



**You're Invited to a Texas-size party at the LBJ Library & Museum
Mark your calendar – August 27, 2008**

**Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Birthday Party &
Exhibit Opening – *To the Moon: The American Space Program in the 1960s***

Background

August 27, 2008, would have been the 100th birthday of President Lyndon Baines Johnson. The LBJ Centennial celebration will pay tribute to the LBJ Legacy, which we all know was indeed larger than life. Eight LBJ-affiliated organizations throughout central Texas have joined forces to make the Centennial a spectacular year of programs, parties, and other events to celebrate the man and his impact on Texas, the United States, and the world. Centennial partners are:

- ❖ Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park
- ❖ Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site
- ❖ Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- ❖ Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum
- ❖ Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation
- ❖ Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs
- ❖ Texas State University - San Marcos
- ❖ LBJ Museum – San Marcos

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To commemorate LBJ's Centennial, the LBJ Library and Museum is presenting a major exhibit on space entitled *To the Moon: The American Space Program in the 1960s*. The exhibit opens the morning of August 27, 2008, and ends on July 20, 2009, the 40th anniversary of the moon landing. As Senate majority leader, Johnson co-sponsored the legislation creating NASA, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2008.

That evening, the public is invited to a free, Texas-size party to celebrate LBJ's 100th birthday. President and Mrs. Johnson were famous for the Bar-B-Q dinners they held to entertain foreign dignitaries, astronauts, members of his administration, and their friends. The celebration will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. in a large tent on the lawn in front of the Library.

Highlights include:

Rudy's Bar-B-Q dinner

LBJ peach ice cream from Amy's Ice Creams

Fresca (LBJ's favorite drink) and other beverages provided by Austin Coca-Cola

Music by the Riff Ryders Trio

Fun, family-friendly activities, including a balloon wrangler

Live TV coverage of the Democratic National Convention

The Library will remain open so visitors can enjoy the new space exhibit.

In this election year, learn about our country's 36th President and First Lady, Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson. Celebrate LBJ's birthday by enjoying free Bar-B-Q, ice cream, drinks, some great music, and learn about the history of America's space program.