



Estes Park Celebrates the Fourth of July with Fireworks, Cars and Family Friendly Adventures

ESTES PARK, Colo. - (April 14, 2010) – Fireworks won't be the only thing making visitors "ohh" and "ahh" in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado this Fourth of July. This quintessential Colorado mountain town, set against the pristine backdrop of Rocky Mountain National Park, offers a variety of family-friendly activities and events throughout holiday weekend:

- ***Saturday, July 3***

Per town tradition, the Fourth of July weekend kicks off with the annual pancake breakfast served outdoors in the heart of Estes Park's charming downtown – eggs, juice, coffee, and of course, pancakes will be provided. Suggested donations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

After a hearty breakfast, visitors can spend the afternoon enjoying a myriad of free or low cost activities throughout the area including hiking, rock climbing, bike riding, paddle boating, wildlife viewing, miniature gold, bumper cars and much more.

- ***Sunday, July 4***

9-3 p.m.

The Classic Car Show is sure to get car lover's engines going. Located in downtown's Bond Park, visitors can peruse more than 100 vintage vehicles from stock classics dating back to 1914 to street rods and custom cars and trucks. Tickets are \$5 for individuals, but no more than \$10 for the entire family.

Families can also learn about some of the world's most coveted animals at the Arabian Horse Show. Located at the Fairgrounds at Stanley Park, visitors can watch horsemanship competitions at the Arabian Sport Horse Championships. The show has been an Estes Park Fourth of July staple for more than 50 years. Admission is free.

3 p.m.

The mountains come alive with the sound of music at Rocky Ridge Music Center. The delightful "Music in the Mountains" concert will be performed by faculty from the acclaimed school. Admission is \$20 for adults; \$18 for Seniors-65 and over and for students ages 12-18. Children 12 and under are free.

9:30 p.m.

The fireworks show begins! Explosive charges head skyward from the banks of Lake Estes. Families can stop at Hayley's Homemade Ice Cream or Munchin House located along Elkhorn Avenue for a sweet scoop of homemade ice cream then set up blankets and chairs around the lake to watch this memorable show. It doesn't get any more American than that!

Travelers to Estes Park will also find a number of lodging options to choose from, at price points to meet any budget, available throughout the holiday weekend. For more information, visit www.EstesParkCVB.com or call 800-44-ESTES.

ABOUT ESTES PARK

Nestled in one of nature's most stunning locations, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park is an outdoor-lover's paradise offering seemingly endless activities. Year-round pursuits fueled by "leg-power" include everything from hiking, horseback riding, fly fishing, wildlife and bird watching, to snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and much more. The authentic, low-key charm of Estes Park coupled with a wealth of activities makes Estes Park a very popular destination not only for nature enthusiasts, but for active couples of all ages and families of all sizes. For the past three years, Estes Park has been recognized as "Colorado's most popular mountain vacation destination," according to Longwoods International. Estes Park is a year-round destination with more than 100 hotels, motels, lodges, bed and breakfasts, guest ranches, cabins and cottages, condominiums and campgrounds.

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