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The 18th annual Spring Valley Lake Firework Show will kick off a series of Independence Day-themed events by various organizations across the High Desert and mountain communities.

The aerial display is open to Spring Valley Lake members and guests. The show will begin around 9 p.m. on Saturday — a week before Independence Day weekend. Membership cards are required to attend, and anyone using a guest pass must be accompanied by a member with a photo card, an online event flier states.

The fireworks can also be viewed outside of Spring Valley Lake, in places like Apple Valley, Hesperia, and Victorville.

Lucerne Valley

After a nearly seven-year drought, Independence Day fireworks will return to Lucerne Valley, Chamber of Commerce President Angie Miller said.

The fireworks celebration is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 1 at Pioneer Park next to the **San Bernardino County Fire Station** on Old Woman Springs Road.

“Because of a lack of funding and the COVID-19 pandemic, we haven’t been able to host a 4th of July fireworks show since 2016,” Miller said. “But now, we’re ready to bring back fireworks and a large-scale celebration for the entire family.”

The event will include food, games, a beer garden, live music, vendors, hay rides and plenty of surprises.

As part of the celebration, the Lucerne Valley Museum Association will host a car show from 5 to 7 p.m. at the nearby senior center, according to museum President Chelsea LaGrange.

Humanitarian Emergency Lifeline Project Director Jason Hansen said the fireworks show begins at dark and will be conducted by Zambelli Fireworks, which produces fireworks and pyrotechnics displays across the U.S. and internationally.

On Sunday, July 2, the Independence Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel on Highway 18 from Trade Post Road to Cafe Pioneer Park.

Miller suggests parade goers bring chairs and shade, also water balloons and squirt guns to have some fun water play.

“We are encouraging families to come to the park after the parade for the trophies and ringing of the bell,” Miller said. “We will be staying to enjoy the day and to enjoy each other’s company. Bring your own food to barbecue or pack a lunch.”

The Lucerne Valley Market at 32946 Hwy. 18 will host parking, with bus and hayrides to the park.

Adelanto

The HD Food Shack will host a 4th of July “Block Party” style firework show from 5 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 at Adelanto Stadium and Event Center at 12000 Stadium Way.

The event will include food, drinks, music, games, fireworks and more. Admission is free, parking is \$10. For more information contact the stadium at 760-261-1240.

Apple Valley

The Town of Apple Valley will host its 25th annual 4th of July Freedom Festival from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 at the Lenny Brewster Sports Center at 21024 Otoe Road.

The event will include live entertainment, food and retail vendors, a beer garden, and a fireworks show that begins at 9 p.m. and will include music simulcast by Y102 Radio FM.

Blankets and chairs are suggested. Pets, smoking, and outside alcohol are prohibited at the event. For more information, call 760-240-7880 or visit applevalleyevents.org.

Barstow

Barstow city officials will host the 26th Annual Fireworks Spectacular on Tuesday, July 4 at the Robert A. Sessions Memorial Sportspark at 2800 Mayor Katy Parkway.

The day begins at 7 a.m. with a free 5K Freedom Run at the sports park, with pre-registration at the Cora Harper Community Center at 841 Barstow Road.

Gates to the park open at 5 p.m. for an evening of live music featuring Southern Spirit, a beer garden, and children’s activities such as bounce houses, inflatable water slides, and other water-related activities.

The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. with a music simulcast on FM 98.1

Barbecues, outside alcohol, and glass containers will not be allowed at the venue. Visitors are encouraged to bring their food.

Information about the event and free bus service by the Victor Valley Transit Authority is available at barstowca.org.

Lake Arrowhead

The Arrowhead Lake Association's 2023 Lake Arrowhead Fireworks Show begins at 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 2.

Victorville

Considered the biggest firework show in the High Desert, the 4th of July Freedom Festival is coming to the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds in Victorville.

Gates to the fairgrounds will open at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 with the fireworks show beginning at 9 p.m. at the fairgrounds, located at 14800 Seventh Street.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The fireworks show will accompany patriotic music simulcast on the Kat Country 100.7 FM radio station.

No weapons, including pocket knives, are allowed at the venue. Also, no outside food or drinks other than unopened bottles of water. No ice chests and no pets other than properly documented service animals.

Big Bear

The Fireworks Spectacular explodes over Big Bear Lake at 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. The fireworks show runs for about 30 to 40 minutes and can be viewed from the water, the shore, and some trail points. The event is free, and radio station KBHR will provide a musical accompaniment on 93.3 FM and 102.5 FM.

The 29th annual Big Bear Lake Independence Day Faire will provide visitors with a day of shopping, children's activities, live entertainment, a beer garden, food, vendors, and arts and crafts booths.

The fair opens at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4, with the festivities continuing through 6 p.m. The fair is at the corner of Big Bear Boulevard and Division Drive. For more details, call the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake at 909-585-3000 or visit bigbearevents.com.

Crestline

Just months after suffering from a disastrous 80-inches of snowfall, Crestline will host Jamboree Days over the July 4th weekend, organizers said.

The celebration begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 1

with the Jamboree Days Parade, which winds from Crest Forest Drive, down Fern Drive and merging onto Lake Drive before ending at Lake Gregory Drive.

The fun continues from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a Family Fun Zone at Forest Shade Road.

Also, Crestline Chamber of Commerce will host a Beer Garden from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Arrowhead Credit Union at 23971 Lake Drive.

The beer garden will include local vineyards and breweries pouring a variety of craft beers and fine wines. There will also be dozens of vendors, and food trucks.

Lake Gregory will close at 5 p.m. to freshen the beaches before reopening for free to the public at 6 p.m. Visitors may picnic at the lakeside and watch the fireworks show over Lake Gregory at 9 p.m.

Visitors are invited to the Jamboree Days Community Picnic from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, July 3 at the Meadow at San Moritz Lodge, 24640 San Moritz Drive in Crestline.

The picnic will include paid food options, bounce houses, gunny-sack and three-legged races, watermelon-eating contests, cornhole, face-painting, balloon animals and craft vendors.

Visit JamboreeDays.com for more information.

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