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'Tis the season to watch sparks fly! That's right, the summer is already sizzling—and the sun seems to be merciless. If you're looking to cool down with some fun for the holiday, the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain has a weekend of festivities for your July 4 weekend.



Celebrate Independence Day the right way- how does fall-off-the-bone barbecue, live entertainment, and (of course!) flashy fireworks sound?

Beginning July 1, the Ritz's schedule of festivities will be open to not only hotel guests, but to the public, as well! On this Friday, the fun begins in the morning time with lawn games for the kiddies. As the sun sets, next on the agenda is the CORE Beer Experience, Dive-In Movies, Night Golf Putting Challenge, and Ranger Rick's Bug Experience. Also to be offered are several gourmet dining options along with live entertainment.

It all keeps going Saturday, July 2, with events, such as the Bocce Ball Tournament, Cosmic Slide Party, and Night Sky Telescope Experience.

The weekend goes out with a bang (literally) on Sunday, July 3, with the Fireworks Spectacular after the resort's annually highlighted Fourth of July Barbecue Buffet with live entertainment for only \$38 for adults and \$18 for kids.



If you're craving for more beyond of the holiday, the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, is this summer's go-to staycation resort for the whole family. This 850-acre desert destination features two grand swimming pools, a 235-foot water slide, private cabanas, and even a tanning island. For the younger guests, the Ritz has adventurous outings led by Ranger Rick to explore all the desert nature has to offer. Also, there are many opportunities for pure family bonding with hikes, nightly S'mores, Dive-In Movies, Cosmic Slide parties, and so much more. Take advantage of it all with the resort's Family Escape package with hot summer rates starting at \$179 per night.

For a complete list of festivities, visit <u>www.ritzcarlton.com</u> and call 520-572-3000 for dining reservations.

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