

When I think of an old-fashioned Fourth of July, I picture something out of "The Music Man"...a lazy afternoon, sipping a cold drink and listening to the sound of a barbershop quartet coming from the gazebo in the park combined with the sound of children's laughter. Somewhere a politician in a white suit would be orating. The ladies would compare hats and exchange potato salad recipes while the gentlemen fanned themselves with straw hats and discussed the crops. The kids just kept on playing.

That's not *exactly* what we have planned for the "Old-Fashioned Family Fourth Picnic in the Park" but the spirit is the same. We can't promise a barbershop quartet, but we'll set up the karaoke and see what happens! There may be politicians – we want everyone to come – but no long-winded speeches. There will definitely be cold drinks and lots of good food.

This celebration is mainly about the kids. The first 100 to check in will get a free t-shirt (compliments of KBHT radio) and other patriotic goodies. The festivities kick off at 4pm with a bicycle parade. Decorate your bike (or tricycle, or even a wagon if you're not pedaling yet) in red, white and blue to compete for a grand prize judged on originality, creativity and spectator appeal.

The Boys and Girls Club of Trinity has volunteered to organize games for the kids and prizes will be awarded throughout the afternoon.

Grown ups are invited to join in the Watermelon Eating contest and try to win a medal, too!

The party will officially be over at 7pm, but you're welcome to linger at the Community Center and enjoy the summer sunset with your family. Maybe you'd like to tell your kids a story or two about summer when you were young.

This event is for the entire community and the Chamber appreciates everyone's support. If any one wants to donate prizes, merchandise or coupons to include in the kids' goody bags, call the Chamber at 594-3856 or email [info@trinitychamber.org](mailto:info@trinitychamber.org).