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KidsFest Promises Fun for Children of All Ages



School's out for the summer, and there's no better cure for those summertime blues than the City of Slidell's *KidsFest* 2009, an annual cultural celebration of visual arts, music and dance. It all takes place on Friday, June 5, in Heritage Park from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is free and children must be accompanied by adults.

The fun begins at 3:30 in Scoggins Station for registration and the Sidewalk Chalk Art Display. After registration, the kids will be encouraged to display their creativity using chalk and the sidewalk as their canvas.

As a special treat, the first 200 kids (ages 1 - 14) to register will receive coupons for a free hot dog from A Touch of Italy Café and a free ice cream cone from Baskin-Robbins. The coupons can be redeemed at the respective booths where other goodies will also be available for a nominal charge.

At 4 p.m. the kids will get a chance to show their creativity with the Design-A-Pet craft project. "Kids will get a chance to create their own pet rocks," says Kim Bergeron, the director of the city's department of cultural and public affairs. "All the fixings will be available; feathers, sequins, bows, pom poms, googlie eyes, straw hats and much more." Slidell Art League Teens will be on hand to assist the kids with their pet project.

Besides the different art projects, *KidsFest* offers a non-stop entertainment lineup. Javier's Freestyle Dance Production will take the amphitheater stage from 4:30 to 5 p.m. with a dance exhibition and dance lessons for the kids. And Papillion, the popular Cajun storyteller extraordinaire, will be entertaining the kids in the gazebo from 5 to 6 p.m.

Admission to *KidsFest* is free. This event is brought to you by the City of Slidell, its Commission on the Arts, and the 2008 – 2009 Cultural Season sponsors, including Northshore Regional Medical Center; Whitney Bank; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Living Magazine; AT&T; CLECO Power, LLC; Louisiana Life Magazine; Mary & Dr. Dale MacCurdy; Sophisticated Woman Magazine; Baker Sales, Inc.; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn of Slidell;

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For more information about *KidsFest*, please visit the city's website at www.slidell.la.us or call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375. For the latest city news updates and information about upcoming events, follow the city on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and at its [nola.com blog](http://nola.com/blog) and become a fan of the city on [Facebook](https://facebook.com).

