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More Than Just Fireworks: Fun Filled 4th of July Planned for Taos

(Taos, NM) The Town of Taos will host a free concert at Kit Carson Park featuring Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members The Family Stone with special guests Baracutanga and The Damn Band this year on Wednesday, the 4th of July. Gates open at 4 p.m., with performances beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending with a firework show at 9 p.m. Tickets for the concert are free and can be reserved online at <http://www.amppconcerts.org/event/315113/free-fourth-of-july-celebration>.

The Family Stone will present a set of their psychedelic funk classic hits of the 60s and 70s that earned them an album inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Special guests Baracutanga, a seven-piece band representing four different countries (Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, USA) will bring its distinct Latin sound and The Damn Band will provide a mix of R&B and rock-influenced by Latin rhythms, pop music and soul. Picnics are welcome, but there will also be beer, wine and food vendors on-site. This is the first of several music events coming to Kit Carson Park this summer.

“4th of July in Taos is always a fun-filled day, but this year is especially eventful” said Karina Armijo, Director of Marketing and Tourism for the Town of Taos. “We’re very excited to have The Family Stone here this year. It’s going to be a great start to a summer full of music in Taos.”

Also happening on the 4th of July is the annual Arroyo Seco Parade. Unexpected floats, quirky costumes and fun surprises have become the norm at this one-of-a-kind celebration. The parade runs through two blocks of the commercial district of Arroyo Seco and is accompanied by live music before and after.

Following the parade, visitors can make their way up to the Taos Ski Valley to enjoy a high elevation celebration at the Bavarian Lodge beginning at 1 p.m. There, visitors will find rubber duck races and live music from swing and blues band, Out of Nowhere.

More information on all of the 4th of July events can be found at:
<http://taos.org/events/celebrate-4th-july-taos>.

More about the Town of Taos...

Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque’s International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country’s oldest continuously- inhabited pueblo community,

the state's newest national monument, and the highest peak in New Mexico. World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrated scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos. The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off road trails that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest's four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views. Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures. Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza. To learn more, go to www.taos.org.

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