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What: 165th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule
When: Tuesday, October 8, through Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 165th Mississippi State Fair Events for Tuesday, October 8, through Wednesday, October 9, 2024

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the 165th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, through Wednesday, October 9, 2024. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Wednesday, October 9, is Senior American Day at the State Fair. All senior citizens are invited to gather inside the Coliseum starting at 8:00 a.m. This event will include informational booths and vendors, live entertainment, the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board serving breakfast muffins and a musical performance by nationally recognized artist Ronnie McDowell. McDowell is most known for his songs “The King is Gone,” “I Love You, I Love You, I Love You,” “Here Comes The Reason I Live,” “Watchin' Girls Go By,” “I Just Cut Myself,” “Step Back,” “Wandering Eyes,” “Older Women,” “World's Most Perfect Woman” and “Personally.” In addition, Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson will address the crowd.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 2:00 p.m. to 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. – 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. – Rides Open
- 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. – Stock Dog Cattle Trial – Equine Center
- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Live Music by Silver and Lace Band – Busch Light Pavilion
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – Shared Health Mississippi Senior American Day – Coliseum
- 9:00 a.m. – Stock Dog Trial – Equine Center
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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. – 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. – Rides Open
- 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Live Music by IKR Band – Busch Light Pavilion
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 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.



Hundreds of Mississippi 4-H and FFA exhibitors travel to the capital city to compete in the State Fair livestock shows every year. Support our hardworking, young people and check out the numerous livestock shows happening during the 2024 Mississippi State Fair.