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What: 165th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule
When: Saturday, October 12, through Monday, October 14, 2024
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 165th Mississippi State Fair Events for Saturday, October 12, through Monday, October 14, 2024

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the last weekend of the 165th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Saturday, October 12, through Monday, October 14, 2024. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Saturday is 4-H Day at the Mississippi State Fair. Numerous 4-H members from around the state will participate in various competitions of cooking, public speaking, fashion, Lego building and more inside the Trade Mart! The Omelet Cookoff and Fashion Revue both start at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Fashion Revue Modeling at 11:00 a.m. Students involved in the Public Speaking event will begin their orations at 9:00 a.m. The Share the Fun event, Robot Round-Up and Lego Build contest all start at 11:00 a.m., followed by the 4-H Chopped Contest at 1:00 p.m. Festivities for 4-H Day will end with a closing ceremony and awards presentation at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 13, is wristband day. Fairgoers can purchase wristbands for \$35 to ride the rides from 12:00 p.m. until closing at 10:00 p.m. The Bibletones will be performing in the Busch Lite Pavilion from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Mississippi State Fair was extended this year to give Fairgoers one more day to enjoy the fun. Monday, October 14, is the last day of the Mississippi State Fair. Fairgoers can purchase wristbands for \$35 to ride from 12:00 p.m. until closing at 10:00 p.m.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Saturday, October 12, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Barn 8
- 8:30 a.m. – Junior Dairy Cattle Show – Barn 14 Judging Arena
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 11:00 a.m. – Rides Open
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Horse & Mule Pull – Equine Center
- 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. – Junior Poultry Show – Barn 12 Sales Arena
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. – We Outside But Inside Party – Mississippi Coliseum (ticketed event)
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 13, 2024

*****Ride Special: Wristband Day - \$35 Wristbands from 12 Noon – 10:00 pm.**

- 9:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – 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
- 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 – (The Bibletones – 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, October 14, 2024

*****Ride Special: Wristband Day - \$35 Wristbands from 12 Noon – 10:00 pm.**

- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 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. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
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- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Live Music – 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.



Off to the Races! The Pig Races are a crowd favorite at the Mississippi State Fair. Fairgoers can enjoy the Pig Races at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily in the Frontier Village.