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Grace Hollowell:

What's Up, College Station? I'm Grace Hollowell, and today I'm joined by Luis Perez, the recreation supervisor from the Wolf Pen Creek Park and Amphitheater. Hi.

Luis Perez:

Hi.

Grace Hollowell:

We are here to talk about something very exciting, the iHeart America Celebration. I know I am really looking forward to this. It's something that's been in the works for a little while now, and we are here to get people excited to attend this event.

Luis Perez:

Yes. It's going to be a pretty big event, happening on July 5th, this year. Us, in conjunction with the College Station Noon Lions Club, we're putting on this event, and so we're going to have a lot of activities going on.

Grace Hollowell:

Yes. Important to note. July 5th, not on-

Luis Perez:

Correct.

Grace Hollowell:

... July 4th. We're keeping things going, keeping the party rolling into that weekend at Wolf Pen Creek. And, what are some things that people should know about this event?

Luis Perez:

So, the gates open at 5:30, festivities start at 6:30. We'll have live music from 7:30 to 9:00. And then, from 9:00 to 9:30 we'll have a drone show and fireworks.

And, people are welcome to park at the mall and walk over. They can bring chairs, coolers. No pets and canopies, unfortunately.

Grace Hollowell:

Yes. The canopies, we don't want to block anybody's view and parking at the Post Oak Mall. Is there accessible parking closer to the park?

Luis Perez:

Yes. Preferably, on Colgate Street is somewhere people can park, if need be.

Grace Hollowell:

Yes. If you're familiar with our Starlight Music series, the same rules apply for Starlight as apply to this event. And in addition to the fireworks, we're going to have some other fun activities as well, before the fireworks. Correct?

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Luis Perez:

Yeah. So, we'll have some activities going on for the kids. We'll have food available. There'll be food trucks there. It'll be kind of a whole experience with live music, some announcements made by City Council, as well. So, it'll be lots of fun.

Grace Hollowell:

Yes. A big celebration and tie in with the Independence Day holiday. And, the drone show is something that I'm looking forward to. I've never seen a drone show before. I've seen fireworks, but a drone show is a new concept to me. So, can you kind of explain what a drone show is?

Luis Perez:

Yes. I think it's about 50 to 100 drones that are all teamed up, and they kind of put on a display of different symbols and different... They mimic each other and play off of each other. You'll see constant themes, whether they're related to College Station, the City itself, Texas A&M, and so forth. And that'll be 10 minutes, right before the fireworks.

Grace Hollowell:

Awesome. Yeah. It sounds something you'd see at Disneyland or something.

Luis Perez:

Absolutely.

Grace Hollowell:

Okay. So, what sorts of things should people not bring? I know we touched on it briefly, but what shouldn't you bring to this event?

Luis Perez:

Unfortunately, pets are not allowed. We will have fireworks so that's kind of a big thing with pets. And canopies, so that we don't block views from other attendants. And, any umbrellas that dig into the ground would not be permissible.

Grace Hollowell:

And if people want to know more about this event, where can they learn more?

Luis Perez:

They can go to cctx.gov/iheartamerica.

Grace Hollowell:

One thing we forgot to mention, this event is completely free.

Luis Perez:

Absolutely free to the public, everyone. It's going to be great. Yeah.

Grace Hollowell:

Well, thank you so much for joining me today.

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Luis Perez:
Absolutely.

Grace Hollowell:
I'll see you out there.

Luis Perez:
Absolutely.

Grace Hollowell:
And, that's What's Up?