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Irving Hosts ‘A Star-Spangled Celebration’ July 4

(IRVING, TEXAS) — For many Americans, the Fourth of July is a time to celebrate the nation’s history with friends and family. Along with grilling and outdoor activities, one tradition that residents enjoy is the Independence Day parade. This year, the theme of Irving’s annual Independence Day parade and reception will be “A Star-Spangled Celebration — Celebrating American All-Stars.” Participants can show their pride by decorating floats or walking in groups to honor notable American historical figures or landmarks.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. July 4 at Sowers Street and Irving Boulevard, near Millennium Park, and concludes about 10 a.m. After the parade, a reception at Heritage Park, 217 S. Main St., will include free watermelon, airbrush tattoos, balloons and a concert by Leo Hull and the Texas Blues Machine.

The celebration continues at 6 p.m. along Lake Carolyn, 601 E. Las Colinas Blvd. Entertainment includes live music by Downtown Fever, DJ Chris Brown and the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra’s Brass Quintet. The 20-minute fireworks display begins at 9:30 p.m. More than 20 food vendors will offer hot and cold treats.

Other activities include airbrush tattoos, photos with Uncle Sam and both wet and dry inflatable rides. Swim attire is not required; towels are recommended. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs; outside food and beverage is permitted.

The parade and fireworks show are sponsored by Baylor Scott and White Medical Center, Frontier Communications and North Texas Child.

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The [City of Irving](#) is an economic powerhouse in North Texas and is home to the region’s largest office park, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence. Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 237,000 residents and the most diverse zip code in the country.