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What: 164th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule

When: Friday, October 6, through Saturday, October 7, 2023

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 164th Mississippi State Fair Events for Friday, October 6, through Saturday, October 7, 2023

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Today Commissioner Gipson cut the ribbon to open the gates of the 164th Mississippi State Fair. Josh Turner will be in concert tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Fair admission is free with a pre-purchased concert ticket. Gates close at 10:00 p.m. Visit <https://youtu.be/4wIvgMyoN4Q?si=SVU-kBcJxLRoxB7v> to watch the ribbon cutting.

Commissioner Gipson announces the schedule of Mississippi State Fair events taking place tomorrow Friday, October 6, through Saturday, October 7, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. This weekend will be a fun-filled weekend with the Miss Mississippi State Fair Pageant on Friday, October 6, and the Mississippi State Fair Talent Show on Saturday, October 7. Forrie J. Smith will be making an appearance at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Taste of Dixie National on Saturday.

Find the complete schedule of fair events at www.msstatefair.com. For additional information, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, October 6, 2023

The Mississippi State Fair celebrates Kid Day on Friday, October 6, from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Youth goat livestock shows will begin in Barn 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Ride Specials: Ride-A-Thon for \$25 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

- 8:00 a.m. – Goat Showmanship – Barn 7
 - 15 minutes after Goat Showmanship - 4H/FFA Meat Goat Doe Show – Barn 7
- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Market Goat Show – Barn 7

- 15 minutes after Market Goat Show – Registered Breeding Boer Doe Showmanship and Show – Barn 7
- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – State Floral Show – Mississippi Farmers Market
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Mississippi Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Magic Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 4:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Beauty Pageant – Mississippi Coliseum – \$10 admission
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Live Music by Acoustic – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – The Dukes of Country – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Saturday, October 7, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Market Steer Show – Judging Area
- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Commercial Beef Heifer Show – Judging Area
- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Saturday Farmers Market – Mississippi Farmers Market
- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – State Floral Show – Mississippi Farmers Market
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates and Rides Open
- 10:00 a.m. – Fiddle Contest – Mississippi Trade Mart
- 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Mississippi Trade Mart
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Magic Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m. – Junior Lamb Show – Barn 8
- 1:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 1:00 p.m. – Open Hereford – Judging Area
- 2:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Talent Show – Mississippi Coliseum – \$10 admission
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Live Music by Acoustic – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 2:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Forrie J. Smith – Taste of Dixie National
- 2:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Forrie J. Smith – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 5:00 p.m. – Open Simmental Show – Judging Area
- 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – Live Music by Shake the Bucket – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 8:00 p.m. – Tri State Rodeo – Equine Center – \$10 admission
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Know Before You Go:

- Gate admission is \$5.00 per person, and parking is \$5.00 per car. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. The public can purchase advance admission tickets at the Coliseum Box Office until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 5.
- All concert tickets purchased in advance include same-day general admission to the fairgrounds. Concert and entertainment tickets can be purchased in advance at www.ticketmaster.com and the Coliseum Box Office.

- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 9, Columbus Day.
- Beginning at 9:00 p.m., any guest under the age of eighteen (18) seeking admission to the Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a legal adult (21 or older). Any guest may be asked to show official proof of age to be admitted after 9:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring identification.
- When entering the Midway, all guests will proceed through one of several entry security points utilizing a metal detector.
- All bags are subject to search. The maximum bag size that will be accepted into the Fair is 12"x12"x6".
- No outside food or beverage allowed.
- No marketing, soliciting, political, or vending items allowed unless and as authorized under Fairground regulations.
- Pursuant to state law, the legal carry of firearms by all lawful adults is recognized on the Mississippi Fairgrounds.
- No animals (other than service animals or as authorized by Fair management for Fair activities), banners, fireworks/explosives, or laser pointers allowed.
- Jefferson Street will be closed between Pearl Street and Amite Street. Greymont Street will be open for Fair traffic only.

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Photo attached from ribbon cutting ceremony.



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Media Advisories will be sent out each afternoon during the State Fair with schedules of the two upcoming days.