



WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL



EVENT GUIDE

Fresno
3/7/2026

EVENT INFO:

WHEN

March 7, 2026

WHERE

Woodward Park
7775 N Friant Rd.
Fresno, CA 93650

PARKING

See details on next page.

*The use of public transportation or rideshare is encouraged!

WHAT TO BRING

Event ticket	Sunscreen/Bug Spray
Lawn Chair	Weather appropriate clothing
Blanket	

WHAT TO EXPECT

Welcome to the Water Lantern Festival, where family, friends, and community members gather to reflect and connect with one another. Enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the festival, including local food trucks and lively entertainment. Create a unique lantern honoring your experience and set it afloat, lighting up the night with love and laughter

SCHEDULE

3:00-6:00 PM

Arrival time between 3:00-6:00

Please arrive before 6:00 PM

4:30-5:30 PM

Performers

5:30-6:00 PM

Lantern Stories, Meditation,
Launch Instructions

6:00-7:00 PM

Lantern Launch Window

7:00 PM

Event Ends



VENUE & PARKING

PARKING

Free parking is available in areas surrounding the park. Please use discretion when parking and consider using public transportation or rideshare options when possible.



LANTERN LAUNCH

PLEASE NOTE

Our lantern launch is subject to weather conditions which may impact the lanterns movement on the water.

DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

1. Decorate your lantern with messages of empowerment, remembrance, and connection.
2. Push the four rods into each corner of the lantern base and slide the paper sleeve over the rods
3. Place the LED candle in the center of the lantern.
4. Listen for instructions and launch your lantern during the designated window.



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VENDORS

FOOD

BNB Wings N Things

Aguas Lokkas Y Mas

Los Poblanitas

Happy Bites Pizza

Rice On Wheels

Grobak Sushi

Nu-Nu's Kitchen

Sno Biz

Any 'wich Way Sandwich Co.

DiCookieMan

Papas Locas

Spicy Birdz

SPONSORS



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PERFORMERS

TIM MATTOS

For over 45 years I've been performing in bands and in the last 18 , as a single act. I've played for restaurants, taprooms, wine rooms all around the valley, also opening up for several artists such as the Riders in the Sky, Neal McCoy and Merle Haggard, just to name a few. I enjoy all classic genres of music and love entertaining people!



THE SHANTEL BAND

The Shantel Band is a pop band from the central valley that perform pop hits as well as originals. You can find Shantel's original music on Spotify and Apple music, and check out their upcoming performances by visiting shantelmusic.com.

MORE INFO

SUSTAINABILITY

Water Lantern Festival cares deeply about our environment and our water resources. Our lanterns are made from wood and biodegradable paper making them as sustainable as possible. Following the event our team retrieves each lantern as well as any trash in or around the water. We encourage you to follow our example and leave the park better than we found it.

RELEASE WAIVER

By participating in the Water Lantern Festival, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at

<https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver>.

We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Children should not be left unattended at any time during the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Be sure to follow the Water Lantern Festival event page on Facebook to receive last-minute event updates.

