

# 'Summer Nights' series to return to Walhalla this week

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WALHALLA — "Summer Nights on Short Street," Walhalla's family entertainment series, will return this week.

The series, sponsored by the city of Walhalla, took a break last week.

The event will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, according to Holly Douglas, one of the series' organizers.

The theme will be "A Night at the Museums."

"That will be featuring the Oconee Heritage Center, Patriot's Hall and the Museum of the Cherokee," Douglas said.

Both the Oconee Heritage Center and Patriot's Hall will be offering special children's programming earlier Thursday before "Summer Nights" kicks off at 6 p.m.

J.D. Hoggs BBQ will be on site, and F.I.R.E. will be the

night's musical entertainment. As always, there will be bouncy houses, chalk and other activities for children.

"There will be free face-painting, free balloon art," Douglas said.

Sno-cones will also be sold.

Each "Summer Night" has been drawing crowds of about 130 to Short Street, Douglas said.

"That's really a great size," she said. "That means kids aren't having to wait in line a long time

for activities. Kids are able to move through pretty good."

As each evening's event draws to a close, Douglas has been hearing a similar refrain from kids.

"I hear kids saying 'Mom, I don't want to go,'" she said. "That's the whole hope behind these events, that people enjoy spending time in downtown Walhalla."

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