



MAY-JUNE 2015

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EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Boxing - Hilton College Station
Golf - TAMU Golf Course
Pickleball - Bryan High School
Swimming - TAMU Student Rec Center
Track & Field - College Station High School

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Boxing - Hilton College Station
Golf - TAMU Golf Course
Pickleball - Bryan High School
Swimming - TAMU Student Rec Center
Track & Field - College Station High School

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

Archery - TAMU Education Activity Bldg
Boxing - Hilton College Station
Disc Golf - Research Park
Gymnastics - James Earl Rudder High School
Lacrosse - Penberthy Rec Sports Complex
Skateboarding - G. Hysmith Skate Park
Soccer - Veterans Park & Athletic Complex
Softball - Bryan Regional Athletic Complex
Swimming - TAMU Student Rec Center
Tennis - Mitchell Tennis Center
Track & Field - College Station High School

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Gymnastics - James Earl Rudder High School
Judo - Lincoln Recreation Center
Lacrosse - Penberthy Rec Sports Complex
Softball - Bryan Regional Athletic Complex
Soccer - Veterans Park & Athletic Complex
Swimming - TAMU Student Rec Center
Tennis - Mitchell Tennis Center
Track & Field - College Station High School
Triathlon - College Station Middle School

MONDAY, AUG. 3

Lifeguard Competition - Adamson Lagoon

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GAMES OF TEXAS RETURNS JULY 30-AUG. 3

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's Summer Games of Texas will return July 30-Aug. 3 at venues across Bryan-College Station. Amateur athletes from across the state will be in town competing for medals. This Olympics-style competition is managed by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF), the governing body for athletics and sports in the state's parks and recreation world.

Last year, 8,438 athletes from across the state competed in archery, lifeguarding, boxing, golf, skateboarding, soccer, disc golf, swimming, tennis, and track and field. Only 220 participants were from College Station, which means the rest – along with about 20,000 of their coaches, family members and friends – were visitors who dropped an estimated \$6 million into the local economy from July 31-Aug. 4, 2014.

The competition was at an extremely high level, with 97 Games of Texas records set, including 64 in swimming and 33 in track and field. Winners advanced to the 2015 State Games of America in Lincoln, Neb.

The 2015 Games of Texas will consist of 16 sporting events, each with multiple age divisions: archery, pickleball, youth triathlon, gymnastics, judo, lacrosse, softball, lifeguard competition, boxing, golf, skateboarding, soccer, disc golf, swimming, tennis, and track and field.

For complete details and to register, visit TAAF.com. Some eligibility restrictions apply. Registration deadline is July 17. Interested in volunteering? Contact College Station Parks and Recreation Department at 979-764-3486 or parks@cstx.gov.

Spectators are welcome! Boxing and gymnastic tickets are \$7 per day, swimming tickets are \$7 per session or \$35 for six sessions, and admission to track and field events costs \$5 per day. The other events are free to attend.

You can also come out and welcome the thousands of Games of Texas visitors during the opening ceremonies on July 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Texas A&M Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park. Admission is free.

Facts About Flood Insurance

Anywhere it rains, it can flood, and it only takes a few inches of water to cause major damage to your home. Since standard homeowner's insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to research your flood insurance options.

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to help provide flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. Participating communities agree to adopt and enforce ordinances that meet or exceed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements to reduce the risk of flooding. Communities that participate in the NFIP are rated by FEMA through the Community Rating System.

The City of College Station participates in NFIP and has been rated as a Class-7 Community, which results in lower flood insurance premiums. Flood insurance rates are reduced 15 percent for structures in Special Flood Hazard Areas and 5 percent in 500-year Areas. *(Note that Preferred Risk Policies are already at reduced rates and do not have additional premium reductions.)*

Many people are under the misconception that they are ineligible for flood insurance because of where they live, or their mortgage status. But the truth is, most can get flood insurance. Remember these flood insurance basics and you can get flood insurance: if you live in or outside a floodplain, if your property has flooded before and even if your mortgage broker doesn't require it.

Flood insurance is required by law for property owners living in a high-risk area, or Special Flood Hazard Area, with a federally-backed mortgage. Also, if you've received a federal grant or loan for previous flood losses, you must have a flood policy to qualify for future aid.

For more details about flood insurance, visit FloodSmart.gov.

To learn more about local floodplain management, visit cstx.gov/floodplains.

Starlight Music Concert: May 30

Load up your blankets and lawn chairs for a night of free entertainment at the City of College Station's Starlight Music Concert at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater featuring Cody Johnson, with guest Bri Bagwell.

Admission is free, gates open at 6 p.m. and the music begins at 7. **Coolers and outside food or drinks are NOT allowed this year.** Concessions will be available for purchase. An ATM is also on-site. Parking is available at Post Oak Mall, and handicap parking is located off Colgate Drive. For more information, including music samples from each artist, visit cstx.gov/starlight.

Preventing Stormwater Pollution

Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding when heavy rains occur by directing stormwater into the drains where underground pipes transport it into area creeks, rivers and lakes. During this process, the stormwater can collect litter, fertilizers, motor oils and other contaminants. This is why it's important to keep pollutants off our lawns, pavements and streets.

Here's how you can help keep our local waterways clean:

- Never overwater your lawn.
- Don't exceed fertilizer package recommendations and avoid application right before rainfall.
- Dispose used auto fluids at designated drop-off locations
- Pick up and dispose of your pet's waste properly.
- Select native plants, which will require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, instead of washing it down a storm drain.
- Cover piles of loose dirt and mulch.

For more clean water tips and stormwater information, visit brazoscleanwater.org.

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SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Choose from a variety of Mini Camps for ages 4-15 throughout the summer. cstx.gov/camps, 979.764.3486

REGISTER FOR SWIM LESSONS

cstx.gov/swim, 979.764.3486

POOLS OPEN MAY 30

cstx.gov/pools, 979.764.3486

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

June 12 & July 10
cstx.gov/movies, 979.764.3486

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

June 15 & 18
Lincoln Recreation Center
cstx.gov/lincolncenter, 979.764.3779

EXPLORING HISTORY LUNCHEONS

June 17 – Texas World Speedway
July 15 – International Travel
Aug. 19 – Heroes of the Valley

11:30 a.m. \$5 per person.
RSVP to: mrodgers@cstx.gov
or 979.764.6351.

athletics

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ADULT SOFTBALL & KICKBALL

Registration: July 13-Aug. 21
Ages: 16+. Team Fee: \$390

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Registration: July 13-Aug. 21
Ages: 16+. Team Fee: \$210

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration: July 13-Aug. 28
Ages: 6-12. Fee: \$70

START SMART FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration: July 13-Aug. 28
Ages: 4-5. Fee: \$50

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Registration: July 13-Aug. 28
Ages: 8-14. Fee: \$60