

The Cedar Key Aquaculture Association announces the 5th Annual

CLAMFEST

Celebration

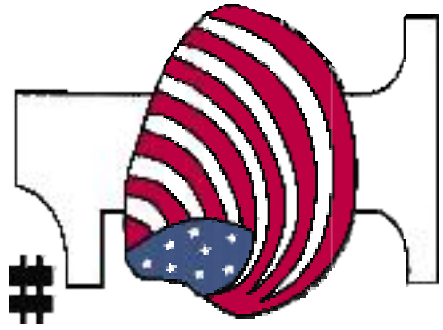
**Friday, July 4th, 2008
10 AM - 6 PM**

City Park, Cedar Key

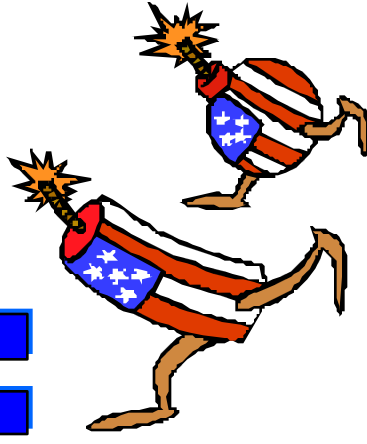
Fireworks hosted by City at dusk!

**Designated as a Top 20 Event in the Southeast
for July 2008 by the Southeast Tourism Society!**

Clam out in Cedar Key!



*We're a leading producer
of farm-raised clams
in the nation!*



Family FUN!



Clam It Up at Cedar Key's CLAMERICA Celebration on 4th of July ***A Celebration of Cedar Key Farm-Raised Clams***

Cedar Key, Florida will be exploding on Friday, July 4th when the 5th annual CLAMERICA Celebration brings thousands of clam lovers to this island community to enjoy their sweet and savory farm-raised clams. Sponsored by the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association, the day will be filled with fun, food, and events for the whole family from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the City Park and Beach on 2nd Street. So bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a "down home" 4th of July party, but with a clammy theme.

Cedar Key, located on Florida's west coast, is a leading producer of farm-raised clams in the United States with over 100 million clams harvested annually from the inshore waters surrounding the keys. This festival is an opportunity to celebrate the new industry, as well as the country's birthday. Cedar Key farm-raised clams are featured on the menu and will be served in a variety of ways by community organizations. There will be steamed clams, clams-on-the-half-shell, clam chowder, and clam fritters for all of you clam lovers. Other local seafood served will include smoked mullet and fried shrimp. For landlubbers, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, root beer floats, ice cream, and more.

The festival will open with a children's bicycle parade and flag raising ceremony by the Tri-County Marine Corps League at 10:30 a.m. CLAMANIA events will be held throughout the day – all of which are free. All of these events are geared towards family-fun and seek to educate the public about the clam farming industry. Prizes abound for clam bag races, a clam harvest-hunt, clam raceways, guess the clam count, clam lease (greased) pole, and a host of other children's activities. Other featured events this year are a Sand 'n Shell Sculpturing contest, the Cedar Key News Kayak Free-for-All, and a golf cart parade. The 5th annual Cultured Clam Cook-off will showcase a variety of clam recipes including local favorites, along with clam cooking and shucking demonstrations. Think it's hot in July? A new event, the Clam Chowder Challenge for restaurateurs, will only make it hotter. The public is invited to taste and assist a panel of judges in selecting the best. There's also clam farming exhibits and tours. It's just a fun-filled, informative day!