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Wright Kingdom, Boulder and CU present Ralphie's Independence Day Blast

The biggest event of the summer is about to explode. Ralphie's Independence Day Blast is kicking off the annual fireworks activities with a celebration of America's independence and a celebration of Boulder life on July 4.

"This year we combined the biggest event of the summer with the 'I Love Boulder' campaign and invited bands to join us in celebrating the cultural, traditional and happily unconventional characteristics of Boulder life," said Lew Kingdom of Wright Kingdom Real Estate, primary sponsor of the event. "We had several excellent bands with original songs about Boulder competing to perform at Folsom Field, and I'm pleased to announce our first YouTube band competition winner, Narrow Gauge Band."

Narrow Gauge Band will perform [*"Good to be Back in Boulder"*](#) as part of the pre-fireworks entertainment. This year's event also features entertainment by the city Open Space and Mountain Parks' musicians, the Boy Scouts color guard and a jazz band from Monarch High School.

The annual Fourth of July fireworks show, Ralphie's Independence Day Blast, will take place at Folsom Field. Gates open at 8 p.m. The program starts at 8:30 p.m.

Parking is free at Boulder's Twenty Ninth Street shopping center's parking garages, downtown city parking garages and all city parking meters. Free HOP and Buff Bus service will be provided from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. from these parking areas to Folsom Field and back. At the Twenty Ninth Street shopping center, the HOP pick-up is located on 29th Street at the HOP stop and the Buff Bus pick-up is located by the Macy's parking garage on Walnut. Also, parking is available at CU on a first-come, first-served basis in the lot off of Regent Drive and in the

Kittredge/Fiske Planetarium area. Accessible parking is available off Folsom Street and Colorado Avenue for those with proper permits.

The following items are not permitted into the stadium:

- Hard-sided containers of any size or style
- Bags or containers larger than 12" x 12" x 12"
- Alcohol
- Glass bottles or cans

- Non-alcoholic beverages brought into the stadium must be in approved factory-sealed plastic containers only. Water bottles, sport bottles or other approved types of beverage containers that are not factory sealed must be emptied prior to entering the stadium. They may be refilled once inside at any water fountain.

- Umbrellas of any size
- Firearms or weapons of any type
- Designated artificial noise makers such as whistles or air horns
- Signs or flags on sticks, regardless of the length
- Any unapproved signs or banners
- Footballs, Frisbees, inflatable balls
- Fireworks
- Animals (with the exception of service animals for people with disabilities)
- Any other item(s) deemed dangerous or unacceptable by security

Ralphie's Independence Day Blast has been held at Folsom Field since 1941. This event is hosted by the associates of Wright Kingdom Real Estate, the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU) and the City of Boulder. Media Sponsors include the Daily Camera and Boulder Channel 8.

For more information, go to www.boulder4thofjuly.com. For HOP routes, go to www.goboulder.net.

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