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What: 165th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule

When: Saturday, October 5, through Sunday, October 6, 2024

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 165th Mississippi State Fair Events for Saturday, October 5, through Sunday, October 6, 2024

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the 165th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Saturday, October 5, through Sunday, October 6, 2024. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Last night, six new winners were crowned during the 2024 Miss Mississippi State Fair Pageant. Aubrielle Carter of Brandon was named Tiny Miss Mississippi State Fair; Sarah Hamilton Farr of Brandon was named Pre-Teen Miss Mississippi State Fair; Aliza Hensley of Brandon was named Miss Teen Mississippi State Fair; Madelyn Hughes of Brandon was named Young Teen Miss Mississippi State Fair; Laney Renkel of Brandon was named Petite Miss Mississippi State Fair; and Bristol Burchfield of Wesson was named Baby Miss Mississippi State Fair. Congratulations to our 2024 pageant winners!

This weekend, award-winning artists, the Oak Ridge Boys and Matthew West, will perform inside the Mississippi Coliseum. Catch the Oak Ridge Boys at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, and Matthew West on Sunday, October 6, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for both concerts can be purchased online at www.msstatefair.com or in person at the Coliseum Box Office. In addition, the Tri-State Rodeo will take place Saturday, October 5, at 8:00 p.m. inside the Kirk Fordice Equine Center.

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 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. – Junior Lamb Shows – Barn 8
- 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. – Open Hereford Show – Barn 14 Judging Arena-Ring 1
- 2:00 p.m. – Open Angus Show – Barn 14 Judging Arena-Ring 2
- 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 (Jodi Ross – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Sound Check the Band – 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. – Open Simmental Show – Barn 14 Judging Arena
- 8:00 p.m. – Tri-State Rodeo – Kirk Fordice Equine Center – \$10 admission
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 6, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. – Beef Showmanship – Barn 14
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 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. – 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
- 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Live Music – Busch Light Pavilion (Chad Perry – 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Lariat the Band – 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)
- 2:00 p.m. – Matthew West Concert – Mississippi Coliseum – ticketed event
- 2:00 p.m. – Tri-State Rodeo – Kirk Fordice Equine Center – \$10 admission
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 3:00 p.m. (or 30 minutes after Showmanship) – MS State Fair Livestock Judging Contest – Barn 14
- 10:00 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.



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