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What: Mississippi State Fair Schedule
When: Sunday, October 18
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of the 167th Mississippi State Fair Events for Sunday, October 18

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites the public to attend the last day of the 167th Mississippi State Fair Sunday, October 18, at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds in Jackson.

Sunday, October 18, marks the last day for fairgoers to enjoy the Fair. There is a \$35 wristband ride special from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fairgoers can enjoy new attractions such as the Flying Fools High Dive, Fetch N Fish, Royal Legacy Circus and chainsaw carving, as well as traditional favorites like the Biscuit Booth, antique cars and trade show in the Trade Mart, Taste of Dixie National Rodeo and pig races. Also, there is also a chess tournament from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hall C of the Trade Mart.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 18, 2026

Ride Special: Wristband Day \$35 – 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Barn 7 & 8
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open & Paid Admission Begins
- 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS Store
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving – Patriot Village
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Flying Fools High Dive Show – Patriot Village
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Royal Legacy Circus – Kid Zone

- 12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Fetch N Fish – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Chess Tournament – Hall C, Trade Mart
- 2:00 p.m., 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.



The annual Pretty Cow Contest, a fan-favorite at the State Fair, was held Friday night and pictured are this year's winner and judges along with Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. During the Pretty Cow Contest, youth exhibitors and their cows are dressed up in homemade costumes and themed props. The most creative and patriotic competitors are named the winner by a panel of local celebrity judges.