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News Release

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Fun family events celebrate Independence Day

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board celebrates the Independence Day holiday with fun family events:

Fireworks at the Field

Fireworks at the Field, a day long celebration followed by the region's largest fireworks show, is July 4, in the Jordan Valley Park area. Activities begin at 3 p.m. with ice skating and inflatables at Mediacom Ice Park, face painting at the Creamery Arts Center and interactive exhibits at the Discovery Center. These activities last until 8:30. The Springfield Cardinals play the Corpus Christi Hooks at 5:09 p.m. at Hammons Field. After the game, fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m. at Hammons Field.

Tickets for Fireworks at the Field are \$7 in advance, available at any Springfield Price Cutter and the Hammons Field Box Office, or \$8 on July 4. Tickets allow entrance to all event venues. Veterans and active military personnel with an ID can purchase tickets at the gate or at the Hammons Field box office in advance for \$5. Children under 5 are free. Patrons who wish to upgrade their baseball game general admission ticket to a reserved seat can receive a \$3 discount on any other tickets at the Hammons Field box office based on availability.

City Utilities of Springfield offers free shuttle service downtown with several free parking options around the Jordan Valley Park area. Fireworks at the Field is organized by the Springfield Cardinals, Urban Districts Alliance, Springfield Regional Arts Council, the Discovery Center and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

For more information about Fireworks at the Field, contact the Urban Districts Alliance Office at 417-831-6200, or visit www.itsalldowntown.com.

Splash 'n Sizzle at the pool

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board offers discount admission to three outdoor pools during the Independence Day Splash 'n Sizzle event, Thursday, July 4, noon to 5:30 p.m., at Fassnacht Pool, Grant Beach Pool and Meador Pool.

Admission is \$1 or free with a canned food donation. All donations go to Ozarks Food Harvest. Last year, Splash 'n Sizzle events generated more than six tons of canned food items.

For more information about Splash 'n Sizzle, visit www.parkboard.org/aquatics or call the Aquatics Hotline at 417-864-2099. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public

Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.

Free Summer Tuesday and Military Appreciation Day at Dickerson Park Zoo

Dickerson Park Zoo offers free zoo admission to children and adults on Free Summer Tuesday, Tuesday, July 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Summer Tuesday continues Tuesday, July 16.

Dickerson Park Zoo also offers free admission to active military personnel and members of their immediate family (with an ID) on Military Appreciation Day, Sunday, July 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This is a first-time event for the zoo.

Dickerson Park Zoo is located at 1401 W. Norton Road, Springfield. For more information, call Dickerson Park Zoo at 417-864-1800 or visit www.dickersonparkzoo.org.