CODOFIL-B.R. To Sponsor Cajun Bastille Day in Catfish Town

The Baton Rouge Area CODOFIL Chapter, in cooperation with Catfish Town Properties, will sponsor the 2nd Annual Cajun Bastille Day on July 14, 1984. The event will be held at Catfish Town, 100 France St., Baton Rouge.

The festivities open with a children's program at 10:00 a.m. Various youth-related activities are planned including storytelling by Mary Alice Fontenot, author of Clovis Crawfish, for this segment of the day's entertainment.

At 12:00 noon, a formal dedication ceremony is planned with a proclamation declaring it officially Cajun Bastille Day in Baton Rouge. Mr. Earl Taylor, a noted Baton Rouge singer will open the ceremony by singing our national anthem and the French national anthem. Following the opening ceremonies, Joe Fontenot and the Church Point Ramblers will be the featured musicians during the early part of the afternoon.

Afternoon activities include at 2:00 p.m. a Cajun folk dance and historical presentation by Henry LaFleur and Louisiana Rendez-vous, and at 3:30 p.m. a performance by the Louisiana Ballet Company, under the direction of Phoebe Brantley.

At 5:30 p.m., the activities move to St. Joseph's Cathedral. Main at 4th St., Baton Rouge, for the annual celebration of the mass in French. The entire service will be celebrated in French, accompanied by a French soloist.

Music begins again at Catfish Town at 6:00 p.m. with a performance by Major Handy. This performance begins the fais-do-do program and will be followed at 8:00 p.m. with entertainment by Les Bon à Rien, another Cajun Band.

The Baton Rouge Area CODOFIL chapter was formed last year to promote the development of French in this area of Louisiana. The 1st Annual Cajun Bastille Day was held in 1983 and was so successful that it will be an annual event from now on. The festival has been expanded this year to an all-day event and will be part of the opening ceremonies of Catfish Town, a revitalized district in Downtown Baton Rouge. Souvenir T-Shirt of the event will be available.

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