

# A Little Care Keeps Backyard Barbecues Safe

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Although some people view the Fourth of July as the beginning of the end of summer, there is still plenty of hot weather and many cook-outs ahead. And lots of people take advantage of a holiday like the Fourth to engage in some backyard barbecuing.

In order to keep the holiday - and the rest of the year - a pleasant time, take care while standing over those hot coals. Occasionally, someone gets hurt.

Charlotte Memorial Hospital charge nurse, Beth Hodge, reports that from time to time a barbecue burn shows up in the emergency room. "Normally, they're not bad burns," she notes, but adds that such burns can be serious. "Most burns need to be checked by a doctor," she warns, even if the burn does not seem too serious, because of the threat of infection. Ms. Hodge recommends flushing any burn with cold water, and not using oil or grease on it.

To prevent barbecue burns from occurring, take a few common sense precautions.

-Never use kerosene or gasoline to light the fire. Barbecue lighter fuel is less volatile and is specifically intended for such use.

-Never add fuel to hot coals. The vapor trail you create when you add the fuel can serve as a "fuse" to the container, which is a potential fire bomb.

-Keep children away from the barbecue cooker. There is danger of



Barbecuers Christine Saddler, Timothy Lattimore, Derick Saddler, Kenny Rogers and Willie Humphries prepare for a day of fun and good eating in the Hidden Valley area.

them touching the hot surface or knocking the grill over.

-Never dump hot coals on the ground, as a grass fire might result, or someone could step on the hot coals.

Remember that, although sometimes you can get away with shortcuts to speed up the barbecue process, when you take chances with

fire, the odds are stacked against you. Why take a chance on ruining your life or someone else's?

The skin is the largest organ of the body, and when large areas are destroyed, many bodily functions and organs are threatened. Specialized care is available at burn units of medical centers, but even small burns treated on an outpatient basis

may require a lot of care. When the skin barrier is broken, there is a constant threat of infection.

Most burn accidents can be prevented. The backyard barbecue can be turned into a teaching tool for your family if you set the stage for responsible and careful handling of flammable liquids, open flames, and hot surfaces.

## Fourth Of July Filled With "Plenty Of Activities"

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If there's one day out of the year that you can't lament and moan that there's nothing to do, it's the Fourth of July. This holiday will be filled with plenty of activities. The only complaint you will probably make is deciding exactly what you want to do.

Let's start with cookouts. No other day in the year has its share of cookouts like Independence Day. And if you think about it, it's a perfect way to spend the day. The hamburgers and hot dogs are grilling. There's good friends and family to be with and if so music is playing somewhere, then that just caps the occasion off. To find the cookout nearest you, just let your nose lead you to the pleasant aroma of charcoal.

After having stuffed yourself with the goodies that a cookout brings, taking in a movie might be just the way to complete the day. Here are a few of the newest flicks to come to the area. At the Charlottetown Cinema, "Emerald Forest," starring Power Booth and "Pale Rider," starring Clint Eastwood will be opening today. "Emerald Forest" is about the true story of an American engineer whose seven year old son disappeared in the jungles of the Amazon, only to reappear as a warrior 10 years later.

"Red Sonja," starring Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger, will be playing at the Park Terrace, while both the Town Cinema and Southpark Cinema will be showing the new release, "St. Elmo's Fire," starring Ally Sheedy and Rob Lane.

Not interested in seeing a movie? How about attending one of the hottest jazz concerts to come to this city this year. Grover Washington and Pieces of A Dream will be in concert for two shows, one at 8 p.m., the other at 11 p.m. at Ovens Au-

ditorium. Tickets are \$14 and \$15.

And if jazz doesn't suit your fancy, you might enjoy hearing the Pipe and Drum competition at Hodson Hall at Davidson College at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the students in Balmoral School of Scottish Studies.

In Belmont, a Davis Park July 4th Celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last throughout the day with one mile fun runs, three-legged races, egg tosses and tugs of war as part of the itinerary.

Parades will make the 4th even more festive in Rock Hill and the Heritage USA. The 18th annual 4th of July Parade will kickoff at 10 a.m. at the Country Club Estate in Rock Hill, S.C. Beginning at 10:30 p.m., the Heritage USA's Electric Light Parade will shine with 100,000 lights and roll down Angel Blvd. to the Heritage Grand Hotel.

Parades, games, concerts are all fun, but the best thing to happen on the 4th of July is without a question, the fireworks. There will be many this Independence Day. The Carowinds fireworks will commence at 10 p.m. People can sit in their autos in the amusement park's

parking lot to watch the spectacular display. Heritage USA's fireworks extravaganza will begin at 11:30 p.m.

Fireworks will begin over Lake Wylie at 9 p.m. Bring a blanket to McDowell Park and lay out among the stars. Charlotte's fireworks will fall from the top of the Cameron-

Brown Building at 9:30 p.m. and can be seen at Memorial Stadium where jazz singer Samantha Lewis and the Charlotte Pops Orchestra will just have completed an American program from 7:15 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

However you decide to celebrate this day of Independence, it's bound to be a day to be remembered.

## Vacationers Look At Atlanta For Summer-Long Spree Of Fun!

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Atlanta - School's out and Atlanta's in ... vacation plans that is, as thousands of fun-seekers head South, East or even North to take advantage of SUMMERSPREE '85. Now in its second year, the SUMMERSPREE calendar of events is a cooperative advertising venture between Georgia's Stone Mountain Park, Six Flags Over Georgia, White Water Park and the Atlanta Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Showcasing the best of the city's summertime activities - from rafting down the Chattahoochee River to Braves' baseball - it features close to 200 events throughout July and August.

SUMMERSPREE '85 was officially launched June 2, 1985 with the insert of approximately one million calendar drops in newspapers in seven major Southeastern cities: Birmingham, Chattanooga, Montgomery, Greenville, Asheville, Huntsville, and Spartanburg. In addition, selected distribution to travel agencies, travel writers, tour operators and state welcome centers is underway.

An important addition to SUMMERSPREE '85 is the all-new Atlanta Independence Festival, a 10-day city-wide celebration designed to promote every aspect of downtown Atlanta before, during and after the Fourth of July holiday. The Independence Festival represents a major cooperative effort between private enterprise and the city government to build Atlanta's image and draw national attention to the city's many outstanding attractions and facilities.

As many as 12 local business and community groups are slated to participate in the Festival, which is scheduled to begin Friday, June 28, with a Friends of the Library book sale. Over the next several days, parades, walking tours, concerts,

foot and bicycle races, Braves' baseball and many additional activities will take place as part of this exciting first annual extravaganza. The Festival will culminate on Saturday, July 6, with a regional Drum & Bugle Corps championship at Grant Field.

Other highlights of SUMMERSPREE '85 include: the annual Peachtree Road Race; Kingfest '85; Fox Theatre Family Film Festival; Contemporary Glass Collection at the High Museum of Art; Atlanta Jazz Festival and Kool Jazz Festival; KIDSFEST at Six Flags Over Georgia; and the Mayor's Cup Bicycle Race. "Our goal with SUMMERSPREE is simple," said Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young. "We want visitors to enjoy our city. Atlanta has a tremendous amount to offer in the way of fun in the sun or under the stars - concerts, plays, festivals ... Basically, we've got a vacation wonderland here and we want the world to know it!"

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