



Eleven Fireworks Shows Ignite Skies For Independence Day

Boat Parades, Concerts Mark July 4th in St. Pete/Clearwater

St. Pete/Clearwater, FL (July 1, 2009) – Bring a blanket, a picnic basket and your oohs and aahs as the St. Pete/Clearwater area celebrates Independence Day with a slew of family-friendly events spanning the area from Tarpon Springs to Gulfport.

No fewer than eleven spectacular pyrotechnic displays will dazzle crowds from the beach to the Bay, while strains of pop, rock and blues will provide a festive soundtrack. Whether it's the barbecue bash in Treasure Island, the Pops concert in Clearwater's Coachman Park, or catching the Rays away game on the big screen at St. Pete's Pier, you're bound to find an event to spark your interest.

Below is a quick rundown of the Independence Day action to be found in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area. For more complete details and links to specific sponsoring organizations, visit [VSPC's Fourth of July](#) page.

- **Freedom Fest in Pinellas Park** – Why wait until Saturday to celebrate? Friday's Freedom Fest will have live Christian music, food, crafts, kids' activities and fireworks from 2-10 p.m. in Town Square Park Plaza. Saturday features a laser show.
- **Fireworks in Dunedin** – Party island style on Friday at Dunedin's Knology Park with music by the De Lei'ed Parrots and children entertainer Shana Banana. Tropical attire suggested. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.



- **St. Pete Beach Fireworks** - Bring your blanket and a picnic basket and settle in for the evening to enjoy fireworks at the beach. Launched along the Gulf of Mexico, you'll enjoy the show starting at dusk.
- **Madeira Beach Fireworks** - Promising a traditional show ending in a spectacular finale of lights, this event is expected to last 20 to 30 minutes during which 3,938 rounds of premium display fireworks will be set off. The display will be fired from the city recreation park on Rex Place next to the City Hall complex.
- **Redington Shores Fireworks** - Situated in the heart of the beach communities, Redington Shores has an expansive beach and is famous for its long pier. The fireworks display will take place shortly after dusk in the county beach park.
- **Treasure Island Fireworks** - Enjoy a delicious BBQ while watching fireworks on the beach. Fireworks start at 9 p.m.
- **Clearwater Celebrates America** - Spend the afternoon at beautiful Coachman Park with the Mostly Pops Orchestra with John and Mary K. Wilson at 7:30 p.m. A spectacular fireworks show will follow at 9:30 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m.
- **Fourth of July Extravaganza at The St. Pete Pier** – Live music by the Cool Daddies and the popular rock band Save The Radio set the tone before a beautiful fireworks display at 9 p.m. Catch the Rays-Rangers game outside on a big screen by the Pier.
- **Largo Fourth of July Celebration** – A DJ kicks things off with music at 7 p.m. Interactive kids activities will be located near the stage. Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m.
- **Get to Gulfport** - A diverse variety of vendors line Beach Boulevard and Shore Boulevard before live music and an old-fashioned parade energizes the crowd. A fabulous fireworks display over the pier caps off the night.
- **4th of July U.S. Constitution Boat Parade** - Enjoy a patriotic, fun-filled rally that will kick off the First Annual Fourth of July U.S. Constitution boat parade. Gather at Gators Café at John's Pass where the festivities will start at noon. Decorate your boat and show it off or just watch the parade sail by just after 3 p.m.
- **Patriotic Picnic in Tarpon Springs** – Enjoy a hometown picnic in Craig Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m featuring live music and family-fun activities like a bubblegum blowing contest and sack races. Free hot dogs, soda and water will be provided.
- **Safety Harbor July 4th** – Celebrate in an activities area with carnival games, inflatables and a rock wall on the lawn of the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. Fireworks display at 9 p.m.

For more information on this weekend's events, visit [VSPC's Fourth of July](#) page.

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