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What: 165th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule
When: Friday, October 4, through Saturday, October 5, 2024
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 165th Mississippi State Fair Events for Friday, October 4, through Saturday, October 5, 2024

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson cut the ribbon to open the gates of the 165th Mississippi State Fair. The Miss Mississippi State Fair Pageant will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. inside the Coliseum. Tickets to the pageant can be purchased at the door for \$10 per person. Visit <https://youtu.be/FexnuS3Mab4> to watch the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Commissioner Gipson announces the schedule of Mississippi State Fair events taking place tomorrow, Friday, October 4, through Saturday, October 5, 2024. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. This weekend's schedule is action-packed with the Miss Mississippi State Fair Talent Show on Friday, October 4, and the Tri State Rodeo on Saturday, October 5.

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

Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, October 4, 2024

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$30 from 8:00 p.m. to close.

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)

- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – Tumbleweed Crossing – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Agri-Puppets – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 6:00 p.m. – Miss Mississippi State Fair Talent Show – Mississippi Coliseum – \$10 admission
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – A Conway Tribute Show by Shayne Weems & the Slow Hand Band – Busch Light Pavilion
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Saturday, October 5, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Market Steer Show – Barn 14
 - 15 minutes after Junior Market Steer Show - Junior Commercial Beef Heifer Show – Barn 14
- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Saturday Farmers Market – Mississippi Farmers Market
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. – Fiddle Contest – Trade Mart
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 11:00 a.m. – Rides Open
- 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – Tumbleweed Crossing – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Agri-Puppets – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. – Oak Ridge Boys Concert – Mississippi Coliseum – ticketed event
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Live Music – Busch Light Pavilion
- 8:00 p.m. – Tri State Rodeo – Kirk Fordice Equine Center – \$10 admission
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Know Before You Go:

- Gate admission is \$10.00 per person, and parking is free. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. The public can purchase admission tickets, concert tickets and ride wristbands online at www.msstatefair.com, or purchase admission and concert tickets in-person at the Coliseum Box Office.
- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 14, Columbus Day.
- Beginning at 9:00 p.m., any guest under the age of 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 Note: Media advisories will be sent out each afternoon during the State Fair with schedules of the two upcoming days. Photo attached from ribbon cutting ceremony.



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