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What: Mississippi State Fair Schedule
When: Tuesday, October 13, through Wednesday, October 14
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

**Schedule of 167th Mississippi State Fair Events for Tuesday, October 13,
through Wednesday, October 14**

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites Mississippians and visitors from across the region to attend the 167th Mississippi State Fair and enjoy entertainment and special events Tuesday, October 13, through Wednesday, October 14, at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds in Jackson.

*****Concert Ticket Discount*** Tickets for the Flo Rida concert on Thursday, October 15, in the Coliseum are now on sale for the discounted price of \$25. Tickets can be purchased at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Mississippi Coliseum Box Office. Concert ticketholders can use their concert tickets for admission into the State Fair.**

Tuesday, October 13, the Mississippi State Fair will host Disability Friendly Day, sponsored by Joni & Friends, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum. Disability Friendly Day will feature a Resource Carnival that connects individuals and families with valuable services, organizations, and community resources while providing a welcoming and inclusive experience for all. This event will also feature sensory tents for calm and quiet breaks; inclusive activities and entertainment; classic fair favorites adapted for accessibility; and more. Disability Friendly Day is free of charge for families and individuals, impacted by disabilities. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for this event, though fairgoers can register at the gate upon arrival. Register now at <https://joniandfriends.org/event/disability-friendly-day-at-the-mississippi-state-fair/>.

There will also be multiple working and herding dog shows held inside the Kirk Fordice Equine Center. Tomorrow, the Stock Dog Trial starts at 9:00 a.m. The Stock Dog Trial returns Wednesday, October 14, starting at 8:00 a.m., and all shows are free to the public.

Senior American Day at the Mississippi State Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 14**, inside the Coliseum. The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. This annual event is open to all ages, with activities especially geared toward senior citizens. Several vendors and information booths will be in attendance including Mississippi Library Commission; Mississippi Department of Human Services; Trial Insurance Group, LLC; Senior Medicare Patrol; Mississippi Care Center of Morton; Oak Street Health Primary Care; Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company; Mississippi HomeCare; and Heal All Wounds Care. The University of Mississippi Medical School of Nursing and St. Dominic's Hospital will be providing health screenings.

In addition to a concert by music legend Ronnie McDowell, a patriotic show has been added to the entertainment lineup for Senior American Day. Pine Grove Church of Walnut Grove will present a historic, theatrical presentation, "For God and Country," at 9:00 a.m., which will be followed by a special time of prayer for the nation. The Sassy Steppers will also be performing, and award-winning Ronnie McDowell will then wrap up celebrations with a performance at 11:00 a.m. Church and school groups are invited to attend; admission to Senior American Day is free.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Tuesday, October 13, 2026

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Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. – Stock Dog Trial – Kirk Fordice Equine Center
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Joni & Friends Resource Carnival – Mississippi Coliseum
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS Store
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving – Patriot Village
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Flying Fools High Dive Show – Patriot Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Royal Legacy Circus – Kid Zone
- 1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Fetch N Fish – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m. – Paid Admission Begins
- 1:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 2:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 9:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Wednesday, October 14, is Senior American Day at the Mississippi State Fair. This annual event will feature several vendors and information booths, a concert performance by award-winning artist Ronnie McDowell, all-new patriotic shows and entertainment, and more!

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Senior American Day – Mississippi Coliseum
- 8:00 a.m. – Stock Dog Trial – Equine Center
- 9:00 a.m. – 4-H Poultry Show – Barn 13

- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS Store
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving – Patriot Village
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
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- 1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Fetch N Fish – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m. – Paid Admission Begins
- 1:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 2:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 2:00 p.m. – Open Poultry Show – Barn 13
- 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 9:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Know Before You Go:

- Gate admission is \$10 per person, 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. to 1:00 p.m. with the exception of 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.
- **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.

*****NEW*** Brisket Biscuit & Discounts on the Midway to Honor Veterans and Military**

Throughout the duration of the Fair, veterans and active-duty military members presenting a valid military ID when entering the gates will receive a special armband to show at the Biscuit Booth for a complimentary Brisket Biscuit, thanks to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) and the Mississippi Beef Council. The Brisket Biscuit will be available at the Biscuit Booth Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Veterans and active-duty military members are also eligible to receive discounts from participating vendors on the Midway. Fairgoers can purchase a Brisket Biscuit at the Beef Barn during Biscuit Booth hours.

The 167th Mississippi State Fair, which runs October 8-18, is wrapping the Mississippi State Fair once again in red, white and blue with this year's theme, Let Freedom Ring! Admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the exception of Columbus Day. 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.

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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 little ones experiencing the excitement for the first time to parents making memories along the way, the 167th Mississippi State Fair is where Mississippi comes together for 11 days of fun, food, rides and unforgettable memories.