourth annual Alameda Creek Steelhead and Watershed Awareness Fair.

The event is a celebration of the progress made in restoring steelhead trout and other native trout and salmon in Alameda Creek.

Activities will include catch-and-release fly-fishing instruction, live steelhead fish displays, children's activities, live music featuring Bump City Bluegrass Jam, educational and informational displays and walking tours of restoration sites.

The free festival will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Niles Community Park, at the end of G Street in Niles.

In conjunction with the festival, a 10-kilometer road race

along lower Alameda Creek and Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area starts at 9 a.m.

A 5-kilometer fun run/walk along the creek starts at 9:30 a.m.

Race registration is \$25, which will be donated to steelhead restoration efforts.

The Alameda Creek Alliance -- which is organizing the event -- has been working to restore the steelhead trout since 1997. The trout have suffered because dams block their migrating pattern for spawning.