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Chicago’s 4th of July Lakefront Fireworks ONLY at Navy Pier®
Award winning Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. will launch the salute to our nation’s birthday at 9 p.m. CST

CHICAGO (July 4) – Navy Pier has reserved the lakefront stage for Chicago’s 4th of July fireworks to salute the “land of the free and home on the brave” on its 235th birthday! Happy Independence Day, America! Prepare yourself for a colorful and patriotic celebration, courtesy of Navy Pier - the Midwest’s #1 tourist and leisure destination.

Navy Pier has everything you need for fantastic outdoor fun with family, friends, and guests. The award-winning pyrotechnics team, Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., is producing this year’s spectacular fireworks display. From the United States to Canada to Japan, Melrose has taken home the Gold Medal in numerous international fireworks competitions. You are invited to witness its dazzling work firsthand at Navy Pier on the 4th of July, with a show synchronized to a patriotic soundtrack.

Come experience an exhilarating end to a festive day with the 4th of July holiday fireworks showcase for Chicagoans and visitors from around the globe. Arrive early to ensure your space dockside at Chicago’s home for summer fireworks - Navy Pier.

Navy Pier also offers fireworks shows every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:15 p.m. (including Saturday, July 2), through Labor Day weekend.

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Located on Lake Michigan, just east of Chicago’s downtown, Navy Pier® (www.navypier.com) is the top-visited tourist and leisure destination in the Midwest, welcoming more than eight million visitors annually for entertainment, family attractions, cultural and educational events, as well as business meetings and tradeshows. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, it is now one of the country’s most unique recreation and exposition facilities, showcasing more than 50 acres of parks, gardens, restaurants, shops, attractions, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exhibition facilities and more. Navy Pier is directly accessible by car, CTA Bus, taxi, bike or on foot. Navy Pier is owned and operated by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (www.mpea.com).