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Be a part of Rez Life with Veterans Day Celebration and Fireworks

Skies over Barnett Reservoir will be lit by fireworks and Old Trace Park will be filled with music on Veteran's Day Nov. 11 to honor those who have served and who are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The Barnett Reservoir Foundation will sponsor a free Veterans Day Celebration at Old Trace Park overlooking The Rez in Ridgeland, with music by Soul Stew from 5 p.m. and the fireworks show launched from a barge behind the stage at 8 p.m. The event will observe Covid 19 protocols.

“We regret that we had to cancel this summer's Independence Celebration due to the pandemic and are happy to have this opportunity and honor to celebrate another American patriotic holiday,” said Dale Shepherd, Foundation president. “Veterans Day is another perfect opportunity to honor those who serve, while also fulfilling the Foundation's mission to promote life at the reservoir. We will also use this event to kickoff our new ‘Rez Life’ campaign.”

The large size of Old Trace Park, over 37 acres with two large parking areas, provides ample space to create an environment meeting protocols for Covid safety. Visitors will be asked to maintain social distancing. They are urged to bring masks and, while it won't be required, to wear them in instances where social



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distancing is not possible. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided at several locations throughout the park.

Food and beverage vendors will be on site; no outside food or beverages will be allowed. Parking in the main lot inside the park will be limited to staff, veterans and current military personnel, and vehicles with a state-issued handicap parking decal. The lot at Madison Landing will be available.