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Cheers to the red, white and blue! Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is just around the corner, which means fireworks galore. Check out where in the Valley the night sky will light up with pure patriotism.



The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess "Fourth of July Freedom Fest"

Be the very first to experience the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess' first-ever "Fourth of July Freedom Fest." Enjoy a weekend event with private concerts, fireworks, all-American fare and poolside fun exclusively for resort guests. The weekend affair introduces three different bands that will perform live followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Kicking things off on Friday, Three Dog Night will play their 70's feel-good classics like "Joy to the World," and "Black and White." From their Scottsdale roots, Zowie Bowie has quickly become one of the most popular acts in Las Vegas. Featuring Chris Phillips, Marley Taylor and their high-voltage band, Zowie Bowie will have guests grooving to the beat on Saturday night. Concluding the weekend bash, John Ondrasik, known as Five for Fighting, will play his Grammy-nominated "Superman" which climbed to the charts prior to 9/11 and went onto becoming a song of a healing nation. Don't worry if you miss the weekend fireworks displays! Every Saturday from July 9 through Labor Day weekend, The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess will present a five-minute fireworks show at 9:15 p.m. Now that is what I call lighting up the sky.

For additional information on rates and Fourth of July packages, visit: http://www.fairmont.com/scottsdale.



W Scottsdale Fourth of July Fun

Starting at \$209, W Scottsdale will offer its guests an eventful weekend of hip, sultry fun in the sun for the Fourth of July holiday. Starting Saturday, July 2, The Paul Frank Road Show will make a stop at W Scottsdale offering product giveaways. Don't miss out on this event that is open to the public because Paul Frank's best-known character, Julius the Monkey, will surely make an appearance. Sunday, July 3, W Scottsdale invites guests to an afternoon by the poolside accompanied with a live DJ, scrumptious BBQ, and Swimsuits & Sneakers fashion show sponsored by Vitamin A swimwear. The sizzling day will end with a gorgeous fireworks display at 9 p.m. And to top the weekend off, guests are welcome to enjoy some old-fashion R&R on Monday, July 4, by the poolside with a Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar.

For additional information on W Scottsdale's Fourth of July weekend, visit: http://www.wscottsdalehotel.com/happenings.



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July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival

Tempe Town Lake is home of many popular events throughout the year, one being the July Fourth Celebration. On Monday, July 4, Tempe Town Lake will open its gates at 4 p.m. for a night of pure patriotic fun. Everything from inflatable villages and rides to water playgrounds and local live entertainment will be present at this spectacular event. To conclude the celebration, the event features its 40-minute fireworks show, claiming to be "the largest fireworks display in Arizona." Tickets will be on sale now through July 4 at all Fry's stores for \$6 each and also will be sold at the gate for \$8. Children twelve and under are free. Don't miss out on this popular event that brings crowds pouring in from all areas of the Valley.

For additional information on tickets, schedule of events and more, visit: http://www.tempe4th.com/.



Fabulous Phoenix Fourth

Located at the Steele Indian School Park, around 100,000 people attend this Phoenix Independence Day celebration, the Fabulous Phoenix Fourth. The Fabulous Phoenix Fourth begins Monday, July 4, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The celebration will feature a F-15 flyover, local musical entertainers, a water spray zone and inflatable rides for kids and a Classic Car exhibit. Of course fireworks take center stage at 9:30 p.m. Admissions are free, so check out Arizona's largest celebration in downtown Phoenix for a fabulous and fun Fourth of July.

For more information, visit: http://phoenix.about.com/cs/events/a/4thofjulyphx.htm.