

Freedom Fest 2017 to include family-friendly fun, fireworks July 1

Freedom Fest 2017, a free Independence Day celebration hosted by the Nacogdoches Jaycees, will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 1, in Festival Plaza in downtown Nacogdoches.

Event attractions will include a bounce house, water slide, a DJ playing hits from multiple genres and generations, food and toy vendors and more.

Fireworks will begin after dark and will be synced to KICKS 105.1. The first 1,000 attendees will receive a free pair of 3-D fireworks glasses.

The Star-Spangled Pitch Off Washer Tournament will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. A \$20 entry fee is required.

Additionally, the All-American Hot Dog Eating Contest, which is free and also open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. The contest includes divisions for ages 7-12, 13-27 and 18 and above.

“This year will be our biggest show to date,” Joseph Darden, event chair, said.

“Our sponsor, Badders Law firm, has almost doubled the number of fireworks included in this year’s event. We are expecting an amazing show.”

For more information, email freedomfest@nacogdochesjaycees.org.