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What: 163rd Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule

When: Thursday, October 6, 2022

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 163rd Mississippi State Fair Events for Thursday, October 6, 2022

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson will officially kick off the 163rd Mississippi State Fair with a ceremonial ribbon cutting today at 11:00 a.m. at Gate 1 of the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. All food vendors, as well as the State Fair Ag Expo, will be in operation, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 10, Columbus Day.

Today is Mississippi Heroes Day. All police officers, first responders, firefighters, healthcare workers, medical professionals and active military will be given free admission into the Fair with identification.

Ride Specials: \$2 Rides per Person from 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Thursday, October 6, 2022:

- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open with Ribbon Cutting (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6:40 p.m. – West Texas Rattlesnake Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 5:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. – Great American Wild West Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 7:30 p.m. – Live Performance by B.o.B. – Budweiser Stage
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Commissioner Gipson would like to remind fairgoers of several things to “Know Before You Go.”

- Gate admission is \$5.00 per person, and parking is \$5.00 per car. Children ages 6 and under will be admitted free of charge. The public can purchase advance admission tickets at the Coliseum Box Office until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 6.
- Admission to concerts is free with Fair admission.
- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 10, Columbus Day.
- Beginning at 9:00 p.m., any guest under the age of eighteen (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 (1) of the seven (7) entry security points utilizing a metal detector, and/or be subject to magnetic wand.
- 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.

For a list of daily events including livestock shows, ride specials and latest information, visit www.msstatefair.com online or follow the Mississippi State Fairgrounds on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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