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American Spirit Festival: Independence Day Celebration in Altus

(ALTUS, OKLAHOMA): The City of Altus and the Altus Chamber of Commerce are proud to invite and welcome all to our Independence Day Celebration. This Sunday, July 2, is the inaugural American Spirit Festival in Altus. This is a FREE family-fun and friendly all-day event held at the Altus Reservoir.

The day's events begin at 6:30 am with the start of the Spirit Sprint Triathlon occurring at the City Pool and around the reservoir. There will be an awards ceremony for Triathlon winners and participants at 10:30 am. Following the triathlon, there will be a Community Worship Service at the east side of the Altus Community Center.

Starting at noon and continuing throughout the day there will be several activities and events. Activities include a Kids Bike Parade (decorate your bike in red, white, and blue!), some kids games and races starting at 2pm on the hour through 5 pm. There will be some friendly competition and fun for the adults as well: basketball, corn hole, horseshoes, and volleyball. In addition, there will be bounce houses, food trucks, and other vendors at the event.

The two highlighted events in the evening are music and fireworks. Starting at 6:30 pm come listen to live music featuring the Smiling Bob English Band. Shortly after sunset at 9:30 pm, come enjoy an exciting Firework show! This year the fireworks show will be set to music via speakers at the park or tune in at FM 98.7 KHOWL.

Chris Griffith, Parks & Recreation Director, has been the lead in coordinating the event. Many others have been involved in the planning and preparation including: various city departments and staff, the Chamber of Commerce, and several supportive sponsors, businesses, and vendors. "We are proud to establish this new festival in Altus. Thanks to the cooperation of all involved, it will be an enjoyable event for everyone. We invite residents and visitors to come and join in the celebration together."

Michael Shive, Recreation Supervisor, who helped organize the event, said, "Let's bring this great community together and celebrate our independence! I hope this becomes a long standing festival for many years to come." The City of Altus wishes everyone a safe and

happy Fourth of July and hope you come to celebrate our freedoms and our Nation's birthday.

For more information, contact the Altus Parks and Recreation at (580) 481-2265.

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