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Bush Library Hosts College Station Noon Lions Club 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks Display

COLLEGE STATION, TX- For the seventh year, the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and Texas A&M University will host the Lions Club International's annual 4th of July Celebration, "I Love America." This is the 49th year for the Lions Club to present this community event. The Museum will open at 9:30 a.m. and extend its hours until 8:30 p.m. Admission to the museum on the 4th of July is free for everyone. Standard security procedures will be enforced for all persons entering the museum. Costumed characters such as George and Martha Washington, Abe Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam along with many others will be mingling with the crowd to pose for photographs and answer questions about their distinguished careers. July 4th is the perfect opportunity for visitors to experience *Beyond the Moon: NASA's Continuing Mission* currently on display in the Ansary Gallery of American History.

The concession stands will open at 5:00 p.m. The live entertainment and games for the children will all begin at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment includes Elvis impersonator, Jason Adams and the *Texas Unlimited Band "TUB"*. The master of ceremonies will be KO of Mix 104.7 FM. The evening will culminate with a spectacular fireworks display and concert by the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra. **People are encouraged to come early and bring their lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets (no pets please).** Funding for the festivities is provided by: The College Station Noon Lions Club, the cities of College Station and Bryan, Texas A&M University, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, Bryan Coca-Cola Bottling Co., The Bank and Trust, the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley and Slovacek Sausage Company.

Spectators should enter Research Park on Discovery or Research Drive off Hwy 60 (University Dr.), or use Olsen Drive to access John Kimbrough. Ample free parking will be available in the West Campus Parking Garage and TAMU shuttle busses will run continuously throughout the event. The Bush Library parking lots will be closed to all traffic except those needing handicapped parking. Those needing handicapped parking should access the museum parking lot through the Research Drive entrance. George Bush Drive will be closed to all traffic after 4:30 p.m.

For more information or a complete schedule of events, please call 691-4014 or visit the museum website at <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu>