

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Forty years of stirring up fun at the Medina Lake Cajun Festival

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Cajun festivals come and go, but the Medina Lake Cajun Festival just keeps on rolling out the good times. The draw of the festival is another reason to visit the beloved lake built in 1912.

The 40th annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and volunteers will once again create the magic that transforms the grounds of the Lakehills Civic Center into a little slice of Cajun Country. The festival brings the music, food and culture of Louisiana to the Texas Hill Country for fun the whole family can enjoy.

The key elements of this successful festival are three: topnotch Louisiana Cajun and Zydeco music on two stages, the best homemade Cajun food this side of Louisiana, and the Great Gumbo Cook-off. Visitors can savor Cajun food such as crawfish pies, crawfish etouffee, jambalaya, boudin, fried catfish and shrimp, red beans and rice, and bread pudding with whiskey sauce, all carefully made by volunteer cooks. The gumbo cook-off is the hub of the festival, and guests can sample gumbos from the amateur, professional, and culinary student divisions. An Arts and Crafts Fair and games for the kids provide further entertainment.

All day long, two stages rock with Cajun and Zydeco music and a little country and western added in. Festival organizers are adamant about bringing in authentic Cajun and Zydeco musicians from Louisiana. There are two dance floors, and watching the dancers is part of the fun.

Admission is \$15, and children 10 and under enter free. Parking and shuttle service are free. The profits benefit the Lakehills Civic Center. For more information visit www.cajunfestival-medinalake.com or call 830-460-0600 or 210-885-6435 or e-mail bengel@lakenillsciviccenter.org

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Fais Do Do Pavilion

11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.: Ca Va Bien

1-3 p.m.: Don Fontenot et Les Amis de la Louisiane

3:10-5:15 p.m.: Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band

5:15-5:45 p.m.: Great Gumbo Cook-off Awards

5:50-7:50 p.m.: Don Fontenot et Les Amis de la Louisiane

8-10 p.m.: Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band

Gazebo Stage

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Donny Broussard and the Louisiana Stars

3-5 p.m.: Ca Va Bien

5 - 9 p.m.: The Countrymen (Country Western)