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What: 164th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule

When: Wednesday, October 11 & Thursday, October 12, 2023

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 164th Mississippi State Fair Events for Wednesday, October 11, through Thursday, October 12, 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 Wednesday, October 11, through Thursday, October 12, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Senior American Day is Wednesday, October 11, starting at 9:00 a.m. featuring live entertainment, door prizes, a health fair, vendors, muffins and coffee.

The 2023 MS State Fair Goat Roping Media Contest will take place 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, at the Blue Line Goat Roping booth (located near Taste of the Dixie National Rodeo in Frontier Village). Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson will introduce the participants and officiate the event. A cowboy or cowgirl will be partnered with a local reporter/anchor from WLBT, WJTV and WAPT for a two-part roping (head and foot roping) competition.

College Night is Thursday, October 12, with free admission 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for college students who show their ID card. Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. ERNEST will take the stage in the Mississippi Coliseum with Special Guest Walker Wilson. Tickets are \$10 to \$30 each.

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 Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Senior American Day – Starts 9:00 a.m.

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

- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – State Floral Show – Mississippi Farmers Market
- 9:00 a.m. Senior American Day
- 9:00 a.m. – Stock Dog Trial – Equine Center
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 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
- 5:00 p.m. – MS State Fair Goat Roping Media Contest – Blue Line Goat Roping booth in the Frontier Village
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Live Music by the Tom Barnes Band – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Thursday, October 12, 2023

Ride Special – \$2 Rides Per Person – 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

College Night– Free Admission with College ID – 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- 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.
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- 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
- 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Live Music by the Dirt Deacons – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 7:00 p.m. – ERNEST with Special Guest Walker Wilson – Mississippi Coliseum – Tickets are \$10 - \$30
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.