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Celebrate Freedom and Community Spirit at Waukeee's Exciting Two-Day Independence Day Celebration

Waukeee, Iowa -Waukeee, a vibrant city known for its strong community bonds, is gearing up to host a two-day Independence Day Celebration in Centennial Park. On July 3 and 4, Waukeee Parks and Recreation and other community groups will welcome community members to enjoy classic American summer activities from a pancake breakfast to a pie-eating contest to a professional fireworks display. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

“Our annual Independence Day Celebration is a cherished summer tradition in Waukeee,” said Danae Edwards, Recreation Supervisor for Waukeee Parks and Recreation. “This spirited celebration of independence, unity and hometown pride will have something for everyone to enjoy.”

Highlights of the celebration include:

Spectacular Sky Show: On July 4, Des Moines Skydivers will put on a patriotic show as they float into Centennial Park. Stick around for dark when the night sky over Waukeee becomes a canvas of vibrant colors from a professional fireworks display.

Community Parade: Wave your flags and catch sweet treats as community leaders, organizations and others put on a joyful display of community spirit and patriotism.

Live Music and Entertainment: Groove to the rhythm of live music performances by Riverside Drive & Oreo Meatwagon, play your favorite backyard games and enjoy a movie on the outdoor screen.

Family Friendly Activities: Families are invited to indulge in a wide range of activities, including inflatables, ice cream social and bingo.

Full schedule of events (at Centennial Park unless otherwise noted) :

Monday, July 3, an All-American Evening

- Food Vendor: American Legion grills up classic hamburgers & hotdogs, 5-9 p.m.
- Backyard Games (bags, Jenga, tic-tac-toe, badminton, match game) (free), 5-9 p.m.
- Adult Coed Sand Volleyball Tournament (\$40 per team; pre-registration), 5 p.m.
- Pie Eating Contest (free, open to all ages), 5:30 p.m.
- Bubble Gum Blowing Contest (free, open to all ages), 6 p.m.
- Bingo, sponsored by OMNI Wealth Management (free), 6:30 p.m.
- Movies in the Park: "Top Gun: Maverick" (free), 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4, a full day of summer fun for all ages

- Waukeee Boy Scouts Troop 178 "Waukeee Freedom 5K" at Lutheran Church of Hope Waukeee (entry fee), 7:45 a.m.
- Rotary Club of Waukeee Pancake Breakfast (free; donations accepted), 8-10:30 a.m.

- Parade (free; see route at Waukee.org/July), 10:30 a.m.
- Ice Cream Social with Waukee Ice Cream Shoppe (free), 12-1 p.m.
- Food and Beverage Vendors, 12-10 p.m.
- Inflatables Village (armband \$10), 1-8 p.m.
- Adult Bags Tournament, sponsored by Iowa Orthodontic Solutions (\$20 per team; pre-registration), 1 p.m.
- Live music from Riverside Drive & Oreo Meatwagon (free), 5-10 p.m.
- Des Moines Skydivers (free), 8 p.m.
- Professional Fireworks Show, 9:30 p.m.

Find the most up-to-date schedule of events, details on what you can bring and where to park as well as links to registration at Waukee.org/July.

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