

Kaufman Fall Caboodle Fest 2007

The City of Kaufman hosts the Fall Caboodle Fest each year on the last weekend in October. This year's festival is scheduled for October 27th & 28th. The festival is held in the City's Historical Central Business District otherwise known as the Courthouse Square. The theme for this year is Kaufman's Salute to the Texas Rangers. We strive to provide a fun-filled event that will entertain the entire family throughout the weekend.

The **Texas Top Guns** will simply amuse you with their hilarious rendition of the Old West mixed in with slapstick comedy routines complete with audience participation. The way in which they interact with the spectators while they are leading the parade down Washington (main) Street is definitely a sight you do not want to miss. Their performances will be held approximately every two-hours throughout the two day events.

What would a festival be without a classic car show? Mr. Larry Boggini has been hosting the **Kaufman Fall Car Show** going on ten years now. Larry truly loves his classic cars and has entered numerous shows himself all over Texas and the surrounding states. The car show will be held on Saturday, October 27th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Building parking lot located directly across from Sonic Drive-In on East Mulberry Street (Highway 34). There is a \$20 entry fee. Free goody bags and dash plaques will be given away to the first one hundred entries. Not to mention, door prizes and cash prizes will also be given away throughout the day along with a 50-50 drawing and a poker walk as well. For your listening enjoyment there will be a DJ playing music. You may contact Larry Boggini at (972) 932-8593 for more details.

The fastest growing traveling stunt team in the U.S. today, **720 Action Sports Team**, will also be on hand performing three 25-35 minute shows. The team's shows consist of high-flying action and heart-stopping stunts performed by professional BMX riders. Their professional stunt team will amaze the audience with breathtaking action.

Believe us when we say the **Parade** is an event all by itself. During last year's festival, the parade lasted around ninety minutes from the time the police escort car entered the Courthouse Square until the last horse came strolling in. Honored Professional Rodeo star Wes Stevenson, state and local dignitaries, numerous school and local organizations, Kaufman High School's Marching Band, St. Ann's Matachine Dancers; and the Racy Reds from the Red Hat Society were just a few of the many entries in the parade last year. The parade kicks off at 10:00 a.m. from the Kaufman High School parking lot. It travels north on Washington Street, half way around the Courthouse Square, down West Grove Street to Houston Street and ends back at the KHS parking lot. With the festival's theme being **Kaufman's Salute to the Texas Rangers**. This years Grand Marshall will be Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes. Sheriff Byrnes is a retired Texas Ranger.

It is absolutely free to enter the parade. Entry forms are available at Kaufman City Hall. For your convenience, the forms may be faxed or e-mailed to you by contacting Jo Ann Talbot at city hall (972/932-2216 or kaufmantx@mycvc.net). For more details, please contact Carolyn Long at her office (972/962-6004) or go to www.caboodlefest.com

After the parade procession leaves the Courthouse Square, the festival really flourishes with the hustle and bustle of crowds after crowds of festival visitors. Festival attendees will find over 150+ booth spaces ranging from antiques; amusement activities and games; arts and crafts; a cowboy market; food; and business and product demonstration exhibits. Did we mention Hip-Hop Amusements would provide amusement rides this year? In addition to the Caboodle Fest, other activities will be hosted by several of Kaufman's organizations. On Saturday the 27th the American Legion will be hosting a **Chili Cook-off** located at 100 North Shannon from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Saviour's will be hosting its annual **Octoberfest** located at 500 South Jackson St. from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last but not least, "**A Taste of Kaufman County**," benefiting the Kaufman County Christian Alliance, will be taking place at First Baptist Church of Kaufman located at 302 South Washington.

The second annual **Kaufman Has Talent Show** on Saturday, October 27th will be at Kudos Stage and Grill. We are seeking talented individuals to perform for no longer than three minutes each. The talent show is open to vocal performers 16 years of age and older. Auditions will be held on Saturday, August 11 & August 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more details, call Diane (Elian) Haan (903) 498-8376 or Carolyn Long at (972) 962-6004. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message for her to get in touch with you.

Through out the festival many attractions will be playing on the two stages. One could swing to the music of **Texas Underground** as they perform their mixture of Texas country music and a little light rock. Texas Underground's band members consist of Jimmy Bounds, Dale McCarty, Chip Murrey and Paul Sisson. **Xprezion Muzical** a local Spanish band will play music from styles such as Duranguense, Ranchera, Corridos, Cumbias, and Norteno. There will also be Norwegian Dancers performing throughout the festival.

Our goal is to show our festival visitors as well as our vendors a fun-filled time while they are here. Attendance at last year's festival was estimated to be anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000. Taking into consideration the numerous events and stage performances slated throughout the two-day festival as well as the numerous advertisements, the attendance at this year's event is projected to be 15,000 to 20,000. We encourage visitors to our community to enjoy Kaufman's down home, country charm and way of life as much as we do.