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What: Great American Mississippi State Fair

When: Monday, October 13, 2025

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 166th Mississippi State Fair Events for Monday, October 13, 2025

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the 166th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Monday, October 13, 2025. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The final day of the State Fair is tomorrow, Columbus Day, October 13, and it will be the grand finale of all patriotic celebrations. Tomorrow is also Military Monday where all active military members and veterans will receive free admission to the State Fair with presentation of ID.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the first-ever Great American Parade will kick things off with a procession of horses and wagons, decorative floats, car clubs, military groups, marching bands and more. This unique event is free to the public. The parade will encompass the State Fairgrounds Complex; both parking and the best viewing areas will be available on the Fairgrounds. Spectators are encouraged to enter through the main entrance, Gate 10, off High Street to park and watch the parade along Monroe Street. See a map of the parade route attached. This unique event is open and free to the public.

Later that evening, after the Taste of the Dixie National Rodeo show, legendary artist Lee Greenwood will perform live at the arena inside Patriot Village at 8:00 p.m. A massive fireworks display will follow the concert performance. General admission to the State Fair includes this special, patriotic performance and fireworks show.

The 166th Mississippi State Fair, which runs through tomorrow, October 13, is participating in the Great American State Fair initiative as part of the nationwide America250 celebrations. Fairgoers are encouraged to wear red, white and blue, and special, patriotic events will be held throughout the duration of the fair. Find the complete schedule of fair events at www.msstatefair.com. For additional information and updates, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, October 13, 2025

Monday, October 13, is Military Monday at the State Fair. All active military and veterans will be given free admission. Identification will be required at the gate.

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 12:00 p.m. to close.

- 9:30 a.m. – Great American Parade – Fairgrounds, Main Entrance Drive (Monroe Street)
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – MS State Fair Marketplace Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 8:00 p.m. – Lee Greenwood Performance – Patriot Village
 - Fireworks show immediately following performance
- 9:00 p.m. – Gates Close
- 10:00 p.m. – Fair 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 and ride wristbands online at www.msstatefair.com or in-person at the Fairgrounds.
- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 13, Columbus Day.
- **Sunday through Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until close and all day Friday and Saturday, any guest under the age of 18 seeking admission to the Fairgrounds must be accompanied by an adult (21 or older). Any guest may be asked to show official proof of age. Guests are encouraged to bring identification.**
- When entering the Midway, all guests will proceed through one of several security points utilizing a metal detector, and/or be subject to magnetic wand.
- **Only clear bags will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during the State Fair and must not exceed 12"x12"x6". Diaper bags and medically necessary bags and items are allowed after proper inspection and tagging. All bags are subject to search.**
- **No outside food or beverage allowed.**
- No marketing, soliciting, political or vending items allowed unless and as authorized under Fairground regulations.
- 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 and Great American Parade map attached.



The annual 4-H Day at the State Fair was held yesterday in the Trade Mart, where several Mississippi 4-H students participated in a variety of competitions.



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