

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Forty-one years of serving up fun at the Medina Lake Cajun Festival

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 41st annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, and volunteers will once again create the magic that transforms the grounds of the Lakehills Community 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 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.

The festival is 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$15, and children 10 and under enter free. There is free parking and shuttle service, and the event is held at the Lakehills Community Center in Lakehills, 30 miles northwest of San Antonio. The profits benefit the Lakehills Community Center.

For more information visit www.cajunfestival-medinalake.com or call 830-460-0600 or 210-885-6435 or e-mail bengel@lakenillsciviccenter.org.

Entertainment Line-Up

Fais Do Do Pavilion

11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	Ça Va Bien
1-3 p.m.	Fa Tras Cajun Band
3:10-5:15 p.m.	Joe Hall and the Louisiana Cane Cutters
5:15-5:45 p.m.	Great Gumbo Cook-off Awards
5:50-7:50 p.m.	Fa Tras Cajun Band
8-10 p.m.	Joe Hall and the Louisiana Cane Cutters

Gazebo Stage

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	La Recolte
3-5 p.m.	Ça Va Bien
5-9 p.m.	The Countrymen (Country Western)