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Father's Day Swings at Hyatt Lost Pines Resort Ray Benson Performs as part of "Live at Lost Pines" Music

(April 2, 2008 - Lost Pines, Texas) - The Lost Pines Father's Day Weekend features activities for every member of the family - with a special **Sunday, June 15, afternoon (1:00 to 3:00 pm)** performance for resort guests at the resort's LBJ Pavilion by the **King of Western Swing, Ray Benson**.

Treat Dad right with an entire weekend filled with activities including golf, spa, Camp Hyatt gift-making classes for the kiddos, s'more roasting, river rafting, hiking, live music, and outdoor movies Saturday night. Sunday's the show stopper day for the family with brunch options, BBQ outdoors and the special Father's Day Performance by Ray Benson.

Treat the entire family to a weekend at Lost Pines with our Father's Day Weekend STAYOVER Rate! Stay over for two, consecutive nights (two night minimum required) and receive a special Sunday night, June 15, rate of \$99. Please note: one of the two consecutive nights must be June 15 to receive special rate. Other room nights will be quoted at standard rate of the day. For reservations and rates call: 1-800-55-HYATT or go to www.visitlostpines.com

Perhaps best known for his band, Asleep at the Wheel, Ray Benson has boldly defied the fickle lures of the mainstream -- and thrived -- by sticking to the noble cause of keeping that distinctly American of art forms, western swing, alive and kicking. Whether he's in the company of the Wheel or making music magic on his own, Benson's fondness for jazz, blues rock and country plays to every music lover in the audience.

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In recognition of Benson's contributions, the Texas legislature named him the official 2004 Texas State Musician; the same year that the award-winning, nationwide touring "*A Ride with Bob*" debuted in Austin as part of the celebration of Bob Wills' 100th birthday.

In 1970, Benson, a native of Philadelphia, formed Asleep at the Wheel with friends Lucky Oceans and Leroy Preston. The group relocated to Austin in 1973 after a suggestion from Willie Nelson. Since then, the group has released more than 20 albums and earned 9 Grammy awards. Though the band's lineup has changed greatly over the years (about 90 people have been part of Asleep at the Wheel at some point), Benson has always remained at the helm as the band's driving force.

In addition to his work with Asleep at the Wheel, Benson is also an accomplished producer whose credits include albums by Dale Watson, Suzy Bogguss, Aaron Watson, James Hand and Carolyn Wonderland; also single tracks for Willie Nelson, Aaron Neville, Brad Paisley, Pam Tillis, Trace Adkins, Merle Haggard, and Vince Gill.

In 2003, Benson released his first solo album, "Beyond Time". Benson is also a founding member of the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, which raises money to help aging R&B artists, and a member of the board of directors of the SIMS Foundation, which provides low-cost mental health services to Austin musicians and their families. He is also a trustee for the Texas chapter of NARAS, board member of St Davids Community Health Foundation, Board member and founding member of HAAM, health alliance for Austin musicians.

From extreme exhilaration to extreme lollygagging, Hyatt Lost Pines invites all ages to fill their days any number of ways, including nature hikes, horseback riding, star-gazing or zip-lining through McKinney Roughs Nature Park. Or, take in the scenery along the Lower Colorado River on a kayak or river raft. The fun continues after sunset with roasting marshmallows over campfires. Activities in Camp Tortuga for our young guests include nature hikes, arts and crafts and exploration.

Hyatt Lost Pines provides the perfect spot for a leisurely lifestyle vacation! Hyatt Lost Pines features several dining experiences, from the casual Firewheel Café to Shellers Barrelhouse Bar to Stories Fine Dining Establishment - each offering its own nod to the Texas experience. Enlighten your body, mind and spirit at Spa Django. Exceptional golf awaits at Wolfdancer Golf Club, one of Golf

Magazine's "Top 10 New Courses." The Live at Lost Pines Music Series brings a variety of great Texas music to guests in a natural setting.

**Biographical information on Ray Benson from www.raybenson.com and www.en.wikipedia.org

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