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What: 164th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule

When: Thursday, October 12 & Friday, October 13, 2023

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 164th Mississippi State Fair Events for Thursday, October 12, through Friday, October 13, 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 Thursday, October 12, through Friday, October 13, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

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.

Friday, October 13, Funny Friday at the Fair starring comedians Rita Brent, Kerwin Claiborne, Marvin Hunter and JJ Williamson will occur in the Mississippi Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with tickets available at the Coliseum Box Office or on Ticketmaster.

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 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.
- 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
- 5:30 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

Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, October 13, 2023

Ride Special – Kids Day – One Less Coupon – 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ride Special – Ride-A-Thon \$25 – 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

- 8:00 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show – Barn 8
- 8:00 a.m. – Open Market Swine Show – Barn 7
- 8:15 a.m. – Junior Market Hog Show – Barn 7
- 8:15 a.m. – Open Prospect Swine Show – Barn 7
- 9:00 a.m. – Jr. Poultry Show – Barn 13
- 9:00 a.m. – Open Dairy Cattle Show – Judging Arena
- 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. – Pony Pull – Equine Center
- 1:00 p.m. – Two-Year-Old Jersey Futurity – Judging Arena
- 1:30 p.m. – Two-Year-Old Holstein Futurity – Judging Arena
- 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
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Live Music by Acoustic – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 7:00 p.m. – The Pretty Cow Contest – Judging Arena
- 7:00 p.m. – Special Dairy Classes – Judging Arena
- 7:00 p.m. – The Commissioner’s Production Cup – Judging Arena
- 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Live Music by Sound Check the Band – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 7:30 p.m. – Funny Friday at the Fair – Mississippi Coliseum
- 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.
- 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.