



News Release

FIREWORKS ON THE WATER AT DON PEDRO LAKE

The *Fireworks on the Water* show, sponsored by the Don Pedro Recreation Agency in coordination with the Lake Don Pedro and Moccasin Point Marinas and contributing private houseboat owners, will be held on **Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at 9:30 p.m.** The ½ hour show will take place on the water by Don Pedro Dam, and can be viewed from the Blue Oaks Group Area, the Visitor Center/Helipad area, or from the water.

Each vehicle will be charged \$15.00 to utilize the Recreation Area, park and view the show. The Gold Chain Lions Club will be coordinating the parking of vehicles at the Blue Oaks Recreation Area, the Visitor Center and the Heliport areas by the spillway. The \$15.00 parking fee will help offset the cost of the fireworks and a portion will be shared with the Lions Club. As in previous years, the Lions Club has been authorized to sell a variety of items including hamburgers, polish dogs, chips, lemonade, ice tea, water, soft drinks and patriotic novelties.

No parking will be allowed on Bonds Flat Road. To expedite the departure from the parking areas immediately after the show, the California Highway Patrol will be directing all spectators to turn right onto Bonds Flat Road, except at Fleming Meadows where those exiting the park will be required to turn left. Spectators are urged to consider this information when they choose a place from which to view the fireworks if they are concerned about which direction they need to travel to get home. A map showing the end of show traffic flow will be provided to spectators upon arrival.

As in the past years, additional assistance for the show will be provided by CAL FIRE, the Tuolumne County Fire Department (Blanchard Station 64), the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department and Boat Patrol, the Sheriff's Department Community Services Unit and the California Highway Patrol.

Spectators who view the show by boat are reminded that familiarity with the lake is recommended if planning to navigate the water after the show is over. The 16 water miles from the site of the show to the Moccasin end of the lake can look very different after dark. If launching at Moccasin Point Recreation Area, arrive early in the day, as parking is limited at that site. Once parking is full at Moccasin Point, boaters arriving to launch will be redirected to the Fleming Meadows Recreation Area.

Arrive early in the day and enjoy the Recreation Area until the fireworks show begins. Swimming at the Fleming Meadows swimming lagoon, boating on the lake, and picnicking tend to be popular activities. Visitors are reminded that dogs are not allowed in any of the developed facilities, including Blue Oaks. Smoking and barbecue grill use will not be permitted in the area across from the Visitor's Center due to the close proximity of the fireworks barge. Please refrain from setting motion sensing car alarms. The concussion of the fireworks can set off the alarm and ruin the experience for spectators nearby! ***Fireworks are illegal in Tuolumne County*** so all are reminded to leave any fireworks that they have purchased for personal use at home.

Early arrival for the show is **highly** recommended. Late arrivals may end up missing part of the show due to the time required for parking. Plan on arriving by 8:00 p.m. and enjoy the show!

"Fireworks on the Water" at Don Pedro Lake

(Vital Statistics)

DATE:

Tuesday, July 3rd, 2012

TIME:

9:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

On the water, near Don Pedro Dam

COST:

\$15.00 per vehicle

VIEWING LOCATIONS:

From the water (near the dam), or from land at Blue Oaks Recreation Area, the Don Pedro Recreation Agency Visitor Center and at 2 locations adjacent to the Visitor Center on Bonds Flat Road.

FOOD & PARKING ASSISTANCE:

Gold Chain Lions Club and other local community clubs and their volunteers.

SPONSORS:

Don Pedro Recreation Agency, Moccasin Point Marina, and Lake Don Pedro Marina and contributing private houseboat owners.

IMPORTANT:

- ▶ No parking allowed on Bonds Flat Road.
- ▶ No pets allowed in the Blue Oaks Recreation Area.
- ▶ No smoking or barbecues will be allowed in the fireworks barge parking/viewing area.
- ▶ Please! Do not set motion sensing car alarms.
- ▶ Exact change for parking will be greatly appreciated!
- ▶ All vehicles leaving after the show will be required to turn right onto Bonds Flat Road, except at Fleming Meadows, where traffic will be required to turn left.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

CAL FIRE, California Highway Patrol, Tuolumne County Fire Dept., Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept., its Boat Patrol and Community Services Unit, and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

MOST IMPORTANT:

ARRIVE BY 8 P.M. TO GET PARKED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SHOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Don Pedro Recreation Agency at (209) 852-2396.