



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

ANDY GIPSON  
COMMISSIONER

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 8, 2023**

**Contact: Paige Manning, Director of Marketing and Public Relations**  
**(601) 359-1163 / cell: (662) 312-5897**  
**[Paige@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:Paige@mdac.ms.gov)**

**Hannah East, Marketing Specialist**  
**(601) 359-1179**  
**[HannahE@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:HannahE@mdac.ms.gov)**

**What: 164<sup>th</sup> Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule**  
**When: Monday, October 9, through Tuesday, October 10, 2023**  
**Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds**

**Schedule of 164th Mississippi State Fair Events for Monday October 9, through  
Tuesday, October 10, 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 Monday, October 9, through Tuesday, October 10, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The Mississippi State Fair Idol top 40 auditions take place Monday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. and top 20 auditions take place Tuesday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Find the complete schedule of fair events at [www.msstatefair.com](http://www.msstatefair.com). For additional information, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, October 9, 2023**

**Columbus Day Ride Special – Ride Survivor \$30 – 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Beef Breeding Show – Judging Arena
- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – State Floral Show – Mississippi Farmers Market
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open
  - \$5 admission per person and \$5 per car. Children 5 years of age and under are free.
- 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., 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
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Open Mic Night – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 6:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Idol Top 40 – \$10 Admission
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

### **Scheduled Activities & Events for Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

#### **Ride Special – Ride-A-Thon \$30 – 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

- 9:00 a.m. – Stock Dog Trial – Equine Center
- 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., 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. – Rides Open
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Live Music by the B-Sides – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 6:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Idol Top 20 – \$10 Admission
- 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 10:00 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](http://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.

###

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