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## HOT LINE UP FOR COUNTRY JAM 2007

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Collier County Parks and Recreation is bringing a serious line up to this year's Country Jam including award-winning acts from 2006.

**30-year-old Joe Nichols** will headline Friday, March 9. Nichols produced his first CD in 1999, *Man With A Memory*, and his song *The Impossible* scored three Grammy nominations. His second album *Revelation* (2004) boasted two Top 10 hits, *Nobody Believed in You* and *What's a Guy Gotta Do*. Nichols takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

**29-year-old Josh Turner** will share a double bill on Saturday, March 10 with long-running country star and **Florida native John Anderson**. In 2001, Turner debuted on the Grand Ole Opry and immediately country fans took notice of this young, deep baritone singer. In 2006, Turner released his second album, *Your Man*, which the Billboard certified as platinum. His album was one of the top five during 2006. He is quickly becoming one of country music's most elite performers.

Anderson has been singing country music since 1977. He was born in Orlando, Florida and raised in Apopka. *Swingin'* became his first signature hit in 1983. The smash single won a Country Music Association (CMA) award. Anderson also took home the CMA Horizon Award that same year.

*Country Jam 2007* will be held March 9 and 10 at Vineyards Community Park, located at 6231 Arbor Blvd. W., by the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department. Advanced tickets, available through March 7, cost \$20 per day, while tickets at the door cost \$25 per day. Kids 10 and under are free and if an adult with the child has paid admission, the carnival is free.

Tickets are being sold at all Collier County Community Parks, the Two Step Stop at 1029 Airport Rd., Gator County Radio at 10915 K9 Dr. in Bonita Springs and at the Hayloft at 4300 Lexington Ave. in Ft. Myers.

Saturday, March 10 will also feature a **Little Miss Country Jam Pageant** for girls between ages five and 10 and a **Chili Cook-Off Competition**. To register for either competition or to schedule interviews call Annie Alvarez at Parks and Recreation for information at 254-4022.

[www.countryjamnaples.com](http://www.countryjamnaples.com)

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