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## NEWS

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### **Get ready for San Marcos Summerfest 2009**

**SAN MARCOS** – Start getting your patriotic outfits together. The 29<sup>th</sup> annual San Marcos Summerfest will be here before you know it.

Back at San Marcos Plaza Park, the city's Independence Day celebration will open at 5 p.m. July 4 with the annual Children's Parade and Costume Contest, followed immediately by the patriotic program.

Live music will begin at 6:15 p.m. with the band Zydeco Blanco opening the three-band musical entertainment segment. At 7:45 p.m., David Ybarra and the LA Blues Band – a Summerfest classic for years – will take the stage, leading up to the 9:30 p.m. fireworks exhibition. The choreographed fireworks exhibition will be bigger than ever this year. San Marcos' own Trio Faze will close out the day at the park at 10 p.m.

Faithful Summerfest food vendors are returning to offer a variety of food for the festival. The Parks and Recreation Department will operate a special activity area to keep the children entertained.

Parents are invited to bring their kids in some sort of patriotic attire for the children's parade and costume contest. Uncle Sam has been invited to lead the parade. Youngsters are also invited to submit entries for a patriotic essay contest.

Last year, the annual July 4 event made a permanent move to the City of San Marcos' popular San Marcos Plaza Park, the home of San Marcos' Sights and Sounds of Christmas, which attracts thousands of people the first weekend of December each year.

The 2009 event finds last year's co-chairs Lisa Morris of San Marcos Parks and Recreation and San Marcos Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Rebecca Ybarra-Ramirez again at the helm of Summerfest planning.

In addition to the City of San Marcos, both the San Marcos Noon Lions Club and H-E-B are back as major event sponsors.

For more information about Summerfest, call San Marcos Parks and Recreation at 512-393-8400.

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