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Celebrate the 4th of July at Navy Pier!

Pier officials recommend guests come early to enjoy Independence Day festivities; gates expected to close in the afternoon due to large crowds

CHICAGO, June 30, 2015 -- Bursting with red, white and blue, the Aon Summer Fireworks 4th of July show will begin promptly at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4. As the city's only lakefront fireworks show, Navy Pier will be at the center of the Chicago area's Independence Day celebration with a fireworks display longer than its regularly scheduled weekly shows, and synchronized to a patriotic soundtrack.

Navy Pier will open to the public at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4 for guests to enjoy several holiday celebrations in advance of the fireworks show. The **second annual Freedom Fest on Navy Pier's rooftop begins at 6:30 p.m. on July 4th**. This festive celebration will feature a delicious BBQ, a full bar with your favorite drinks and music from a live DJ. This is an **all-ages event**, so bring the entire family along for the cookout! Plus, come experience Lake Michigan like never before, and enjoy our **specialty 4th of July boat cruises aboard the Spirit of Chicago, Mystic Blue or the Odyssey**.

Large crowds are expected on July 4th. For the safety and comfort of all our guests, it is anticipated that at some time during the day Navy Pier will reach capacity and the gates will close. Plan your visit to Navy Pier accordingly.

Guests with tickets to a boat cruise, performance or reservations at a restaurant are encouraged to arrive several hours in advance of the start time and to allow extra travel time to Navy Pier. Navy Pier's on-site parking garages are also expected to fill on July 4th. Visitors are encouraged to **take public transportation or to park at one of Navy Pier's three partner parking garages** that are offering a discounted rate of \$15:

- **Grand Plaza Self Park** (540 N. State)

- **Ogden Plaza Self Park** (300 E. North Water St.)
- **Millennium Lakeside Garage** (5 S. Columbus)

Please visit navypier.com for detailed information regarding off-site parking options and the free Navy Pier Trolley.

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A Chicago landmark since 1916, Navy Pier has evolved from a freight passenger ship docking facility to the #1 tourist attraction in the Midwest, drawing more than eight million visitors annually. Navy Pier currently encompasses more than fifty acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and exhibit facilities, making it a tourist and visitor hub. For more information, visit our website at www.navypier.com.