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BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION

*** Open to the Public ***

Le Petit-Déjeuner Révolutionnaire

Alliance Française de Denver, our local French cultural and language center, is pleased to announce a celebration of France's version of the 4th of July, Bastille Day on Thursday, July 14th from 7 am - 9 am at the Maison Française at 571 Galapago Street, Denver. The public is invited to join Denver's French community & membership of the Alliance Française de Denver for an open house offering coffee, croissants, Bastille Day history & prizes.

France's Bastille Day, the French national holiday, is celebrated on July 14th each year. In France it is formally called La Fête Nationale (*National Celebration*). Festivities in Paris are held on the morning of July 14th on the Champs-Élysées avenue in front of the President and special political guests. Bastille Day commemorates the 1790 Fête de la Fédération, held on the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille fortress-prison on July 14, 1789. The event symbolizes the modern nation uprising. It also highlights the reconciliation of all the French people inside the constitutional monarchy which preceded the First Republic during the French Revolution.

The mission of the Alliance Française de Denver is to encourage the study of the French language and culture, and to foster cultural, intellectual, artistic and friendly exchanges between the French-speaking world and our local community.

The Alliance Française is a world-wide non-profit, cultural and educational center founded in Paris in 1883. A network of over 1,040 chapters in 136 countries, the Alliance Française has 121 locations in the United States alone, serving over 400,000 students. The Denver center, called the Alliance Française de Denver, was founded in 1897, making it one of the oldest non-profit organizations in the Denver Metro area.

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