



2006 Summer Events in D.C.



Independence Day Celebration: The Parade starts at 11:45am sharp and goes along Constitution Avenue moving west from 7th to 17th Streets, on Tuesday, July 4th.

<http://www.july4thparade.com>

At 8:00 pm, the National Symphony Orchestra, Jo Dee Messina and Vanessa Williams are performing "A Capitol Fourth Concert" hosted by actor Jason Alexander and the Sesame Street puppet Elmo at the U.S. Capitol, West Lawn. The fireworks start at dark, around 9:15 pm, and are located at 15th Street at Constitution Avenue, NW.

<http://www.nps.gov/ncro/PublicAffairs/SummerintheCity.htm>

Concerts:

U.S. Air Force Band Summer Concert Series: Every Friday at 8:00pm at the Sylvan Theatre, located at the base of the Washington Monument. (202) 767-5658 Metro: Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Lines) **Free.**

http://www.usafband.com/concert_calendar.cfm

U.S. Marine Concerts: "The President's Own" Band performs Wednesdays at the U.S. Capitol and Thursdays at the Sylvan Theatre, located at the base of the Washington Monument, at 8:00 pm. June through August. **Free.**

<http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/calendar/index.asp>

U.S. Navy Memorial Naval Heritage Summer Concert Series: Mondays at the U.S. Capitol, Tuesdays at the U.S. Navy Memorial, at 8 pm. June through August. (202) 433-2525. **Free.** <http://www.navyband.navy.mil/summerconcerts.shtml>

U.S. Army Band: Friday Concerts at the WWII Memorial at 8:00 pm.

<http://www.usarmyband.com/event-calendar.html>

Screen on the Green: Features classic cinema selections projected on a giant movie screen on the National Mall. People begin showing up around 5:00pm; show begins around 9:00 pm. Bring a blanket. Mondays beginning July 17 for five weeks. <http://dc.about.com/od/specialevents/a/Screengreen.htm>. **Free.**

This summer's films are:

July 17 - The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951); July 24 - The Band Wagon (1953); July 31 - Bullitt (1968); August 7 - To Have and Have Not (1944); August 14 - Rocky (1976)

Museums:

Smithsonian Folklife Festival: The free festival, held on the National Mall, is open 11:00 am–5:30 pm June 30–July 4 and July 7–July 11, 2006. (202) 633-9884.

Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue Line).

<http://www.folklife.si.edu/festival/2006/index.html>

Benjamin Franklin: In His Own Words: This exhibit features 75 items drawn from the more than 8,000 documents in the Benjamin Franklin Collection in the Library's Manuscript Division and other Franklin manuscripts in the Thomas Jefferson and George Washington papers. It is open until Saturday, June 17, 2006 at the Library of Congress from 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History: Will close for construction on September 5, 2006 and is scheduled to reopen in the summer of 2008. Labor Day (September 4th) will be the last day to visit the museum.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/about/renovations.cfm>

Family Activities:

Muppets and Mechanisms: Jim Henson's Legacy

Celebrates Muppet-creator Jim Henson, while exploring the mechanisms that made his puppets work. Open until September 4, 2006 at the National Museum of American History, 10:00 am–5:30 pm daily. **Free.**

The National Zoological Park houses lions and tigers and bears—OH MY! The zoo can be enjoyed by the whole family, and is open daily from 8:00 am–8:00 pm.

Tickets to see the Panda Cub, Tai Shan, are available online, but the exhibit is closed from June 5–June 23 for renovation. Zoo grounds are open 6:00 am–8:00 pm daily and zoo buildings are open 10:00 am–6:00 pm daily. (202) 673-4717.

Metro Stop: Woodley Park/Zoo (Red Line). **Free**

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/Calendar/>

Washington Nationals: For information on tickets to a Washington Nationals Game call (888) 632-NATS (6287). Official Website:

http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/index.jsp?c_id=was.

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