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## July Roundup

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ing room only; \$55 reserve seats and \$75 VIP; available at [redwhitebluebrew.eventbrite.com](http://redwhitebluebrew.eventbrite.com).

**Silver City Independence Day** — The annual parade, “Uncle Sam Wants You,” is 10 a.m. Wednesday, **July 4**, snaking down Pope, Bullard, Broadway, Hudson and 12th Street. Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast precedes the event in Gough Park; activities and entertainment from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fireworks at dusk. Information: (575) 538-3785 or [silvercity.org](http://silvercity.org). Silver City Museum’s 35th annual Ice Cream Social is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Southern New Mexico

**Mescalero Apache Ceremonial & Rodeo** — The Mescalero Reservation hosts Indian dances and rodeo performances Wednesday through Saturday, **July 4-7**, on the Mescalero Rodeo Grounds in Mescalero, N.M. Native dances, arts and crafts and food vendors featured daily. Dinner at 5 p.m. nightly. Rodeo performances at 1 p.m. Rodeo admission: \$12 (\$5 child). Dance and night activities admission: \$7 (\$3 children). Information: (575) 464-4494 or [mescaleroapachetribe.com](http://mescaleroapachetribe.com). The 39th annual parade, “Honoring the Famous Mescalero Apache Red Hats and Their Legacy” is 10 a.m. Saturday, **July 7**, with a dance at dusk at Inn of the Mountain Gods. Information: (575) 937-2307.

The annual Mescalero Apache Fire Rescue Challenge Run 5K and 10K run is 8 a.m. Friday, **July 6**. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Information, cost: (575) 464-3473.

**Smokey Bear Stampede** — The 62nd annual celebration is Wednesday through Sunday, **July 4-8**, in Capitan, N.M. about 20 miles north of Ruidoso. Ranch rodeo is 1 p.m. daily, with traditional rodeos nightly at 7 p.m. Rodeo admission: \$10 general admission; \$6 age 6-12 and 65 and older. Information: (575) 354-2202, [smokeybearstampede.com](http://smokeybearstampede.com). Rodeo dances are 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. nightly with live or DJ music. Admission: \$5.

BBQ Cook-Off dinner is 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Fairgrounds. Plates: \$10 regular plate; \$15 sample plate. Capitan Fourth of July parade is 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The annual 10K run and 2-mile Fun Run begin at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Registration: (575) 354-2748.

**Roswell UFO Festival** — The celebration of the 71st anniversary of the 1947 “UFO crash” near Roswell, is Friday through Sunday, **July 6-8**, at the Roswell Convention and Visitors Center, 912 N. Main, and other locations in Roswell, N.M. Information: 1-800-822-3545, [ufofestivalroswell.com](http://ufofestivalroswell.com) or on Facebook at Roswell UFO Festival.

**July Jamboree** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **July 7-8**, at Zenith Park in Cloudcroft, with over 60 artisans selling original art, pottery, jewelry and more, food and entertainment. Admission is free. Information: (575) 682-2733 or [coolcloudcroft.com](http://coolcloudcroft.com).

**Wednesday Nights on Main** — The free summer series runs twice monthly 6 p.m. Wednesdays though July at Plaza de Las Cruces on historic Main Street, with vendors, food trucks, music, activities, and entertainment. Information: (575) 522-1232.

• **July 11**: “Circus Night” with entertainment from Odd Lab’s Circus Bootcamp.

• **July 25**: “Superheroes.” All ages can cosplay as their favorite superheroes.

**Silver City Art Clay Festival** — The annual festival is **July 16-21** in Silver City, N.M. Workshops held each day; cost varies. Information: [clayfestival.com](http://clayfestival.com).

The Clay Festival brunch is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, at Cafe Oso Azul at Bear Mountain Lodge. Cost: \$16-\$18. Reservation required at (575) 538-2538.

The CLAYfest market is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the A-Space parking lot, 700 block of Bullard, with a Wheel Throwing demonstration and hands on activities.

CLAYPlay events for kids are 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and Silver City Public Library and Bayard Public Library for grades 3-6. Space is limited to 15; arrival 30 minutes early is requested.

Mud Fun for kids grades K through 6 is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, in front of the Market Cafe on Bullard Street. A Mud Pie contest is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, at 614 Bullard.

**International Space Station Downlink** — The Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science will host a NASA In-flight Education Downlink 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, **July 26**, at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main. Activities include a Space Science Fair for all ages, presentation from a Solar System Ambassador, and a live question-and-answer session with astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Open submission of questions for the astronauts accepted through July 7 to [asknasa@las-cruces.org](mailto:asknasa@las-cruces.org) or on Facebook page at [lcmuseums/events](https://www.facebook.com/lcmuseums/events). School groups, camps, and other groups planning to attend, should make reservations with Stephanie Hawkins (575) 532-3372 or [shawkins@las-cruces.org](mailto:shawkins@las-cruces.org).

**Fourth Fridays at Alameda Park Zoo** — The City of Alamogordo hosts free monthly events 6 to 10 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month during the summer months (**July 27**), at Alameda Park Zoo, 1321 N. White Sands, with live music, outdoor movie, food vendors, prizes, giveaways and mor. No pets or outdoor food and drink; alcohol service for age 21 and older offered. Admission is free. Information: [ci.alamogordo.nm.us](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us) or on Facebook.

**Ruidoso Art Festival** — The 47th annual event is Friday through Sunday, **July 27-29**, at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca (NM 48), with more than 100 artists. This year’s festival will feature some New Mexico wineries. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$6 per day; \$4 for military; \$1 ages 10 and younger. Two-day passes are \$10; three-day passes are \$15. Military discount of \$4. Tickets with wine tasting are additional \$10. Sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Information: (575) 257-7395 or [RuidosoNow.com](http://RuidosoNow.com).

Rated as one of the country’s top 100 juried art shows, the festival features acrylics, oils and other media paintings; fiber arts, glass, jewelry, metalwork, mixed media, paintings of all media, photography, pottery, sculpture and woodwork.

## Something for everyone

**El Paso Lupus Support Group** — The support group for any individual interested in learning more about lupus meets 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of the month (**July 7**) at Life Church’s Community Room, 1580 Joe Battle. Admission is free; friends and family welcome. Information: 319-9427 or on Facebook at KnowLupusElPaso.

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