

GUEST INFORMATION

Presented by NC Department of Labor

9:30am First in Freedom Parade begins on Salisbury Street and continues through downtown Raleigh on Fayetteville Street

Presented by NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

10:00am Event begins
Trolley Tours of Historic Raleigh
Carolina Hurricanes Kid Zone opens
Exhibitors and Vendors open

10-10:30am 82nd Airborne All American Brass Quintet on Main Stage

10:45-11:15am Governor's School Choir on Main Stage

11:15-11:45am NC Zoo "Freedom's Howl" Kids Story Time in Senate Chamber

11:30-12:00pm Wake & District Pipe Band on Main Stage

12:00pm Capitol Closed to Public

12:00pm NC Vietnam Veterans Incorporated Monthly Remembrance Ceremony at Vietnam Memorial

12:30pm Independence Day Ceremony featuring:
Music by the Raleigh Concert Band
North Carolina National Guard
Keynote Address by Governor Josh Stein
Reading of the Declaration of Independence
Wreath Laying

1:15pm Capitol Reopens to Public

1:40-2pm Spoken Word Poet Zack Zachary on Main Stage

2-2:30pm Historic Fashion Show & Tell in Senate Chamber

2:15-2:45pm Nest of Singing Birds on Main Stage

2:45-3:15pm Revisiting the Bicentennial with Alana Gomez in Senate Chamber

3-3:45pm Tift Merritt and Rissi Palmer on Main Stage

4:00pm Event ends

Enjoy Dinner Downtown before heading over to Dix Park for fireworks

Presented by City of Raleigh

raleighnc.gov/raleigh-250

5:30pm Downtown shuttles begin from Moore Square

6:00 pm Gates open at Dix Park; food trucks, music, and activities start

9:00 pm Last shuttle leaves Moore Square for Dix Park

9:30 pm Fireworks!

10:00 pm Event ends; shuttles return to Moore Square



*Text to **RALEIGH250**
to **888777** for event updates



For assistance, contact
staff in blue t-shirts



Enjoy food trucks
along Edenton Street



Inside the Capitol, view
artifacts and special
exhibits from the NC
Museum of History,
State Archives and
America 250NC



The NC Museum of
Natural Sciences will
be open from
10 am - 5 pm



For detailed schedule and complete list of vendors, please visit america250.nc.gov/FreedomFest

Saturday, July 4th,
2026, 10am-4 pm

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CAPITOL 250 NC FREEDOM FEST

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Food Trucks



(● Black dots = exhibit/vendor space)

Edenton Street

Trolley Tours

Salisbury Street

Wilmington Street

Morgan Street



Information



Restrooms



Food Trucks



First Aid



Liberty Bell



Lost and Found



Cooling Tents



Water



A250
Airstream



Rev War Living
History Camp



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