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SOUTH TAHOE'S JULY 4 FIREWORKS RECOGNIZED AMONG NATION'S FAVORITES

Fireworks, Comedy and Car Show Featured During Holiday Weekend

June 22, 2011 (*South Lake Tahoe, Calif./Nev.*) – The annual “Lights on the Lake,” one of the largest synchronized fireworks displays west of the Mississippi is a gathering place for an estimated audience of 100,000 + to celebrate the holiday in Lake Tahoe South Shore (<http://www.TahoeSouth.com>).

This synchronized music and light show extravaganza has been named as one of the nation's top Fourth of July weekend festivities by NBC's Today Show, USA Today, Travel & Leisure and ForbesTraveler.com. The best viewing spots are around South Shore's sandy beaches or on the lake on board M.S. Dixie II and Tahoe Queen Paddlewheelers (if you don't have your own vessel). <http://www.zephyrcove.com/>

With the Sierra Nevada and Lake Tahoe as backdrop, the 23-minute display will include great pop music standards such as "Stars and Stripes Forever" by the US Armed Forces Band; “America the Beautiful” a duet of Ray Charles and Alicia Keys, “American Honey,” Lady Antebellum, “American Soldier,” Toby Keith and more patriotic songs to complement the array of spectacular rockets.

Holiday weekend visitors can expect the fireworks show to explode into unusual and whimsical shapes such as jellyfish, stars, butterflies, and smiley faces around 9:45 p.m. This annual family tradition is choreographed to music and broadcast on local radio stations KRLT-FM 93.9 and KOWL-AM 1490. “Lights on the Lake” is sponsored by the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority.

Numerous vantage points include:

- South Lake Tahoe's two paddle wheelers, the [Tahoe Queen](#) and [M.S. Dixie II](#); both offer dining/viewing packages
- Nevada Beach State Park with sandy shoreline equipped with barbecues and picnic tables
- Timber Cove Marina offer front row seating that fills up fast

- Bijou Community Park is set back from the shoreline and boasts a skate park, disc golf course, dog park, golf course, and playground to keep the whole family entertained while holding your ideal viewing spot
- Any of the beaches along Emerald Bay Road has an east-view perspective
- For the more adventurous, the top of Mount Tallac offers a bird's eye view of the fireworks extravaganza, but don't forget your headlamp for the trek back down

Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course's 4th of July Celebration offers front-and-center viewing of Lights on the Lake from their private beach along with a filet mignon, chicken and salmon buffet dinner. www.edgewoodtahoe.com or 775-588-2787.

Waterskiing, golfing, mountain biking and snow-skiing in the same weekend? With a record breaking season of snowfall, Kirkwood Mountain Resort will re-open for the holiday weekend, July 2-3. www.kirkwood.com.

Meanwhile, comedy will be on tap for the holiday weekend at [MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa](http://MontBleuResortCasino.com) with Jo Koy performing Saturday, July 2. From filling clubs across the nation and regular guest stints on Chelsea Lately, Jo Koy has come a long way from his modest start at a Las Vegas coffee house. His infectiously explosive energy on stage, insightful jokes and family inspired humor cross all boundaries and led Daily Variety to name him one of the "10 Comics to Watch." Tickets: \$25/\$30/\$35. Doors at 8 p.m. Show at 9 p.m.

Splash into summer as MontBleu transforms their indoor pool into a nightclub for a series of Pool Parties every Sunday through Labor Day at 10 p.m. with DJs, dance and bikinis contests, \$1 well drinks and \$5 cover for locals. www.montbleuresort.com.

Calling all "Dancing Queens" – Abbracadabra, coined "the ultimate ABBA experience" will perform July 1-3 in Harrah's [South Shore Room](http://SouthShoreRoom.com). Details: 1-800-HARRAHS or www.TotalRewardsTahoe.com.

The Woman of 1001 Voices and Faces, Bethany Owen, stars in her one-woman show titled "ONE VOICE", which looks at the zany and fun side of celebrity personalities through the use of comedic parody and musical vocal tributes from Joan Rivers to Minnie Pearl, Cher to Madonna, Dolly Parton to Shania Twain, with so many voice impressions to choose from you never know who will show up next? The show is scheduled every Friday – Tuesday at 8 p.m. www.horizoncasino.com

The vintage Tahoe venue, Valhalla, features free Jazz in the Park on the Grand Lawn, July 3, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sam Rudin - Boogie, Blues and Jazz will perform in the historic Boathouse Theater that evening, tickets are \$15. <http://valhallatahoe.com/events.html>.

In step with the patriotic holiday weekend will be the Rolling Chrome/Tahoe Thunder Car, Truck and Motorcycle show at Heavenly Village, July 1-3. The three-day show features rock n' roll, hot rods, vintage cars and fancy motorcycles.

The Heavenly Gondola is in full swing for summer operation and offers a bird's-eye view of Lake Tahoe and Mount Tallac along with on-mountain dining and activities at Adventure Peak. www.skiheavenly.com.

For real time updates on events, promotions, packages, conditions and events in South Lake Tahoe, visit The Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority is Facebook: www.facebook.com/TahoeSouth, Twitter: www.twitter.com/SouthShoreTahoe, and YouTube: www.youtube.com/LTVA. For information about Lake Tahoe South Shore, call 1-800-AT-TAHOE (1-800-288-2463) or visit www.tahoessouth.com.



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