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Annual Dixie National Parade Gears Up for Special ‘Through the Decades’ Procession

JACKSON, Miss. – The annual Dixie National Parade will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Jackson. This beloved event that traditionally kicks-off rodeo competitions will include an array of rodeo queens, marching groups, decorative floats, car and tractor clubs, riding groups, dignitaries, the famous Dixie National Wagon Train and much more.

“I want to invite everyone to come out to the Dixie National Parade,” said Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. “This year’s theme for the parade is ‘Trailing through the Decades’ and with special appearances from unique participants and local celebrities as parade judges, this event is the perfect outing that the whole family will enjoy.”

Beginning at the corner of Mississippi and Jefferson streets, the procession will travel down Mississippi Street, circle the State Capitol, and finally take a left onto Amite Street before returning to the State Fairgrounds. Spectators are encouraged to watch from the Capitol grounds near President, High and West streets for the best views. Parking will be available at the Capitol grounds and surrounding parking lots.

Local celebrity and distinguished judges will determine the first and second place winners within each category of parade participants. This year’s judges include Forged in Fire Champion Derek Melton of Hinds County; WLBT News Anchor Barbie Bassett of Madison County; Mississippi 4-H President Ashlyn Henderson of Wayne County; Mississippi FFA President Brendan Harrison of Newton County; and Swamp People Star Ashley ‘Dead Eye’ Jones of Madison County. Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Emmie Perkins will present awards to the winning parade groups at the Mississippi Farmers Market at 12:30 p.m. For additional information on the Dixie National Parade from Commissioner Andy Gipson, see the linked [video](#).

For more information and a full event schedule on the 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit www.dixienational.org, download the mobile app, follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook or call 601-961-4000.

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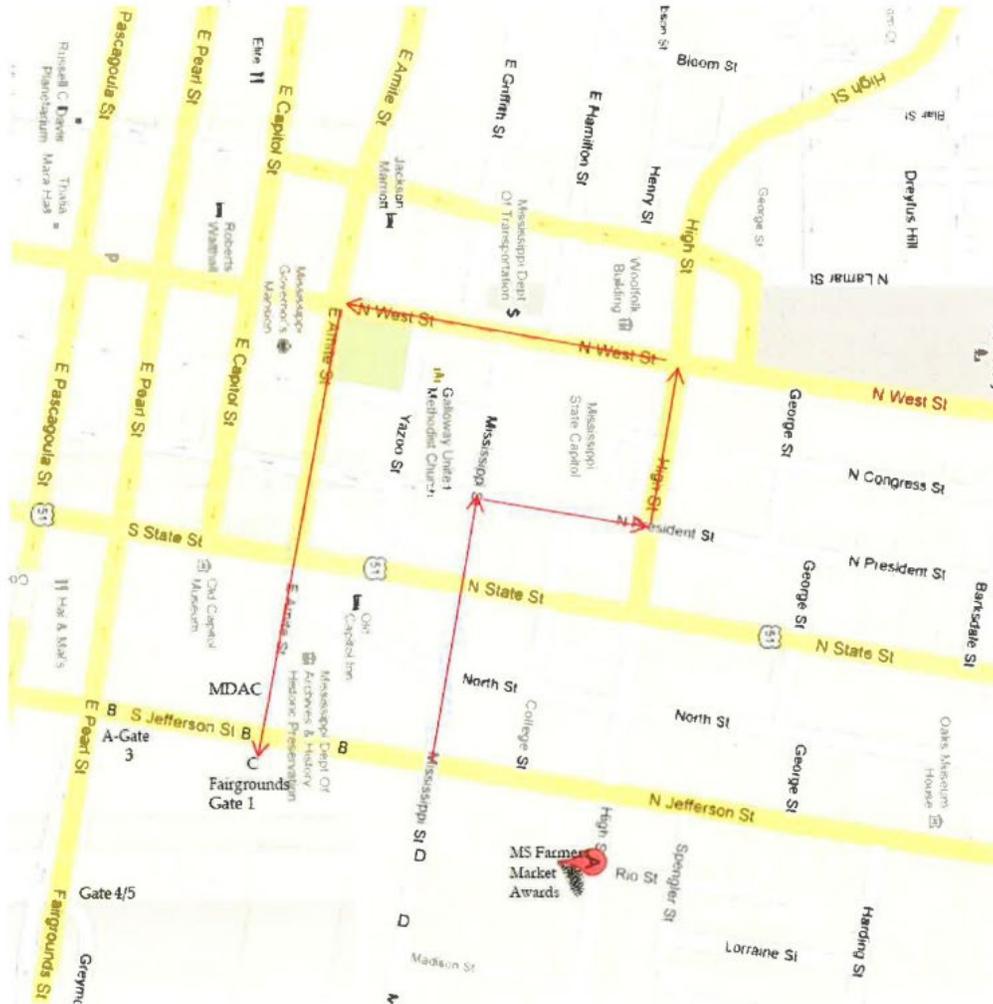
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DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE - SPECTATOR INFO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, AT 10:30 A.M.



The 2023 Dixie National Parade will begin at the corner of Mississippi and Jefferson Street. The parade will encompass the State Capitol, so the best viewing will be near the Capitol grounds at President, High and West Streets. The parade will then turn onto Amite Street and disband at Gate 1 of the State Fairgrounds. The awards ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Farmers Market, located at 929 High Street.