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42nd Annual Bowiefest Celebration is Saturday at Allen Pond Park

Bowiefest, the City's annual summer festival, takes place on Saturday, June 1st from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. This is the 42nd year that Bowie has celebrated this event to kick off the summer season.

The focus of the festival is always on Bowie, and aims to showcase local talent, and local businesses and organizations in a fun and inviting atmosphere. Entertainers like the *Blue Miracle*, *The Young Senators*, and *Ambiance* will be performing on three stages – at the Setera Amphitheater, at the Boathouse Stage, and on the Children's stage.

Food lovers can enjoy a variety of options at Bowiefest, from pulled pork, to pit beef, German potato pancakes, fried peaches, Italian sausage, fruit waffles, and other traditional fare like hotdogs and ice cream. Texas Roadhouse will also sponsor a rib eating contest at 4 p.m.

There will be moon bounces, pony rides, a rock climbing wall, face painting, and a host of other activities throughout the park for children. The Children's stage will feature entertainment such as a kids' fitness and yoga demonstration, a magic show, a *Reptiles Alive* show, and songs from the *Nature Troubadours*. The Bowie Education Committee will also give away children's books at its booth.

Inside the Bowie Ice Arena, the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce will host the Home and Health Business Expo. More than 50 local businesses will be on hand to meet festival goers. Throughout the park, local clubs, churches, and community groups will have booths set up to showcase their organizations. There will also be an Arts and Crafts area, sponsored by Soroptomist International of Prince George's and Anne Arundel County where local vendors will be selling handmade jewelry, soaps, scarves, spices, and a variety of other products.

Admission to the festival is free. Festival goers can park at Allen Pond Park, on streets near the park, or they can park at the Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive and ride a free shuttle to the park. This year the shuttle bus is sponsored by the Bowie Marketplace Chick-fil-a, which will offer a free food voucher card for all riders. Shuttle buses will run between the Park and Ride Lot and Allen Pond Park every 20 minutes between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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