MEDIA KIT

Dear Members of the Media and State Fair Friends,

Welcome to the 2022 Minnesota State Fair!

We hope you find this media kit to be a valuable resource as you put together your stories. It is divided into 15 different sections that share everything you want to know about the fair.

We recognize that information is always subject to change, so in order to assist you with your reporting, this media kit will include links to pages on our website. The website will always have the most up-to-date information and is your one-stop source of truth for the Minnesota State Fair.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you Aug. 25 through Sept. 5 at the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

Enjoy the fair! Thank you!
Minnesota State Fair Marketing & Communications Team

* The link for Daily Schedules is included throughout this media kit but please note, the Daily Schedules will be continually updated until the fair opens.

MEDIA SERVICES

Marketing & Communications Department

The marketing & communications department handles all marketing inquiries for the Minnesota State Fair. Types of inquiries may include: advertising; production and package story assistance; social media; footage of or interview arrangements with free stage and Grandstand artists, concessionaires, vendors and State Fair experts; corporate communication; media exhibit space and more.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS:

Lara Hughes
Marketing & Communications Supervisor

Christine Noonan
Marketing & Guest Services Supervisor

Maria Hayden
Marketing & Social Media Specialist

CONTACT INFORMATION:

All marketing & communications contacts can be reached via:
Email: media@mnstatefair.org
Media Relations Hotline: 651-288-4321

Media Resources

DAILY MEDIA UPDATE:

The Daily Media Update is a tool for media personnel covering the fair. The update provides day-specific information on photo and video opportunities, Grandstand ticket availability, special events, breaking news and more. The Daily Media Update will be sent as a one-page PDF via email and the State Fair Media Twitter account the evening before each day of the fair. To receive this exclusive update, email media@mnstatefair.org and ask to be put on the list.

MEDIA RELATIONS EMAIL AND HOTLINE

media@mnstatefair.org and 651-288-4321: The email is monitored year-round. The hotline is available during non-fair time Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except on state holidays) and during fair time Monday, Aug. 15, through Monday, Sept. 5, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

MEDIA TWITTER - @MSFMedia

The @MSFMedia Twitter account tweets official Minnesota State Fair news, special announcements and other newsworthy fair happenings intended for media use only. These tweets will streamline the process of disseminating
information, especially during breaking news times. All official updates will be posted via this account. The account is protected and requires members of the media to send a “follow” request to the @MSFMedia Twitter account.

UPDATES

The fair’s website has a section called “Updates” where the fair will publish the latest information about what’s new and changed and how to make the most of a visit to the Great Minnesota Get-Together. It is updated throughout the summer and during the fair can be found at mnstatefair.org/updates/.

STATE FAIR SCHEDULE RESOURCES

Daily schedules, the Fair Finder and the smartphone app are resources for story ideas and daily events. Daily schedules can be found online at mnstatefair.org/schedule/. The Fair Finder is an online, searchable tool to learn more about food and merch at the fair. In addition to the website, the smartphone app features the Fair Finder for food and shopping information and daily schedule details. Learn more at mnstatefair.org/general-info/mobile-app/. Use these resources for the most complete and up-to-date State Fair daily schedules and vendor information.

Interview Arrangements

The marketing & communications staff is available to make connections and coordinate interviews with concessionaires, exhibitors, competitors, free stage artists, attraction operators and State Fair staff. Please email your request to media@mnstatefair.org.

Media Photo Galleries

Our photo galleries have royalty-free high-resolution images that may be used with television, print or digital news stories. Please visit the media photo galleries via the online media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/. Please credit the Minnesota State Fair with use of all media gallery photos and list the event dates (Aug. 25 through Labor Day, Sept. 5, 2022) whenever possible.

Online Media Room

Our online media room is available to all media through the State Fair website. To view State Fair news releases, fact sheets, photos and this media kit, please visit the media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

Photography Access & Video Footage Guidelines

For information about taking photographs or video footage on the fairgrounds, please visit the online media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

It may be possible for photographers and videographers to access the Grandstand to photograph or get footage of a brief portion of the evening’s concert. Please note that access may be restricted depending on the artist. To inquire about obtaining permission to photograph or get footage of a Grandstand event, please contact the marketing & communications department at media@mnstatefair.org.

Safety & Security

POLICE, FIRE & MEDICAL

Emergencies in progress: 911

Non-emergencies (to reach Dispatch Center for police, fire and medical): 651-291-1111

The Arthur R. Blakey Jr. Police Station is located at 1826 West Dan Patch Ave. across from West End Market and is open 24 hours a day during the fair.

The police substation is located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Dan Patch and Judson avenues.

There are two first aid locations on the fairgrounds. First Aid West is located across from West End Market on West Dan Patch Avenue. First Aid East is located on the outside of the north end of the 4-H Building on Cosgrove Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The State Fair has a comprehensive safety and security plan in place that includes its own police department and a variety of local, state and federal agencies. Additionally, the fair’s public safety program includes enhanced gate security with metal detectors at entrances, technology and communications systems, first aid and emergency medical services, and community ambassadors.

Social Media

FIND THE STATE FAIR ON:

- Facebook: facebook.com/minnesotastatefair
ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Recent attendance numbers are available at mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/attendance/

Daily Records

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TICKETING & SAVINGS

ADMISSION TICKETS
mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/
RIDE & ATTRACTION TICKETS
mnstatefair.org/tickets/ride-and-attraction-tickets/

GRANDSTAND TICKETS
mnstatefair.org/tickets/grandstand-tickets/

Deals & Discounts

DISCOUNT DAYS
mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/

BLUE RIBBON BARGAIN BOOK
Sponsored by Minnesota Lottery
The State Fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Book offers 100 coupons with huge savings on food, merchandise and attractions. Each coupon offers at least 30 percent off listed items. Coupons are valid every day of the fair. Books purchased during the fair support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs. mnstatefair.org/blue-ribbon-bargain-book/

DEALS, DRAWINGS & GIVEAWAYS GUIDE
Sponsored by Minnesota Rusco
This free guide lists discount days, best values, free stuff, sign-up-to-win drawings and hidden bargains at the fair, including deals on food and beverages. The Deals, Drawings & Giveaways Guide is available during the fair at all information booths and at mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/.

LAST CHANCE DEALS
Special food and merchandise bargains are offered on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, at many locations throughout the fairgrounds. These deals can be found on Sept. 5 in the Last Chance Day Deals flier at all information booths and at mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/.

MIGHTY MIDWAY AND KIDWAY DISCOUNTS

- mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/
- mnstatefair.org/rides-and-attractions/

SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS

Calendar/Day Designations
Refer to the daily schedules at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for a detailed schedule of performances, demonstrations and activities for each day of the fair.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25
OPENING DAY

- Today’s Deals and Discounts: mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/
- STEM Day at Dan Patch Park: SciMathMN brings together kids of all ages to celebrate and explore the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through hands-on learning, interactive STEM experiences, and connections to nonprofit STEM education providers, student groups and local businesses. mnstatefair.org/schedule/

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

- Today’s Deals and Discounts: mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/
- Governor’s Fire Prevention Day at Dan Patch Park: This annual fun-filled, action-packed Governor’s Fire Prevention Day is the largest fire-prevention education event in the world. Opportunities for families include learning about fire-safe behavior, fire prevention, safe escape from a fire, proper use of a fire extinguisher, how to prepare for an emergency, as well as technological improvements in burn treatment and firefighting equipment. Activities take place at Dan Patch Park, the North End and DNR Park. Presented by the Governor’s Council on Fire Prevention and Control. mnstatefair.org/schedule/

SATURDAY, AUG. 27
4-H DAY
Sponsored by M Health Fairview

- Visit the barns and animals competition areas to celebrate 4-H. See displays and performances in the 4-H Building.
• **Hubbard Broadcasting Day at Dan Patch Park**: Hubbard Broadcasting Day features the radio and television stations locally owned and operated by Hubbard Broadcasting Inc. – 5 Eyewitness News, 45TV, myTalk 107.1, SKOR North and KS95. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 28**

• **Indigenous Food Lab at Dan Patch Park**: North American Traditional Food System’s Indigenous Food Lab will be joined by guest chefs to present cooking demonstrations and discuss the foundations of Indigenous food systems. Indigenous music and learning activities for both children and adults take place throughout the day, including a presentation by Chef Sean Sherman, founder of The Sioux Chef and co-founder of the James Beard Award-winning restaurant Owamni. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**MONDAY, AUG. 29**

**SENIORS DAY**
Sponsored by Minnesota Senior Linkage Line

• Today’s Deals and Discounts: [mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/](http://mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/)
• Mental Health Awareness at Dan Patch Park: This is a day filled with interactive, engaging, educational and fun activities for fair guests of all ages to explore mental health resources and information. Event organizers will host more than 50 organizations from throughout Minnesota to bring the most cutting-edge information on mental health and mental wellness to all. In addition, there will be a full lineup of diverse stage performances for a wide variety of audiences, including children’s programming, cultural performances, youth performances, musicians, therapy animals, and more. There will also be a collaborative art project anyone can help with as they walk through the event. Minnesotans of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to enjoy the day. Presented by NAMI Minnesota & Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children’s Mental Health. Refer to the daily schedules at [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/) for a detailed schedule of performances, demonstrations and activities.

• Minnesota State Patrol Day at the North End: Troopers will be at North Underwood Street throughout the day to answer questions from fair guests. Squads (new and vintage) will be on display, and troopers from various specialty assignments will highlight some of the unique services offered by the Minnesota State Patrol. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**TUESDAY, AUG. 30**

**MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

• Today’s Deals and Discounts: [mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/](http://mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/)
• Military Appreciation Day at Dan Patch Park: Guests can stop by to visit educational booths and organizations that support the military in celebration of Military Appreciation Day. Additional programs are also held throughout the fairgrounds, including at the Veterans Garden and the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. A flyover takes place in the morning. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31**

**KIDS DAY**

• Today’s Deals and Discounts: [mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/](http://mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/)
• Library Day at Dan Patch Park: MELSA public libraries bring a day of fun, games, crafts and stage lineup to Dan Patch Park. This program is funded by Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 1**

**SENIORS DAY**
Sponsored by Minnesota Senior Linkage Line

• Today’s Deals and Discounts: [mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/](http://mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/)
• UCare – Senior Stretch & Stroll Day at Dan Patch Park: Enjoy live musical and dance performances on the outdoor stage throughout the day, plus a variety of fun fitness, health and wellness programming. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 2**

• Today’s Deals and Discounts: [mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/](http://mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/)
• MPR Day at Dan Patch Park: On the Dan Patch Park stage, MPR News, Classical MPR and 89.3 The Current team up for live broadcasts, performances, local music and more throughout the day. Presented by Minnesota Public Radio. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 3**

**FFA DAY**

• Several FFA livestock judging events take place throughout the day. FFA is celebrating 75 years of the FFA Show at the fair and will have special programs to commemorative the State Fair’s partnership with FFA. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)
• **AARP Day at Dan Patch Park:** Learn more about everything that AARP has to offer. Stop by to win a free prize and register for their Summer Sweeps. Cast your vote for your favorite band. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 4**

**FRIENDS OF THE FAIR DAY**

• Fair guests can stop by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation tent outside the J.V. Bailey House to learn more about the Foundation – celebrating 20 years in 2022 – and becoming a Friend of the Fair member. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**MONDAY, SEPT. 5**

**KIDS DAY**

• Today's Deals and Discounts: [mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/](http://mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/)

• **Hmong Minnesota Day at Dan Patch Park:** Now in its seventh year, Hmong Minnesota Day is about hope, healing and a celebration of life. Stage activities feature a collaboration of Hmong artists and organizations from throughout Minnesota, including singers, dancers, martial artists, community leaders and more for all to enjoy. [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

### Special Events & Ceremonies

Refer to the daily schedules at [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/) for more information about the following special events & ceremonies.

**69TH PRINCESS KAY OF THE MILKY WAY CORONATION**

*Wednesday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Since 1954, the Princess Kay program has recognized young women who are involved in the Minnesota dairy community. Dairy princesses from across the state exhibit leadership and communication skills as they compete to be Princess Kay of the Milky Way, with the winner serving as the dairy community’s spokesperson and goodwill ambassador throughout the year. She and the nine finalists will have their likenesses sculpted in butter during the State Fair in the Dairy Building. The competition is organized by Midwest Dairy. For more information, please contact Sara Grasmon with Bellmont Partners at sara@bellmontpartners.com or 320-522-0483.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

*Thursday, Aug. 25, 10:15 a.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Executive Vice President Jerry Hammer and President Joe Scapanski declare the State Fair officially open at the Opening Ceremony with the national anthem and a flag raising by members of State Fair Police.

**FLAG RAISING**

*Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

With the exception of Aug. 25 and 26, flag raising ceremonies occur daily at 10:25 a.m. On Aug. 25, the flag raising is at 10:15 a.m. during the Opening Ceremony. On Aug. 26, the flag raising is at 10:10 a.m. as part of Governor's Fire Prevention Day at Dan Patch Park.

**37TH ANNUAL MILK RUN**

*Sponsored by Great River Energy, Midwest Dairy, Minnesota Farmers Union and Giggles' Campfire Grill*

*Sunday, Aug. 28, 7:45 a.m., Starting on Randall Avenue*

This 5-kilometer certified race begins near Randall Avenue and Underwood Street, moves off the fairgrounds through the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and finishes back on Randall Avenue. [mnstatefair.org/competitions/milk-run-5k-race/](http://mnstatefair.org/competitions/milk-run-5k-race/)

**VETERANS GARDEN CEREMONY**

*Tuesday, Aug. 30, 9:15 a.m., Located at the Veterans Garden on the south side of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Minnesota’s military veterans of every era will be celebrated during a special ceremony at the State Fair’s Veterans Garden. The garden was established in 2005 on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, and honors all Minnesotans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces from territorial days through today. The garden features memorials to Minnesota veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Also featured is a Gold Star Families memorial honoring families of those who died while in military service to our nation, and a Blue Star Memorial honoring all American military veterans.

**2022 BEST AWARDS CEREMONY**

*Thursday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m., Located at the International Bazaar Stage*

State Fair superintendents and other State Fair organizers will nominate a minimum of three exhibitors, vendors or concessionaires for the “2022 Best Awards.” A committee will then review nominations and select winners who are announced at this ceremony. For a list of past winners and more info, visit [mnstatefair.org/competitions/best-awards/](http://mnstatefair.org/competitions/best-awards/)
50 YEAR AWARDS
Friday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell

This award honors individuals and organizations with 50 years of State Fair participation.

GETTING TO THE FAIR

Parking on the Fairgrounds
Visit mnstatefair.org/parking/vehicle for information about parking on the fairgrounds. For parking lot updates and information, follow @mnstatefair on Twitter with the hashtag #MSFParking.

Park & Ride
The State Fair offers free parking with free bus service to and from the fair within a short distance of the fairgrounds. Visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/free-park-and-ride/ for more information. For Park & Ride lot updates and information, follow @mnstatefair on Twitter with the hashtag #MSFParking.

Express Bus Service
Free parking and direct bus rides for a small fee are provided by Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit.

- mnstatefair.org/transportation/metro-transit/
- metrottransit.org/StateFair

Metro Transit Bus Stops & Green Line

- mnstatefair.org/transportation/metro-transit/
- metrottransit.org/StateFair

Metro Transit representatives are also available at 612-373-3333 or 711 – Minnesota Relay (hearing impaired).

Accessible Parking & Transportation

- mnstatefair.org/general-info/accessibility-guide/#transportation

Bicycle parking

- mnstatefair.org/parking/bicycle/

Bicycle Parking at Park & Ride lots
Select Park & Ride lots allow riders to park and lock their bicycles and take a free bus to and from the fair. For exact locations, visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/free-park-and-ride/.

Motorcycle Parking

- mnstatefair.org/parking/bicycle/

Taxis & Rideshare apps
For information about taxi drop-off and pick-ups and rideshare apps such as Lyft and Uber, visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/taxi-and-rideshare/

GUEST SERVICES

Accessible Services
Accommodations for guests with disabilities include assistive listening devices for Grandstand shows, sign language interpreters, wheelchair and electric scooter rental, free Park/Ride Lot and bus service, wheelchair battery recharging, the Fraser Sensory Building, Braille books at Alphabet Forest, large print maps, bariatric seating and more. For a complete list of services, refer to the Accessibility Guide at mnstatefair.org/general-info/accessibility-guide/ or pick up details at any information booth. New in 2022 is open captioning and audio description; learn more here: mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/captioning/
APP for iPhone and Android Smartphones

Information on the State Fair app and how to download it can be found at mnstatefair.org/general-info/mobile-app/. The app is free and features the popular Fair Finder, which is a tool to search for State Fair foods, shops and exhibits. It also includes complete daily schedule information.

American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation

During the fair, ASL interpreters are available to assist guests 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and at select performances. mnstatefair.org/general-info/accessibility-guide/#asl

ATMs

ATMs are available at numerous locations throughout the fairgrounds. Visit mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities/ or check out a State Fair map for details.

Banking Services

Bremer Bank is located in Visitors Plaza and serves vendors and Bremer clients from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily during the fair.

Bargain Book & State Fair Poster Carts

2022 Blue Ribbon Bargain Books and commemorative art posters are available for purchase at various carts located on the fairgrounds. Proceeds support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Blue Ribbon Bargain Books are sponsored by Minnesota Lottery. mnstatefair.org/blue-ribbon-bargain-book/

Batteries

A selection of regular batteries is available for purchase at Steichen's Grocery & Deli in the Commissary Building located north of the Sheep & Poultry Barn. An area for recharging wheelchair batteries is located in Care & Assistance on West Dan Patch Avenue south of West End Market. Outlets to plug in scooters are also available on the exterior south wall of the Grandstand between the two entrance doors.

Campground

The Minnesota State Fair Campground is located at the northeast corner of the fairgrounds, and space sells out well in advance of the fair. A reservation must be completed and confirmed prior to arrival. For more information, visit mnstatefair.org/general-info/campground/. The media are not allowed to enter the campground without prior approval; please reach out to media@mnstatefair.org with a specific request.

Care & Assistance

Located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market

Care & Assistance is headquarters for people of any age who have become lost or separated from their group. ID wristbands and nursing and infant care facilities are available, as well as an area to recharge wheelchair batteries. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/care-and-assistance/ for hours and more information.

Charging stations

Cell phones can be charged at several locations on the fairgrounds. Refer to mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities/ for a list of locations.

Comments & Suggestions

Feedback is welcome at Guest Relations in Visitors Plaza. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day) or email guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

Daily Schedules

Free printed schedules of each day’s events are available to guests at all information booths. Daily schedules can also be viewed at mnstatefair.org/schedule/.

First Aid

Sponsored by Regions Hospital
First Aid West is located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market, and First Aid East is located outside the north end of the 4-H Building on Cosgrove Street. Injuries and ailments can be treated at either first aid station. All staff and visitors to the first aid stations must wear face coverings. In the event of serious illness or injury, contact 911. For non-emergencies, contact 651-291-1111. mnstatefair.org/faq/health-and-safety/

Hand Wash Stations

Hand wash stations are available in the Food Building and at many entrances to buildings in the livestock area, including Compeer Arena, the Cattle Barn, Cattle Annex, Sheep & Poultry Barn, Christensen Pavilion and the CHS Miracle of Birth Center. Please consult a State Fair map for exact locations. We invite guests to enjoy time with the animals, but highly recommend washing or sanitizing hands before and after visits and especially prior to eating. mnstatefair.org/faq/health-and-safety/

Hours of Operation

In 2022, fair hours have been updated from years past. mnstatefair.org/general-info/hours-of-operation/

ID Wristbands

Identification wristbands to help reunite lost children with their families are available free of charge at all information booths and Care & Assistance. mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities/

Information Booths

Sponsored by Humana

Free daily schedules, maps (sponsored by Star Tribune), specialty brochures and more are available at all information booths. Visit mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities/ for info booth details.

Lost & Found Items

Visit mnstatefair.org/location/lost-and-found/ for information about lost & found during and after the fair.

Lost people

Care & Assistance, located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market, is headquarters for people of any age who are lost or separated from their group. If the lost person is a child, contact 911, and a police officer will initiate a search. If a child is not quickly reunited with their party, the police officer will escort the child to Care & Assistance. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/care-and-assistance/ for information.

Minnesota State FairWear Gift Shops

State FairWear Gift Shops feature Minnesota State Fair merchandise, as well as Blue Ribbon Bargain Books and Official 2022 State Fair Commemorative Art merchandise featuring the work of Minneapolis artist Leslie Barlow. Purchases made in State FairWear Gift Shops support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Visit mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities/ for locations and hours.

Religious Services

Religious services are offered on Sunday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Sept. 4. Ecumenical services are held at 9:15 a.m. at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell and at 7:45, 9:30 & 11 a.m. at the Crossroads Chapel on Underwood Street. A Catholic mass is held at 9:15 a.m. at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park.

Smoking – Designated Areas

For the comfort and safety of all, designated smoking areas have been established at convenient locations throughout the fairgrounds. Smoking (including the use of e-cigarettes and vape pens) is permitted only in these areas. Each designated smoking area consists of a bench and receptacle to safely deposit spent cigarettes. Designated smoking areas are identified on State Fair maps, which are available at all information booths and at mnstatefair.org/general-info/maps/.

Trolleys

Two free trolleys serve the fairgrounds northern area daily. mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities

UPS Store

The UPS Store is located in Visitors Plaza. Visit mnstatefair.org/faq/amenities for more information.
WHAT'S NEW

Attractions, Competitions, Exhibits, Merchandise Vendors and Celebrations

From Blue Ribbon BINGO to new thrilling rides to the Ag-Hort Building celebrating 75 years, the State Fair has dozens of new attractions for this year’s fair. Visit mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/media-gallery-attraction/ for the media photo gallery of new attractions. To share new attractions with the public, use this link: mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/

Here is a list of the new attractions and exhibits you will find at the above links: Blue Ribbon BINGO; Survival: The Exhibition; Two New Mighty Midway Rides; 75 Years of the FFA Show; Open Captioning, Audio Descriptions and ASL at the Fair; Eco Experience: New Features; Agriculture Horticulture Building's 75th Anniversary; Old Iron Show Turns 25; New Creative Activities Competitions; New Livestock and Agriculture Competitions; History Walking Tour – 5 New Stops; Minnesota State Fair Foundation's 20th Anniversary; Unique Gifts & Specialty Items – New Vendors; Handcrafted Home & Garden Décor – New Vendors; Foodie Fun – New Vendors; Sports & Outdoors – New Vendors; Threads & Accessories – New Vendors; In the Community – New Vendors; Home Solutions – New Vendors; and Updated Fair Hours.

Official New Foods & New Food Vendors for 2022

The State Fair added 38 official new foods and 10 new vendors to the expansive menu already offered. Visit mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/new-this-year/food/ for the media photo gallery of new foods and new food vendors. To share new foods with the public, use this link: mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/food/

Specialty Brews & Beverages for 2022

Check out mnstatefair.org/general-info/specialty-brews-and-beverages/ to see a full list of this year’s specialty brews and beverages debuting or found only at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair.

Minnesota State Fair Commemorative Art

The Minnesota State Fair’s 2022 Commemorative Art was created by Minneapolis artist Leslie Barlow. This colorful and vibrant painting is a cosmic and youthful look at the fair. “I wanted to communicate the energy, excitement and joy that the fair brings me,” said Barlow. “The fair often feels other worldly, especially near the midway, with all the sounds, laughter, bright lights and activity. I wanted my work to represent that.” The commemorative poster and other merchandise featuring the art are available for purchase at mnstatefair.org and will also be available during the fair at State FairWear Gift Shops and Bargain Book and State Fair Poster Carts on the fairgrounds. Proceeds support the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) mission to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, fairgrounds and educational programs.

Barlow’s 3-foot-by-4-foot original painting will be on display in the Fine Arts Center during the 2022 Great Minnesota Get-Together. To learn more and see her artwork visit mnstatefair.org/commemorative-art/

COMPETITION & AGRICULTURE & EDUCATION

Agriculture, Competition & Education

Agriculture is the foundation of the Minnesota State Fair. According to the book History of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (1910), the purpose of the first territorial and state fairs was to ‘boost’ Minnesota. The theory was simple: “Once the outside world heard of the existence of bona fide agricultural societies in the territory, rumors of a frozen wasteland beyond Lake Superior would quickly fade away ... such a place [of rich agricultural exhibition] must be a farmer's paradise!” Today, the State Fair continues the tradition of showcasing Minnesota’s agriculture. People come from all over the nation to show the very best in livestock and crops. Far from a frozen wasteland, Minnesota is a national leader in agricultural exports.

4-H COMPETITIONS

mnstatefair.org/competitions/4-h/

Nearly 3,000 animals come to the fairgrounds for the 4-H Livestock show which runs from Thursday, Aug. 25, through Sunday, Aug. 28. Animal species include beef and dairy cattle, dairy and meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Llama and alpacas are at the fair Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ or visit extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-minnesota-state-fair for a schedule of 4-H competitions. For interview requests or more information on 4-H, please contact Madeline Eaton at 612-867-3351 or eaton112@umn.edu.
4-H BUILDING
mnstatefair.org/location/4h-building/

The 4-H Building displays the artwork, technology and other projects created by talented Minnesota 4-H members. The Harkness Hall and Erickson stages feature musical performances and performing arts all 12 days of the State Fair. Also here, 4-H’ers participate in fashion shows and other competitions. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at the link above or visit extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-minnesota-state-fair for a schedule of 4-H competitions, performances and demonstrations.

PURPLE RIBBON AUCTION
6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, Located in Compeer Arena

4-H youth participants in the Purple Ribbon Auction proudly showcase their award-winning animals. These animals and their owners have progressed to the State Fair from county fairs across the state, where they placed among the top entrants. These promising young Minnesotans will receive proceeds from the sale of their purple ribbon-winning livestock at this auction. mlbapurpleribbonauction.org

4-H LLAMA-ALPACA COSTUME COMPETITION
6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, Located in the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum

4-H’ers and their llamas and alpacas dress in complementary costumes. This creative and nationally recognized competition provides for a colorful and visual experience. mnstatefair.org/animals/llamas-and-alpacas/

AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE BUILDING AND COMPETITIONS
Sponsored by Bremer Bank
mnstatefair.org/location/agriculture-horticulture-building

The Agriculture Horticulture Building – celebrating 75 years – displays the ag-hort-bee competitions, including Christmas trees, bee & honey culture, farm crops, crop art & scarecrows, flowers, fruits & wines, and vegetables & potatoes. Other features include: The Common Table: Minnesota Eats exhibit, The DIRT demonstration area, Minnesota State Florist Association's rotunda exhibit, a rotation of various flower shows, ag-hort-bee demonstrations and presentations, and the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild. Largest vegetable winners are also on display all 12 days of the fair, including the Giant Pumpkin Contest. Visit the link above for a schedule of activities in the Ag-Hort Building and mnstatefair.org/competitions/ag-hort-bee/ for an overview of the competitions.

BEE & HONEY
mnstatefair.org/competitions/ag-hort-bee/bee-and-honey/

In the bee & honey show, experienced and amateur producers of honey and beeswax display their products, including honey, candles, photography and more. Demonstrations and presentations daily. The popular Bee Beard Demonstration will be held for the 23rd consecutive year. Gary Reuter, apiary scientist at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab, will lead the daring display of 10,000 honeybees landing on the faces of two volunteers, forming a living beard of bees on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 1 p.m. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/agriculture-horticulture-building/ for a bee/honey presentation and demonstration schedule.

THE COMMON TABLE: MINNESOTA EATS

This interactive exhibit inspires Minnesotans to get connected to the food they eat. The actions we take every day matter, as we are all directly linked to our food. Centering around six areas of action – Buy Local, Eat Local, Grow Food, Nurture Soil, Promote Justice, and Reduce Waste, The Common Table: Minnesota Eats exhibit provides a learning opportunity and takeaway for every age and interest. Learn from the people who are changing the way we grow, buy and eat food. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/the-common-table/ for a presentation and demonstration schedule.

CROP ART & FARM CROPS

Unique to the Minnesota State Fair, crop art is made from Minnesota-grown seeds, stems and other plant parts on supporting backgrounds with or without the use of paints and dyes. Works of art entered into this year’s competition, as well as pieces by renowned crop artists, are on display all 12 days of the fair. The fair’s scarecrow competition showcases creative, freestanding scarecrows made by adults, children or groups. mnstatefair.org/competitions/ag-hort-bee/crop-art-and-scarecrow/ The fair’s farm crops competition includes categories for utility certified seeds, seed ears, old and new corn, and sheaves of grain. mnstatefair.org/competitions/ag-hort-bee/farm-crops/

THE DIRT DEMONSTRATION AREA
Sponsored by DISH

mnstatefair.org/location/the-dirt-demo-stage/

Master gardeners, florists and other experts team up to offer informative demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at the link above.
The Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild presents “Brewed in Minnesota,” an educational and interactive exhibit that celebrates and explores craft beer, agriculture and the people who bring it all together. The Guild will offer flights of craft beer from Minnesota breweries and brewpubs; educational stations showcasing the history, agriculture and industry that supports Minnesota craft beer; and daily stage programs that showcase what everyone should know about Minnesota craft beer, the Guild and its members. Visit Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild's website at mncraftbrew.org/event/state-fair/ for more information.

AGRILYMPICS

Local celebrities compete in agricultural contests, including hand-milking a cow, animal calling, wool packing and butter carving. All contests are held on the Moo Stage located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn. All Agrilympics events are presented by AgDay 365. Do you have a media celebrity interested in participating in this year's Agrilympics? If so, contact Doris Mold at 612-414-7574 or mnstatefairagrilympics@gmail.com.

BAA BOOTH

Located near the south entrance of the Sheep Barn on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets

The Baa Booth is an educational exhibit featuring sheep displays and hands-on activities. The Baa Booth is open the first eight days of the fair. mnstatefair.org/location/baa-booth/

GOAT BOOTH

Located near the south entrance of the Sheep Barn on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets

Get answers to fascinating questions about the tassels that hang from a goat's neck (they're called wattles), how much milk goats produce, why some goat breeds have such different-looking ears, and more. The Goat Booth is open the last four days of the fair. mnstatefair.org/location/goat-booth/

Moo Booth & Milking Parlor

Located in the Cattle Barn on the south side of Judson Avenue between Stevens and Liggett streets

The Moo Booth is a family-friendly exhibit where guests can watch cows being milked, take part in educational activities and learn about the care and management of cattle. Demonstrations and activities take place on the Moo Stage outside the Cattle Barn, as well as on the Barn Stage inside the Cattle Barn. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/moo-booth/ for more information and a schedule or refer to the daily schedules in print.

MOO STAGE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Located at the Moo Booth, outside the Cattle Barn on the south side of Judson Avenue

Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/moo-booth/ for a presentation schedule.

OINK BOOTH

Located in the east end of the Christensen Pavilion (formerly Swine Barn) off Stevens Street

Presented by the Minnesota Pork Board, the Oink Booth is an educational exhibit where visitors can see a sow and piglets up close, learn more about the swine industry, catch a narrated talk daily at 11 a.m. and sport free pig ear headbands. mnstatefair.org/location/oink-booth/

CHS MIRACLE OF BIRTH CENTER

Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Clough and Nelson streets

The CHS Miracle of Birth Center debuted at the fair in 2001 and moved to its current location in 2006. This agricultural education exhibit is the birthplace of nearly 200 animals, including calves, lambs and piglets, during the fair's 12-day run. Volunteers with FFA and the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association answer questions about livestock and animal care. Fair visitors also can discover more about how farmers use different egg production systems to produce safe and wholesome food, and see a backyard chicken coop up-close. mnstatefair.org/location/chs-miracle-of-birth-center/

CHRISTENSEN FARMS STAGE

Located outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

The Christensen Farms Stage features the Thank a Farmer Magic Show and a number of agriculture education demonstrations and talks. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/christensen-farms-stage/ for a presentation schedule.

THANK A FARMER MAGIC SHOW

Presented by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation Located at the Christensen Farms Stage
Born into a six-generation farm family, Rhonda Ross Swanson knows a thing or two about the important role agriculture, farmers and ranchers play in our daily lives. Incorporating magic, comedy and zany fun, this show educates and engages children of all ages. mnstatefair.org/booths-and-showcases/thank-a-farmer-magic-show/

**COMPEER ARENA**
Located on the north side of Judson Avenue west of the Horse Barn
mnstatefair.org/location/compeer-arena/

Compeer Arena is home to horse, cattle, llama, goat and sheep competitions among 4-H, FFA and open-class exhibitors. Compeer Arena was built in 2012; construction was supported by contributions to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

**CREATIVE ACTIVITIES BUILDING AND COMPETITIONS**
Located on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street
mnstatefair.org/competitions/creative-activities/

The creative activities department presents an annual exhibition of the finest needlework, handcrafts, baking and canning that Minnesota has to offer. Participation is limited to Minnesota residents. The Cambria Kitchen in the Creative Activities Building is home to a demonstration area with presentations occurring every day of the fair. In 1971 the competition department and category of Creative Activities debuted after formerly being known as Home Activities and Woman's Activities. To mark this milestone of 50-plus years, we've installed a timeline in the Creative Activities Building of significant moments in the history of Creative Activities at the fair. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/creative-activities-building/ for a schedule.

**EDUCATION BUILDING AND K-12 COMPETITIONS**
Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues

The Education Building houses a variety of educational exhibitors, as well as the K-12 competition. The K-12 competition presents an annual exhibition of the work of Minnesota students in kindergarten through grade 12. Projects conceived and executed at home as well as school projects are welcome. Examples of displays include drawings, paintings, sewing, reports and creative writing, photography, woodwork and more. Visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/k-12-competition/ for more information about competing.

**ROBOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS**
Located in the Education Building

Each day of the fair, two to three middle or high school robotics teams demonstrate how their robots work. Fair visitors can watch as the teams navigate through various tasks that showcase the skills and inner-workings of the robots. Teams may choose audience members to "drive" the robots for a hands-on experience. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/education-building/ for a schedule.

**COMPETITION ENTRY LISTS & RESULTS**

Lists of entries in the livestock, FFA and horse departments for the 2022 Minnesota State Fair allow exhibitors and fair guests alike to find out which exhibitors have submitted their entries and are coming to the State Fair this year. These lists and 2022 competition results, including livestock, ag-hort-bee, creative activities and more are at mnstatefair.org/competitions/. Historical competition results can be found at corp.arcasearch.com/usmnmsf/. The State Fair presents free livestreams of draft horse shows and livestock shows. Livestream links are available at mnstatefair.org/competitions/livestreaming/.

**FFA COMPETITIONS – THE FFA SHOW CELEBRATES 75 YEARS**

*FFA Awards Ceremony Sponsored by Bremer Bank*

mnstatefair.org/competitions/ffa/

The 2022 FFA Livestock Show runs from Friday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 5. Entries are open to Minnesota students in grades 9-12 who are regularly enrolled in an agricultural education program or are active members of an FFA chapter that is in good standing in the state FFA association. Departments include beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, crops, agriculture technology, judging contests, safe tractor operators contest, landscape design and construction and – new this year – agricultural interactive exhibits/demonstrations. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for a schedule. The FFA Show is celebrating 75 years at the State Fair and will present some special programs to commemorate the State Fair’s partnership with FFA. Visit mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/FFA-75/ for more information about this celebration.

**FINE ARTS CENTER AND EXHIBITION**
Located on the southeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street
mnstatefair.org/location/fine-arts-center/

The fine arts department presents an annual exhibition that is the result of a juried competition. Participation is open to all living residents of Minnesota, and each may submit one work for consideration. Works selected by the jurors are displayed in the Fine Arts Center every day of the State Fair. Select artwork will be sold in the Fine Arts Center with 20 percent of
the proceeds benefiting State Fair arts programs through the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3). For information about the fine arts competition, visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/fine-arts/.

**STUDIO: HERE**
Located in the Fine Arts Center

Each day of the fair, a practicing Minnesota artist will create artwork and interact with fair guests. This special exhibition provides a window into the working artist’s world and an up-close look at the ‘nuts and bolts’ of how art is created. The participating artists work in a variety of 2D and 3D media and include: Emily Donovan (painting), Katya Kazachenko (painting), Jesse Lang (painting), Kelsey Nagy (ceramics), James Nutt (watercolor), Erik Jon Olson (fiber), Nina Robinson (fiber), David Roers (photography), Nikki Shull (paper quilling), Brian Wagner (printmaking), Irene Wesee (photography) and Deb Zeller (drawing & painting). Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/location/fine-arts-center/ for the artist schedule.

**BE A FINE ARTS DETECTIVE**
Located in the Fine Arts Center

Participants use observational skills to work their way through a quiz that takes them on a scavenger hunt through the gallery. Fair guests earn a ribbon when the quiz is complete. Two levels of difficulty are available and great for all ages. Learn more by stopping by the information desk in the Fine Arts Center.

**HOP, FLOP AND SNIFF**
Located in the Poultry Barn, south wall

Fair guests can visit the rabbit exhibit Aug. 29-Sept. 1 to see a sampling of rabbit breeds and distinguish the variations of sizes, shapes, fur types, colors, tails and ears. Visit mnstatefair.org/animals/rabbits/ for more rabbit information and refer to the daily schedule at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for hours of where and when to find the rabbits during the fair.

**HORSE BARN**
Located on the northwest corner of Judson Avenue and Liggett Street

The Horse Barn, built in 1937, is home to horses preparing for competition, as well as a variety of educational exhibits. The Horse Barn can house more than 500 horses at one time. To ensure the safety of fair guests, horses and exhibitors, the Horse Barn will close early on select days during competition preparation but may reopen after competition concludes. To see the majestic draft horses perform, venture across the street to the Warner Coliseum. Please note competition preparation will also affect the hours of Aisle of Breeds and EquiMania!™ mnstatefair.org/animals/horses/ for horse barn hours.

**AISLE OF BREEDS**
Located in the center aisle of the Horse Barn

A variety of horse breeds are showcased throughout the 12 days of the State Fair. Fair guests can stop by to meet horses and their owners, get answers to equine questions and learn about horseback riding. Breeds include: Peruvian, Norwegian Fjord, Paso Fino, Cleveland Bay, Pintabian, Pinto, Appaloosa, Percheron, Quarter Horse, American Bashkir Curly, Clydesdale, Paint, Rocky Mountain Saddlehorse, Standardbred and more. mnstatefair.org/location/aisle-of-breeds/

**EQUIMania!™**
Located in the Horse Barn

This comprehensive horse exhibit features full-size skeletons and anatomy models, dental tools, tail-braiding and leg-wrapping activities, an 80-foot-long digestive tract, and stations detailing horse behavior and reproduction, rider safety, careers and more. This free interactive education center for horse enthusiasts of all ages is presented by the Minnesota State Fair and Equine Guelph, the horse owners’ center at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. mnstatefair.org/location/equimania/

**KEMPS LITTLE FARM HANDS**
Sponsored by Kemps, Cub, Cargill and Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Located on the west side of Cooper Street between Lee and Randall avenues

Little Farm Hands is a free, hands-on agricultural education exhibit that takes children through the agricultural process from farm to grocery store. Farm hands, adorned with work aprons, help with farm chores, collect goods to sell at the farmers market and then spend their earnings at the grocery store. Stop by stations to learn about soil and the importance of pollinators. Farm hands ages 11 and older can become Ag-Vestigators on the hunt for fun farm facts. Interview contacts: Beth Schuld at 651-248-5193 or the Media Relations Hotline at 651-288-4321. mnstatefair.org/location/little-farm-hands/

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL**

Livestock departure & arrival occurs in all livestock areas (except the Horse Barn, where barn hours vary; and CHS Miracle of Birth Center) on Sunday, Aug. 28, Thursday, Sept. 1, and Labor Day, Sept. 5. On these days, for the safety of guests, exhibitors and animals, the barns and areas of the livestock facilities close at 1 p.m. as animals leave the barns and
preparations are made for different breeds and classes of animals to move in. Refer to the daily schedules at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for animal display times, dates and locations.

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING LOCATIONS**

Livestock competition takes place in several barns, the Exercise Ring, Compeer Arena and the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum. Refer to the daily schedules at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for the complete livestock judging schedule. The following location descriptions will make judging areas easier to find:

- **COMPEER Arena:** Located on the north side of Judson Avenue, just west of the Horse Barn.
- **Exercise Ring:** Located south of the Warner Coliseum.
- **Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum:** Main entrance on the south side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets, directly across from the Sheep & Poultry Barn.
- **Poultry Barn:** Judging takes place on the east side of the Sheep & Poultry Barn. It is located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets.
- **Robert A. Christensen Pavilion (formerly Swine Barn):** There are two rings in the pavilion, located roughly in the center of the building. The Christensen Pavilion is located on the south side of Judson Avenue directly across from Compeer Arena.
- **Sheep Barn:** Judging takes place on the west side of the Sheep & Poultry Barn. This barn is labeled “Goat” during the last four days of the fair. It is located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets.

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HORSE SHOW**

One of the premier horse expositions in the nation, the Minnesota State Fair Horse show features several competitions, breeds and demonstrations – all free with State Fair admission. The show is a 12-day multi-breed event consisting of performance, pleasure, stock and draft horses, including Barnes Rodeo: Bulls & Barrels and more, many of which take place in the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum. Check out the horse show schedule at mnstatefair.org/competitions/horses/ or refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for a schedule.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Grandstand Concert Series**
*Sponsored by Sleep Number*

**GRANDSTAND STAGE LINEUP**
mnstatefair.org/grandstand/

**GRANDSTAND ARTIST MEDIA GALLERY**
mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/media-gallery-grandstand-artists/

**GRANDSTAND INFORMATION**

**GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINERS BY YEAR**

View the “Grandstand Entertainers by Year” PDF at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

**GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINERS BY NUMBER OF APPEARANCES**

View the “Grandstand Entertainers Alphabetically & Including Number of Appearances” PDF at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

**GRANDSTAND TICKETS**
mnstatefair.org/tickets/grandstand-tickets/

**GRANDSTAND FAQ**
mnstatefair.org/faq/grandstand-shows/

**GRANDSTAND INFO GUIDE**
mnstatefair.org/general-info/grandstand-info-guide/

**Free Live Entertainment Stages**
mnstatefair.org/free-live-music-and-shows/

The Minnesota State Fair free stage entertainment lineup features more than 900 shows throughout the Great Minnesota Get-Together’s 12-day run – all free with fair admission. For interview and appearance arrangements with free stage artists, please contact the marketing & communications department at media@mnstatefair.org or 651-288-4321.
LEINIE LODGE BAND SHELL
Sponsored by Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.
Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street, north of the Space Tower
mnstatefair.org/location/leinie-lodge-bandshell-stage/

BAND SHELL TONIGHT!
Sponsored by Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.
Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell on the west side of Cosgrove Street, north of the Space Tower
mnstatefair.org/location/leinie-lodge-bandshell-stage/

SCHELL'S STAGE AT SCHILLING AMPHITHEATER
Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.
Located at West End Market, west side
mnstatefair.org/location/schells-stage-at-schilling-amphitheater/

WEST END AT SUNSET
Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.
Located at the Schell's Stage at Schilling Amphitheater at West End Market, west side
mnstatefair.org/location/schells-stage-at-schilling-amphitheater/

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR STAGE
Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.
Located at the International Bazaar
mnstatefair.org/location/international-bazaar-stage/

BAZAAR AFTER DARK
Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.
Located at the International Bazaar Stage
mnstatefair.org/location/international-bazaar-stage/

FAMILY FAIR STAGE AT BALDWIN PARK
Sponsored by Green Mill Restaurant
Located between Randall and Wright avenues and Cooper and Cosgrove streets
mnstatefair.org/location/family-fair-stage/

COSGROVE STAGE
Sponsored by Allina Health | Aetna
Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues, outside the Education Building
mnstatefair.org/location/cosgrove-stage/

THE GARDEN
Sponsored by Treasure Island Resort & Casino
Located on the southeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street
mnstatefair.org/location/the-garden-stage/

Free Entertainment/Exhibits on the Fairgrounds

ALPHABET FOREST
Located at Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Step inside the Alphabet Forest to discover literacy activities for all ages. Guests can meet a different author or illustrator each day at the Blue Ribbon Author Showcase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., take pictures with Fair Letters, create alphabet Ferris wheels, add Minnesota State Fair words to the Fair Dictionary or play the Fabulous Fair Alphabet Game. Designed by author and illustrator Debra Frasier, this vocabulary-building game invites families to collect words they see, read, hear, feel or taste at the fair. Players who complete a game card win a blue ribbon at the Alphabet Forest at Baldwin Park. To see the author schedule or get a game card, visit an information booth or visit mnstatefair.org/location/alphabet-forest/ for more information. Alphabet Forest activities are brought to the fair by the Minnesota State Fair, Winding Oak and Debra Frasier. The Alphabet Forest is supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

ARTS A'FAIR
Located at the North End and at KSTP Heritage Plaza at West End Market
Arts A'Fair celebrates performing arts in Minnesota with pop-up showcases of drumming, music, puppetry, dance and theater throughout the fairgrounds. This year will feature performances by 16 performance groups from around the state of Minnesota. New artists for 2022 include Rhythmically Speaking, Shakespeare & Company, Skylark Opera Theatre, Students of the Ragamala Training Center and The Gilbert & Sullivan Very Light Opera Company. Arts A'Fair is supported by contributions made to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Visit mnstatefair.org/booths-and-showcases/arts-afair/ for more information, and refer to the daily schedule at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for the schedule of performances.
DAILY PARADE

The State Fair Daily Parade begins at 2 p.m. The parade features the high school marching band exhibition, floats and special attractions. The parade route begins and ends near the Haunted House. Parade units are announced at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell, as well as at the east side of the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park. Visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/marching-bands/ for more information about the parade, the route and the marching band schedule.

GIANT SING ALONG

Located north of Lee Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets

A participatory public art installation created by Montreal-based artists Mouna Andraos and Melissa Mongiat, the Giant Sing Along offers an opportunity for fair guests to join together in a one-of-a-kind musical experience. A field of microphones welcomes everyone to sing along – karaoke-style. A large screen features the lyrics of modern and nostalgic songs and hits from musicals and movies. Software helps everyone sing in unison. The Giant Sing Along is co-produced by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. mnstatefair.org/art-and-garden/

JOYFUL WORLD MURAL PARK

Located south of the Grandstand, east of the Grandstand Ramp

Imagination and joy come to life as four Minnesota artists paint large-scale artworks that reflect the world they want to live in. Throughout the fair’s 12 days, artists will be on-site creating their murals. Stop by to watch the work in progress by these participating artists: Danielle Clifford, Noah Lawrence-Holder, Suyao Tian and Wes Winship. In addition, 12 artworks created for the park during the 2021 State Fair will be on display in the park. Joyful World Mural Park is produced in partnership with Forecast Public Art and supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. mnstatefair.org/art-and-garden/

MASCOT APPEARANCES

Free photo opportunities and autograph sessions with State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne occur at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily at Visitors Plaza. The mascots also appear in the 2 p.m. daily parade.

MATH ON-A-STICK

Located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street at Baldwin Park

mnstatefair.org/location/math-on-a-stick/

The fair has everything on-a-stick – even math. Celebrating its seventh year, the Math On-A-Stick experience is where kids and grown-ups can explore fun math concepts at the fair. Families can count their way through the fairgrounds on a Number Game scavenger hunt, noticing that a corndog has one stick, a cow has four legs, the Great Big Wheel has 36 gondolas, and so on. Visitors can discover how math can be creative in special activities led by visiting mathematicians and artists who use math in their careers. New this year The Circle Game. Refer to the daily schedule at mnstatefair.org/schedule/ for a list of visiting mathematicians and artists, supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

THE NORTH WOODS

Sponsored by Good Health Saunas

Located on the east side of Cooper Street between Lee & Randall avenues, east of Little Farm Hands

mnstatefair.org/location/the-north-woods-stage/

- All-Star Stunt Dogs Splash daily at 11 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p.m.
- Trick dog show, dock dogs, water jumping
- Timberworks Lumberjack Show daily at noon, 3, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
- Lumberjack sports, including axe throwing, speed climbing, log rolling and more.

TALENT CONTESTS

MSF AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST

The Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest is an event almost as legendary as corndogs and cotton candy. Semi-finalists are selected from near 300 acts that auditioned in late July in one of three divisions (open, teen and preteen) for a chance to move on to the semifinals held during the fair. Semifinals are held at 6 p.m. nightly Aug. 25-Sept. 3, at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. One hundred and twenty semifinalists are competing for a place in the final round. The final round will feature the 26 remaining contestants competing for more than $20,000 in cash awards. The open division winner receives $10,000. Nearly 10,000 fans will attend the finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 at the Grandstand. All Amateur Talent Contest events are free with fair admission. Visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/amateur-talent-contests/ for more information and for a list of past amateur talent contest winners.
MSF COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST

The MSF County Fair Talent Contest features winners from county fair talent contests around the state. Semifinals are held at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 25-Sept. 2, at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park. Finals are held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Family Fair Stage. Participants who finish first and second in each division (open, teen and preteen) in the Sept. 3 county fair finals advance to the MSF Amateur Talent Contest Finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Grandstand. mnstatefair.org/competitions/amateur-talent-contests/

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
Sponsored by Mazda

Fireworks follow each evening's Grandstand show (weather permitting). Times vary, but fireworks shows generally start between 10 and 11 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. on Labor Day.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Official New Foods & New Food Vendors for 2022

The State Fair added 38 official new foods and 10 new vendors to the expansive menu already offered. Visit mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/new-this-year/food/ for the media photo gallery of new foods and new food vendors. To share new foods with the public use this link: mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/food/

New Specialty Brews & Beverages for 2022

Check out mnstatefair.org/general-info/specialty-brews-and-beverages/ to see a full list of this year’s specialty brews and beverages debuting or found only at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair.

Fair Finder: Online Searchable Tool for All Food & Beverages

Use the Fair Finder search engine at mnstatefair.org/fair-finder/food/ or on the Minnesota State Fair app to find all foods and beverages and their locations. The Fair Finder also includes information on vendors participating in special day deals and discounts.

How vendors are selected

The concessions and exhibits department is responsible for selecting concessionaires and exhibitors for the annual 12-day State Fair. Each year, many registrations are considered for a limited number of opportunities. The State Fair does not maintain a waiting list. As opportunities become available, vendors are selected from the pool of registrations submitted. Several criteria are considered in registration review, including: 1) experience at other fairs or shows; 2) booth presentation and appearance; 3) balance of similar products and services around the fairgrounds; 4) appropriateness of product, service or presentation to the available site; and 5) physical requirements. Visit mnstatefair.org/get-involved/concessions-and-exhibits/ for information about how to become a vendor.

Foods on-a-stick

Of the more than 500 foods offered at the State Fair, 80+ are served on-a-stick. For a list of all the food items served on-a-stick, use the Fair Finder link: mnstatefair.org/fair-finder/food/

RIDES, GAMES & ATTRACTIONS

Adventure Park

Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between CHS Miracle of Birth Center and the Dairy Building
Adventure Park features extreme thrill attractions.
mnstatefair.org/location/adventure-park/

Kidway

Sponsored by Kwik Trip
Located between Wright and Dan Patch avenues and Underwood and Cooper streets

Media MUST check in with the marketing & communications department at 651-288-4321 and the Kidway Office at 651-288-4491 before entering Kidway for interviews, video or photography. For safety reasons, NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE KIDWAY LOT.

Kidway features rides, attractions and food concessions for children and families. mnstatefair.org/location/kidway/
Mighty Midway
Located at the west end of the fairgrounds. Entrance at the intersection of Carnes Avenue and Liggett Street

Media MUST check in with the marketing & communications department at 651-288-4321 and the Midway Operations Office at 651-288-4491 before entering Mighty Midway for interviews, video or photography. For safety reasons, NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON MIGHTY MIDWAY LOT.

Mighty Midway features rides, games of skill and food concessions. There are two new Mighty Midway rides in 2022 – Iron Dragon Roller Coaster and Music Express. mnstatefair.org/location/mighty-midway/

Other Ticketed Attractions

- **Butterfly House**  
  Located on the northwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street  
  mnstatefair.org/location/butterfly-house/
- **Carousel**  
  Located on the west side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues  
  mnstatefair.org/location/carousel/
- **Giant Slide**  
  Located on the east side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenue  
  mnstatefair.org/location/giant-slide/
- **Great Big Wheel**  
  Located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue and Cooper Street, across from Family Fair at Baldwin Park  
  mnstatefair.org/location/great-big-wheel/
- **Haunted House**  
  Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street  
  mnstatefair.org/location/haunted-house/
- **Krazy Maze**  
  Located on the north side of Randall, south of The North Woods  
  mnstatefair.org/location/krazy-maze/
- **Monty's Traveling Reptile Show**  
  Located on the east side of Nelson Street between Carnes and Judson avenues  
  mnstatefair.org/location/montys-traveling-reptile-show/
- **SkyGlider**  
  Located north of Dan Patch Avenue east of the Grandstand and at the southwest corner of Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street  
  mnstatefair.org/location/skyglider/
- **Skyride**  
  Located on the west side of Cooper Street near the Agriculture Horticulture Building and east of West End Market  
  mnstatefair.org/location/skyride/
- **Space Tower**  
  Located on the east side of Cooper Street south of the Leinie Lodge Bandshell  
  mnstatefair.org/location/space-tower/
- **Ye Old Mill**  
  Located on the southwest corner of Carnes Avenue and Underwood Street <  
  mnstatefair.org/location/ye-old-mill/

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

**Blue Ribbon BINGO**
Located in Ramberg Center (sponsored by Cal Spas) on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues, across from the Agriculture Horticulture Building

Blue Ribbon BINGO makes its debut at the fair this year with proceeds supporting the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501 (c)(3). mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/bingo/

**Butter Sculptures**
Located in the Dairy Building on the southwest corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street

Princess Kay and her court will each have their likenesses carved into a 90-pound block of butter by sculptor Gerry Kulzer. Princess Kay's likeness will be carved over two days, on Thursday, Aug. 25 and Friday, Aug. 26, followed by one of the nine finalists' likenesses carved each day of the fair through Sunday, Sept. 4. The princess being sculpted and the sculptor rotate in a 40° display cooler and periodically answer questions from the audience. For more information, please contact Sara Grasmon with Bellmont Partners at sara@bellmontpartners.com or 320-522-0483.
**Cambria Kitchen**

*Located in the Creative Activities Building on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

The Cambria Kitchen is a state-of-the-art food preparation facility that features insightful culinary demonstrations throughout each day of the fair. Find a schedule at [mnstatefair.org/schedule/](http://mnstatefair.org/schedule/)

**The Common Table: Minnesota Eats**

*Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building on the north side of Judson Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

This interactive exhibit inspires Minnesotans to get connected to the food they eat. For more information and presentation schedule at [mnstatefair.org/location/the-common-table/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/the-common-table/)

**DNR Building and Park**

*Located between Carnes and Judson avenues and Clough and Nelson streets*

DNR Building and Park features information, demonstrations and displays on Minnesota's forests, rivers and wildlife. Inside the building are aquariums and terrariums full of Minnesota fish and reptiles. Outside at DNR Park, visitors can view a pond full of fish species native to Minnesota, meet Smokey Bear and take part in activities and demonstrations. The DNR Volunteer Outdoor Stage provides music and demonstrations about Minnesota's wildlife and environment. Find information and a schedule at [mnstatefair.org/location/dnr-building-and-park/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/dnr-building-and-park/)

**Driven to Discover**

*Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues*

The University of Minnesota's Driven to Discover is a research facility featuring collaboration between researchers and thousands of fair guests. University departments are seeking adults and children for several studies on many different topics. Guests can participate as part of a research study and meet with researchers and learn about their work. [mnstatefair.org/location/driven-to-discover/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/driven-to-discover/)

**Eco Experience**

*Sponsored by Xcel Energy*

*Located in the Progress Center on the north side of Randall Avenue at Cosgrove Street*

Presented by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, this exhibit is designed to inspire people to lead more sustainable lives while improving quality of life and the environment. Eco Experience showcases renewable energy and exhibits on air, water, land, green buildings, organic agriculture and local foods. Eco Experience includes a Sustainability Stage with environmental demonstrations, entertainment and healthy cooking presentations throughout the day. For a complete Sustainability Stage schedule and more information visit [mnstatefair.org/location/eco-experience/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/eco-experience/). New features for this year’s exhibit can be found here: [mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/eco-exp-features/](http://mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/eco-exp-features/). For even more information, visit [ecoexperience.org](http://ecoexperience.org).

**Family Fair**

*Located at Baldwin Park between Randall and Wright avenues and Cooper and Cosgrove streets*

Family Fair features attractions, concessions and entertainment for the whole family. Visit [mnstatefair.org/location/family-fair-at-baldwin-park/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/family-fair-at-baldwin-park/) for more information, and for a listing of entertainment at the Family Fair Stage, visit [mnstatefair.org/location/family-fair-stage/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/family-fair-stage/).

**Fan Central**

*Sponsored by Xfinity*

*Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues*

Many of Minnesota's sports teams are featured under one roof. Fair guests can meet and greet players, purchase team merchandise and more. [mnstatefair.org/location/fan-central/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/fan-central/)

**Health Fair 11 at the Fair**

*Located on the southwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cooper Street*

[mnstatefair.org/location/health-fair-11/](http://mnstatefair.org/location/health-fair-11/)

Health Fair 11 at the Fair features 18 organizations offering health education and free or low-cost screenings, including:

- Information on food allergies
- Annual flu shots
• Vision screening for children
• Sleep-loss education, hearing assessments, blood typing and memory-loss evaluations
• Gluten-free food options at the fair

**History Walking TOUR**

*Brought to you by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society and funded by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund*

Learn about State Fair history and explore all corners of the grounds on this 12-stop self-guided tour. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/history-walking-tour/ to learn more, and refer to mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/history-tour/ to read about the five new stops added this year.

**International Bazaar**

*Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

The International Bazaar features entertainment, food, crafts and wares from around the world. The free entertainment stage, sponsored by Summit Brewing Co., features live performances throughout the fair. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/international-bazaar/ for more information, and for a listing of entertainment at the International Bazaar Stage, visit mnstatefair.org/location/international-bazaar-stage/.

**Minnesota State Fair Art & Sculpture Guide**

A wide variety of art can be found throughout the fairgrounds. Find details on tree sculptures, art attractions and other sculptures and artwork at mnstatefair.org/art-and-garden/.

**Minnesota Corn Fairstalk**

The 24-foot-tall Minnesota Corn Fairstalk features giant LED screens displaying fun facts about corn and farming, as well as news from the fair. The eye-catching structure also features video of Minnesota's corn farmers. The Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council partnered with the Minnesota State Fair to bring the Fairstalk to the North End in 2019. The farmer-led organizations work together to invest in research improving water quality and soil health, as well as developing new uses for our state's corn crop. The overall goal with each investment is to help Minnesota's growers become the most environmentally responsible and sustainable corn farmers in the nation. Both organizations serve to raise awareness of this mission and the importance of corn farming in Minnesota, and are proud to partner with the Minnesota State Fair in developing the North End and the Minnesota Corn Fairstalk as part of this effort.

**Minnesota State Fair Gardens**

The Minnesota State Fairgrounds are home to spectacular gardens and green spaces. Visit mnstatefair.org/art-and-garden/ to learn more about the plants and features in each garden.

**Minnesota State Fair History & Heritage Center**

*Located at West End Market, east side*

The History & Heritage Center, a centerpiece of West End Market, opened in 2014 and showcases the State Fair's rich history. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/history-and-heritage-center/ and mnstatefair.org/general-info/history-historic-buildings-landmarks/ for more information.

**Minnesota newspaper museum – Celebrating 35 Years**

*Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street, on the street level of the 4-H Building, outside*

Letterpress printing is experiencing a huge resurgence in popularity. See it in its original form as the sights and sounds of an old-time newspaper office come alive in this living-history exhibit operated by the Minnesota Newspaper Foundation. mnstatefair.org/location/minnesota-newspaper-museum/

**Minnesota Wine Country**

*Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Judson and Carnes avenues*

Explore Minnesota's growing wine country featuring award-winning wines from the state's thriving vineyards and wineries. Renowned local winemakers and sommeliers give presentations and tastings featuring the best in Minnesota wine; how to pair wine with State Fair foods, chocolates, herbs and other locally made foods; and how to explore Minnesota's thriving wine scene beyond the fairgrounds. mnstatefair.org/location/minnesota-wine-country/
Old Iron Show

Located on Lee Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets

Celebrating 25 years, Old Iron Show is reminiscent of the former Machinery Hill. Rare, valuable and fully operational antique farm equipment is displayed and demonstrated. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/old-iron-show/ for hours and information, as well as mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/old-iron-show-25/ to learn more about what will be on display for this special anniversary year.

Pet Pavilions and Outdoor Demonstration Area

Located on the west side of Underwood Street, north of Murphy Avenue

The Pet Pavilions feature Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association exhibits and demonstrations, and other pet-oriented commercial exhibits and concessions. Pet spay and neutering surgeries are presented in the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association Pet Surgery Suite daily. A variety of agility demonstrations are presented at the Outdoor Demonstration Area. Visit mnstatefair.org/location/pet-pavilions/ for a schedule.

Ramberg Center

Sponsored by Cal Spas
Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues

The Ramberg Center is home of Blue Ribbon BINGO debuting at the fair in 2022. mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/bingo/

Shopping

Visitors to the Minnesota State Fair will find an abundance of shopping, specialty merchants and unique artisans. From goods, gadgets and gear to crafts, collectibles and confections, hundreds of vendors offer a diverse array of merchandise. For an overview of the shopping destinations and a list of vendors and merchandise, visit mnstatefair.org/general-info/shopping-destinations/.

The Veranda

Located in the Grandstand, upper level

Honoring the architecture, heritage and character of the historic Grandstand, the Veranda is a shop-eat-sip destination on the west side of the Grandstand’s upper level merchandise and shopping area. Guests can shop at vendors showcasing vintage, trendy, upcycled, handmade and made-in-Minnesota goods. The Veranda’s balcony provides iconic State Fair views overlooking Mighty Midway, West End Market and more fairgrounds sites.

West End Market

Located at the west end of the fairgrounds north of West Dan Patch Avenue

West End Market debuted in 2014 with State Fair sights, sounds, tastes and experiences, featuring the History & Heritage Center; the Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater with entertainment all 12 days of the fair; dozens of artisans, craftspeople and specialty merchants; and many food and beverage options. mnstatefair.org/location/west-end-market/

Sponsors

Allina Health | Aetna
Cosgrove Stage Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street next to the Cosgrove Stage

August Schell Brewing Co.
Schell’s Stage Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25–Sept. 5, Located south of the Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater

Bremer Bank
Agriculture Horticulture Building Sponsor and FFA Awards Ceremony Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25–Sept. 5, Located on the north side of Judson Avenue, south of the Agriculture Horticulture Building

Cal Spas
Ramberg Center Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25–Sept. 5, Located south of Ramberg Center at Underwood Street and Judson Avenue

Cargill
Little Farm Hands Tractor Shed Sponsor
Located at the Little Farm Hands Tractor Shed
Cub
Little Farm Hands Grocery Store Sponsor
Located at the Little Farm Hands Grocery Store

DISH
The DIRT Demonstration Stage Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located northeast side of Agriculture Horticulture Building

DragNFly Wireless
Wi-Fi Hotspot Sponsor
Located at the west Grandstand Plaza

Explore Minnesota
Photo Op Sponsor
#OnlyinMN Monument located at the West End Plaza

Giggles’ Campfire Grill
Milk Run Breakfast & Awards Ceremony Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located on the southeast corner of Cooper Street and Lee Avenue

Good Health Saunas
The North Woods Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located on the northeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cooper Street, south of The North Woods

Great River Energy
Milk Run Sponsor
Aug. 28, 7:45 a.m., Find Great River Energy at the Milk Run

Green Mill Restaurant
Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located on the east side of Cooper Street at Baldwin Park, west of the Family Fair Stage

Humana
Information Booths Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located on the west side of Underwood Street across from the Agriculture Horticulture Building

Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.
Leinie Lodge Bandshell Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located on the east side of Cooper Street, south of the Leinie Lodge Bandshell

Kemps
Kemps Little Farm Hands and Little Farm Hands Dairy Barn Sponsor
Exhibiting Sept. 2-3, Located on the west side of Cooper Street, south of the Little Farm Hands entrance

Kwik Trip
Kidway Sponsor
Located in Kidway, between Wright and Dan Patch avenues and Underwood and Cooper streets

LeafFilter
Home Improvement Building Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues

M Healthy Fairview
Day Sponsor – Saturday, Aug. 27
Exhibiting Aug. 27, Located on the corner of Wright Avenue & Underwood Street

Mazda
Nightly Fireworks Spectacular Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, Located at the west Grandstand Plaza

Midwest Dairy
Milk Run Co-Sponsor
Aug. 28, 7:45 a.m., Find Midwest Dairy at the Milk Run

Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Little Farm Hands Grain Bin Sponsor
Located at the Little Farm Hands Grain Bin

Minnesota Farm Bureau
Thank A Farmer Magic Show Sponsor
Located at the Christensen Farms Stage outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center
Minnesota Farmers Union
*Milk Run and 4-H/FFA Animal Judging Cards Sponsor*
Located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper and Cosgrove streets

Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association
*Thank A Farmer Magic Show Sponsor*
Located at the Christensen Farms Stage outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

Minnesota Lottery
*Blue Ribbon Bargain Book Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located on the northwest corner of Judson Avenue and Nelson Street

Minnesota Rusco
*Deals, Drawings and Giveaways Guide Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located in the Grandstand, lower level, east side

Minnesota Senior Linkage Line
*Day Sponsor – Mondays, Aug. 29 & Thursday, Sept. 1*
Exhibiting Aug. 29 & Sept. 1, Located on the corner of Wright Avenue & Underwood Street

Paddle North
*Dairy Building Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located in the southwest corner of the Dairy Building

Sleep Number
*Grandstand Exhibit Building & Concert Series and FAIRest Date Night Sweepstakes Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located in the Grandstand, lower level, southeast corner

Star Tribune
*Minnesota State Fair Maps Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located on the north side of Carnes Avenue between Chambers and Nelson streets

Summit Brewing Co.
*International Bazaar Stage Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located inside the International Bazaar at the Summit on-a-Stick booth

Treasure Island Resort & Casino
*The Garden & Garden Stage Sponsor & Clear Cups Sponsor*
Located in The Garden on the southeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street

USDA/APHIS
*Swine Sponsor*
Located at the Robert A. Christensen Pavilion

Xcel Energy
*Eco Experience Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located at Eco Experience on the corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street

Xfinity
*FAN Central Sponsor*
Exhibiting Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located on Underwood Street, just east of FAN Central

Touring Promotional Exhibits
(Dates and locations are subject to change.)

AARP Rocks
Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located on Cooper Street, outside J.V. Bailey House

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located east of Agriculture Horticulture Building

Catch Co.’s Bassmobile
Aug. 26-28 and Sept. 3-5, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets

Destination: Healthy Skin
Aug. 25-26, Located on the corner of Wright Avenue & Underwood Street

DIRECTV
Sept. 2-5, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood & Cooper streets

GEICO
Aug. 25-28 and Sept. 1-5, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood & Cooper streets
Heineken 0.0
Aug. 26-28 and Sept. 2-4, Located on West Dan Patch Avenue in West End Plaza

Human Touch
Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Located on Underwood Street between Carnes & Dan Patch avenues

Silk Nextmilk
Aug. 31-Sept. 5, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood & Cooper streets

Wiley Wallaby's Mobile Tour
Aug. 25-30, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood & Cooper streets

HISTORY

Minnesota State Agricultural Society History Overview
mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/history/

2022 Anniversaries
mnstatefair.org/general-info/history-anniversaries/

Fairchild and Fairborne Mascots
In 1966, Fairchild the gopher became the official mascot of the State Fair and was joined by his nephew, Fairborne, in 1983. Fairchild got his name, a play on the institution’s title, after a statewide naming contest. It’s also a tribute to Henry S. Fairchild, the man who first suggested the Ramsey County Poor Farm become the permanent site of the State Fair, which became reality in 1885.

Historical Timeline
mnstatefair.org/general-info/history-timeline/

Historic Buildings & Landmarks
mnstatefair.org/general-info/history-historic-buildings-landmarks/

Historical photos
mnstatefair.org/general-info/history-historical-photo-gallery/

State Fair Digital Archives
With a long history connecting thousands of families and organizations in Minnesota and surrounding states, the State Fair has retained documents and images that span generations. Fair guests are invited to search for their family’s name in the State Fair Archives, where annual reports and competition results dating back to the 1880s are searchable and downloadable. The archives are accessible at: mnstatefair.org/general-info/history-overview/

TRIVIA

For all things trivia, visit mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/trivia/.

CORPORATE PROFILE

Corporate information
- mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/
- mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/corporate-profile/

Minnesota State Fair Foundation – Celebrating 20 Years
Offices located year-round at the J.V. Bailey House. The Minnesota State Fair Foundation is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that preserves and improves the historic Minnesota State Fairgrounds, and supports State Fair educational programs. To learn more about the Foundation, its impact and how to contribute, visit msffoundation.org. The Foundation
is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. To see the various projects and programs they have supported visit mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/attraction/foundation-bench/. For interviews and information about the Foundation, please contact 651-288-4327 or info@msffoundation.org.

Recycling & Composting information

The Minnesota State Fair has been recycling on a major scale since the mid-1980s. Currently, the fair recycles aluminum, paper, glass, metal, vehicle and appliance batteries, automotive oil, tires, grease, manure, construction materials, wood waste, food waste, waste water, cardboard, concrete, oil filters, plastic bottles, electronics, toner cartridges and more.

**FAIR RECYCLING FACTS:**

- 51 tons of food waste were collected during the 2021 fair and recycled.
- More than 800 bottle-recycling receptacles will be placed around the fairgrounds this year.
- 30 tons of glass, plastic and aluminum were collected and recycled during the 2021 fair.
- More than 3,400 tons of manure from cows, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, llamas, rabbits and other livestock is cleaned of trash and non-natural materials each year, then hauled to Hastings, Minn., where it is composted, mixed with dirt and used as fertilizer on more than 1,000 acres of farm field.
• Mighty Midway
• Other Ticketed Attractions

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