

Independence Day at Fort Vancouver

Presented by Bank of America

Frequently Asked Questions

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Our community had celebrated July 4th at the Fort Vancouver National Site for 46 years. However, in 2009 the event had to be cancelled due to limited funding. This year the Fort Vancouver National Trust, with support from Bank of America and other partners, corporations and individuals, is working to bring a new July 4th event to our community: **Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America.**

In order to make the new event economically sustainable, a nominal admission fee now will be charged to those ages 13 and older. Attendees will enjoy a renewed focus on family, community and fun. Returning to our roots, the celebration will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show launched from Pearson Field. Please join us in supporting this iconic event and help bring back Vancouver's Independence Day celebration!

Q: Will there be a July 4th event at Fort Vancouver this year?

A: *Yes! It's an all-new event with a new name and a fun, family-friendly focus.*

Q: What is the event's new name?

A: *Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America*

Q: Will there be a fireworks show at this event?

A: *Absolutely! The fireworks will be launched from Pearson Field. Not only will the fireworks be a half-mile closer than in previous years, but the fireworks display will be directly overhead and will include a wider range of pyrotechnics compared to past fireworks shows.*

Q: Where will be the best spot to see the fireworks?

A: *The best place to view the fireworks show is at the Fort Vancouver National Site. The fireworks will be launched from Pearson Field, just as they were for many years.*

Q: Will fireworks be visible from Clark College, the Columbia River or Portland?

A: *The fireworks will be set off at Pearson Field at Fort Vancouver National Site instead of from a barge in the Columbia River, so it is unlikely that the fireworks will be visible for people who are not at Fort Vancouver. Join us and enjoy the show!*

Q: What can my family do at Fort Vancouver National Site while we are waiting for the fireworks show?

A: Families will find a full slate of fun activities to enjoy throughout the day. The atmosphere will be like an old-fashioned country fair with a fun, family-friendly focus.

- *Live music and more entertainment on four stages: main stage, acoustic stage, children's stage and a heritage stage*
- *Children's entertainment including puppet shows, old-fashioned children's games like three-legged races, face painting and more—and all of it free!*
- *Patriotic parade of vintage fire trucks, military vehicles and cars, led by children festively dressed in red, white and blue*
- *Teens will enjoy music, crafts, water balloon competitions, dollar cage and more*
- *Live music, guided walking tours, great food, a Beaches Cabana beer garden will appeal to adults*
- *Historical elements include black powder demonstrations, Victorian ladies' croquet games, 1880s waltz demonstrations by costumed interpreters and more*

Q: When does the event begin?

A: The gates open at 8 a.m. The venues and entertainment begin at 12:00 noon.

Q: When do the fireworks begin?

A: The fireworks begin at 10:05 p.m.

Q: Is there an admission fee to attend this fun, all-day event?

A: Yes. In order to make this event sustainable for our community, admission will be \$5 for adults and teens. Children ages 12 and under are free. Tickets will be available for purchase online at www.FortVan.org

Q: Can I purchase tickets for those in need?

A: Yes, you can purchase tickets for economically disadvantaged families. The Trust will distribute these donated tickets through several local organizations.

Q: What if I am a vendor, have an arts and crafts booth or want to volunteer?

A: Visit www.FortVan.org or call the Fort Vancouver National Trust, 360-992-1800.

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