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Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular set for this weekend

The eighth annual Norton County Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular will be held at the Prairie Dog State Park, four miles west of Norton, this Sunday, July 4.

This event is sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and is made possible by generous donations from Norton County businesses and citizens.

Proceeds from the Chamber Golf Tournament also helped in part to fund the celebration.

Free watermelon will be served beginning at 8 p.m. near the bathhouse at the east end of the park near Sebelius Lake. Jamboree Foods has donated all of the cold watermelons to feed the crowd.

Also around 8 p.m., Master of Ceremonies Marvin Matchett will welcome the crowd. Norton Boy Scout Troop No. 181 will present the flag, followed by the National Anthem and then a patriotic message read by Larry Black. Other patriotic music such as Stars and Stripes Forever and America the Beautiful will be played.

The Chamber of Commerce will recognize the sponsors who made this event possible throughout the evening before the fireworks display begins.

Just before dark, Troop No. 181 will retire the flag.

The spectacular fireworks display will begin at dark over the beautiful Sebelius Lake. Russ Erbert, a licensed pyrotechnician, will once again donate his talent to ensure a safe display. Assisting him will be Larry Nelson, Joyce Quinn, Dan Hazlett, Steve Mees, Rhonda Mees, Karla Reed, Mike Barrett and Harold Shinn.

Clavin Wright will provide a boat patrol.

In keeping with the need for safety, the dam will be blocked to any traffic, vehicle and pedestrians. Boaters will need to remain at least 600 feet from the shooting area. The boat patrol will help enforce this requirement.

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce gives special thanks to the Norton County

Sheriff's Department, the Norton County Ambulance Service, the Fire Departments and the Prairie Dog State Park staff who have coordinated efforts to ensure the safety of on-lookers as well as those participating in this event.

Entrance to the park will be \$6.50 per carload. If you already have a Kansas Park sticker on your vehicle, you will be admitted free of charge. If you are a Kansas resident and over 65 years of age and do not have a Kansas Park sticker, the cost for your vehicle for the day is just \$3.75.

Because of the generosity of many businesses, individuals and organizations, there is no charge for the Celebration activities or fireworks display.

Annual permits may be purchased at the Prairie Dog State Park Office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday or from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Annual permits are \$45.50 and \$23.25 for those over 65. Buying an annual permit earlier in the week will reduce traffic problems the day of the celebration.

If there is inclement weather or very strong winds, the fireworks will be postponed until Monday, July 5. Postponement will be announced on KQNK Radio FM 106.7.

Viewing of the fireworks will be best from Prairie Dog State Park. Bring lawn chairs, a picnic and come early enough to get a good spot for the show.



This year's fireworks spectacular should be every bit as good as last year's. — Telegram photo