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MEDIA ADVISORY

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What:	164 th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule
When:	Saturday, October 7, through Sunday, October 8, 2023
Where:	Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 164th Mississippi State Fair Events for Saturday, October 7, through Sunday, October 8, 2023

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the 164th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of Mississippi State Fair events taking place tomorrow Saturday, October 7, through Sunday, October 8, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The Mississippi State Fair Talent Show will take place Saturday, October 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum. Forrie J. Smith will be making an appearance at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Taste of Dixie National Saturday.

The Ultimate Line Dance Party Experience will continue as scheduled on Sunday, October 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Cupid will not perform during the event. Ticketholders can request refunds prior to the event at the point of purchase. This event is put on by a private promoter, and any questions regarding the change of event can be directed to Xperience Jxn Entertainment.

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

Scheduled Activities & Events for Saturday, October 7, 2023

- o 8:00 a.m. Junior Market Steer Show Judging Area
- o 8:00 a.m. Junior Commercial Beef Heifer Show Judging Area
- o 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Saturday Farmers Market Mississippi Farmers Market
- o 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. State Floral Show Mississippi Farmers Market
- 10:00 a.m. Gates and Rides Open

- o 10:00 a.m. Fiddle Contest Mississippi Trade Mart
- o 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store Mississippi Trade Mart
- o 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. Biscuit Booth Midway
- o 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Pig Races Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 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
- o 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
- 0 2:00 p.m. Mississippi State Fair Talent Show Mississippi Coliseum \$10 admission
- o 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Live Music by Acoustic Michelob Ultra Tent
- o 2:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Forrie J. Smith Taste of Dixie National
- o 2:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Taste of Dixie National Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Frontier Village Train Depot Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Forrie J. Smith Michelob Ultra Tent
- o 5:00 p.m. Open Simmental Show Judging Area
- o 6:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. Live Music by Shake the Bucket Michelob Ultra Tent
- o 8:00 p.m. Tri State Rodeo Equine Center \$10 admission
- o 11:00 p.m. Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 8, 2023

- o 9:00 a.m. Beef Showmanship Judging Area
- o 10:00 a.m. Gates Open
- o 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store Mississippi Trade Mart
- o 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 11:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. Biscuit Booth Midway
- o 12:00 p.m. Rides Open
- o 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Pig Races Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. Magic Show Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 1:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Zerbini Family Circus Kid Zone
- o 2:00 p.m. Tri State Rodeo Equine Center \$10 General Admission
- o 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Live Music by Acoustic Michelob Ultra Tent
- o 2:00p.m., 6:30 p.m. Taste of Dixie National Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Frontier Village Train Depot Mississippi Frontier Village
- o 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Dance Party & Ultimate Line Dance Xperience Mississippi Coliseum
- o 5:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Live Music by The McGees Michelob Ultra Tent
- o 10:00 p.m. Gates Close

Fair admission is included with a pre-purchased concert ticket to Line Dance Xperience. Concert tickets can be purchased at the Coliseum Box Office or Ticketmaster

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 <u>www.ticketmaster.com</u> 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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Media Advisories will be sent out each afternoon during the State Fair with schedules of the two upcoming days.