

# CHASE FAMILY 4th at Lake Union

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## THE 2009 CHASE FAMILY 4th AT LAKE UNION

*All-Day Family Fun at Gas Works Park and the Chase Playfield  
Saturday, July 4th*

*The School of Rock: Northwest All-Stars to Perform National Anthem*

*KING 5 TV to Broadcast Live in HD  
Fireworks Soundtrack Simulcast on 96.5 JACK FM and KZOK 102.5 FM*

*Dedicated Bike Parking for Those Who Pedal to the Park*

**Seattle, WA** – The Chase Family 4th at Lake Union takes place at Gas Works Park (2101 N. Northlake Way) on Saturday, July 4, 2009. The free admission, full day, family tradition is an open civic celebration from noon to 11pm. The annual event features the Chase Playfield, a wide menu of food offerings and a lakeside beer garden for those 21 and over. This year's event will also feature Sound Wave, the official band of the Seattle Sounders FC, and a performance of the National Anthem by the School of Rock: Northwest All-Stars. The day-long event culminates at approximately 10pm with the highly-anticipated, world-class fireworks display set within the natural amphitheater of Lake Union. This year's event marks the 21st time Seattle's 4th of July tradition has been produced by One Reel, the not for profit arts and events organization behind Bumbershoot and Teatro ZinZanni. Other event sponsors include Foster Farms, PEMCO Insurance, Courtyard by Marriott Lake Union, and T-Mobile. More information is available at [Chasefamily4th.org](http://Chasefamily4th.org).

### **ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE:**

**Chase Playfield:** The event offers free fun at the Chase Playfield including hands-on activities such as kite making (and flying!) and face painting, plus enormous inflatable slides, the Seattle Sounders' Soccer Celebration (featuring action-packed fun for all ages), and high-flying feats on the Monkey Motion Quad Pod. In addition, Seattle's preeminent performers from Teatro ZinZanni will offer the opportunity to clown around and explore juggling, magic and acrobatics with hands-on demos and training courtesy of the ZinZanni Institute of Circus Arts.

**Street Scramble:** Families and friends team up in search of 30+ destinations around Gas Works Park and the Wallingford neighborhood, earning points along the way. This fun Street Scramble can be done on foot or by bike. Registration begins at noon with teams departing at 2pm. Sign up for either the 90-minute or 3-hour option at Gas Works Park in the designated bike parking area on July 4th or in advance at [streetscramble.com](http://streetscramble.com).

**School of Rock: Northwest All-Stars:** This year's celebration will feature the National Anthem performed by members of the School of Rock: Northwest All-Stars, a premier performance-based music school for kids 8-18. This group of talented youth will also impress the park audience immediately following the fireworks display with a set of classic rock songs.

**Seattle Sounders Sound Wave:** Sound Wave, the official band of the Seattle Sounders FC, will bring the rhythm and pace of game day to Gas Works Park. The ensemble is made up of traditional marching percussion and brass instruments, bringing the Sounders FC passion to life with custom arrangements and a diverse range of musical styles.

**Food and Beverage:** A wide range of food and beverage vendors will be open from noon to 10pm featuring time-honored holiday menu choices of hot dogs, hamburgers, roasted corn, and ice cream. Additional options include pizza, BBQ, gyros, and Elephant Ears as well as non-alcoholic beverages, coffee drinks and smoothies.

Park guests are welcome to bring personal food and beverages in to Gas Works Park, including coolers (subject to search). Personal barbecues and alcoholic beverages brought from outside the park are *not* permitted. The barbecues on the park grounds are available to guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Chase Family 4<sup>th</sup> encourages all park guests to stay hydrated throughout the day. Free water refills will be available to park guests with personal reusable water bottles, courtesy of nuun. Don't have a water bottle? Purchase one at the park at the nuun booth, located directly next to the water bottle refill station (located on the east end of the Chase Playfield).

**Beer Garden:** Beer and wine will be available in the lakeside beer garden from noon to 9:30pm. Proper ID must be presented. In addition, beer garden guests can compete in two rounds of trivia for prizes, beginning at 4pm, courtesy of Fadó Irish Pub and Restaurant.

### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

The day's festivities will culminate at approximately 10pm with Seattle's only fireworks show, orchestrated by master pyrotechnic designer Eric Tucker of Pyro Spectaculars. The fireworks team has spent the last year hand selecting the most awe inspiring fireworks from around the world for display in Seattle this 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Please note:** The dynamic fireworks show is synchronized to an original soundtrack broadcast throughout the park's concert-quality audio system and will include time-honored patriotic anthems, celebratory songs, and favorite hits for everyone. Those enjoying the display from areas around Lake Union are encouraged to listen to the soundtrack simulcast on local radio stations 96.5 JACK FM, and KZOK 102.5 FM. KING 5 TV will once again broadcast the Chase Family 4th at Lake Union live in HDTV beginning at 10pm.

### **GETTING THERE**

There are multiple ways to get to the Chase Family 4th! Attendees are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to the park to avoid post-fireworks traffic congestion; there are many trails that go to and from Gas Works Park. Cyclists can enter through an express access bike entrance on the northwest side of the park and take advantage of the dedicated bike parking area inside.

While the bus is a terrific way to get to Gas Works Park, all buses will be running on a reduced holiday schedule, limiting the number of buses operating, scheduled stops, and amount of guests they can accommodate after the fireworks. All guests arriving to the park by bus are encouraged to prepare an alternate method of return transportation, as the buses available after the fireworks will not be able to accommodate all guests.

For maps, Lake Union boating details, street closures, and further transportation information visit [Chasefamily4th.org](http://Chasefamily4th.org).

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