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From Fun Fourth to Uncle Sam Jam, here’s how Guilford County is celebrating America’s 250th birthday

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Sarah Lanse, chair of the America 250-Guilford County Committee at the Nathanael Greene monument at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, N.C., on Friday, April 17, 2026.

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As America prepares to celebrate 250 years, Guilford County residents can expect fireworks, food trucks and a rip-roaring Uncle Sam Jam as part of the nation's birthday countdown.

The upcoming events are searchable in calendars celebrating America's birth available on sites such as **america250.nc.gov**, **america250guilford.com**, **High Point Museum**, and the **Greensboro Historical Museum**.

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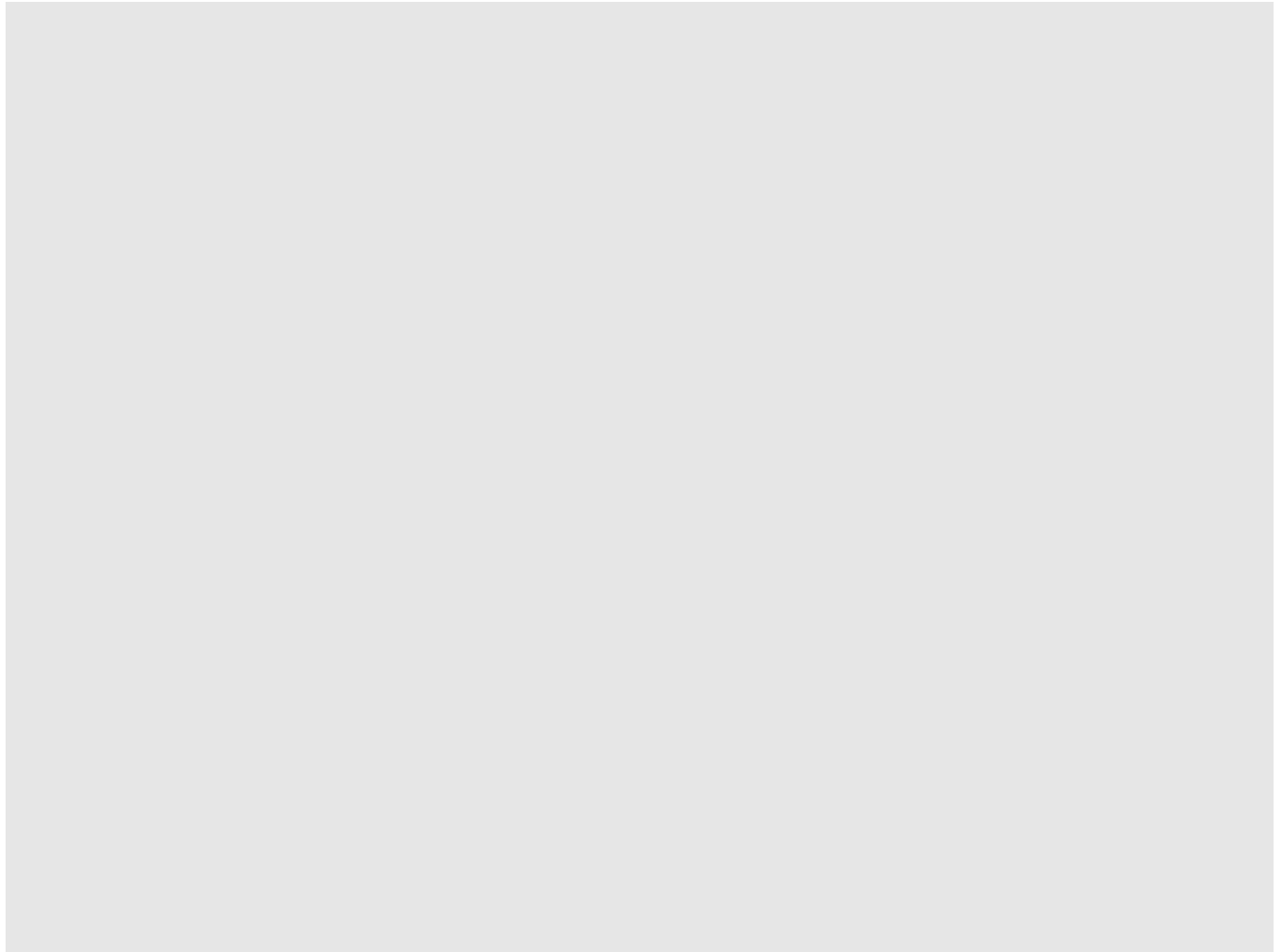
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America 250-Guilford County, a 22-member committee organized for the nation's birthday celebration, is also collaborating with local established festivals, including the Uncle Sam Jam in High Point and the Fun Fourth Freedom Festival in downtown Greensboro.

"No need to reinvent the wheel," said Sarah Lanse, coordinator for America 250-Guilford County. "Those are signature events."

Fun Fourth Freedom Festival runs from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. along Elm Street in downtown Greensboro with food trucks, family activities, and music. There will also be fireworks at First National Bank Field, the home of the Greensboro Grasshoppers. The Grasshoppers play at 7 p.m., and the baseball club confirmed that a ticket must be purchased to view fireworks from inside the stadium this year because of the home game. A Fun Fourth Freedom Run kicks off the day's events at 7:30 a.m. Check for upcoming announcements at **DGI**.

Uncle Sam Jam gates open at 4:30 p.m., at Oak Hollow Festival Park, 1841 Eastchester Drive, High Point. Parking passes are \$10 and cash only. Individuals will need a \$20 Family Fun Zone pass. Fireworks over Oak Hollow Lake begin at 9:15 p.m. The City of High Point puts on the celebration.



The Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, N.C., on Friday, April 17, 2026.

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The following is a selected list of upcoming events demonstrating the uniqueness of the celebrations:

"A Morning with Mr. Jefferson," 11 a.m., May 9, High Point Public Library, 901 N Main Street, High Point. Live, interactive historical performance featuring Tom Pitz portraying Thomas Jefferson, the third U.S. President. Followed by audience Q&A.

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Summerfield Founders' Day, 5 p.m., May 15, and 4 p.m., May 16, featuring live entertainment, food trucks, local vendors and community organizations. Free.

Gardens and Flowers in the Historical Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 23, High Point Museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave, High Point. Take a turn in the Historic Garden and enjoy the sights and scents that the Founding Fathers also enjoyed. Costumed interpreters will also share about the variety of uses. Free.

"Juneteenth eXperience: Finding and Celebrating Your Juneteenth Family," 10 a.m. to noon, June 6. High Point Public Library. Discover your African American ancestry back to 1870 with this interactive workshop. Free registration for virtual viewing will be released at a later date. Free.

Juneteenth Bike Tour, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., June 20, Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Ave, Greensboro. Discover twentieth-century Black businesses near downtown — from beauty shops to banks. Free.

"Lifted Voices: Civic Season," 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., June 20, Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Ave, Greensboro. Tour the museum's galleries and meet costumed interpreters portraying Guilford County's revolutionary residents, public figures, political activists, and more. Lifted Voices is a series of living history programs that bring historical figures to life.

A Community Reading of the Declaration of Independence, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., July 8, Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Ave, Greensboro. Free.

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