



The Minnesota State Fair is proud to announce the new attractions, exhibits and other elements for the 2018 Great Minnesota Get-Together. The following is a list of State Fair experiences debuting this year.

Cambria Kitchen

The former Creative Activities Demonstration Kitchen has been totally transformed into a stunning, state-of-the-art facility to showcase presentations that cultivate interest in creating delicious and attractive food. With a beautiful frame and a curved-front island focal point for optimal audience viewing, the new Cambria Kitchen will feature a full schedule of premier local chefs and demonstrators, including Andrew Zimmern (Aug. 24), Scott McGillivray (Aug. 24), Sean Sherman & The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Food Lab (Aug. 31), and many more!

Free with fair admission. Check daily schedules in August for a complete list of demonstrations in the Cambria Kitchen.

Located in the Creative Activities Building, on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Ave. & Cosgrove St.

Seven New Thrilling Rides

Five new adrenaline-rushing rides – including three that are the only rides of their kind in North America – debut at Mighty Midway. Plus, little tykes get two new rides of their own at Kidway.

New at Mighty Midway:

- **Downdraft:** Get in, buckle up and get ready to ride the airwaves in a supersonic spin at Mighty Midway.
- **Haunted Castle Dark Ride:** Brave souls who embark on this darkest of dark rides will encounter two levels of animated spooks, sounds and lights. Constructed in Italy, this will be the largest traveling haunted attraction in North America when it makes its debut at the Minnesota State Fair!
- **Rock Star:** Hop on board for a rock and rollicking good time on this exhilarating 360-degree thrill ride that spins to 60 feet high.
- **Super Frisbee:** Nothing short of spectacular, this is the only traveling ride of its kind in North and South America. At 52 feet high, the gondola rotates at 20 revolutions per minute and free falls at 3.5 times the force of gravity.
- **Twin Flip:** Twin Flip: Monumental, high-flying spins within spins – and in all directions – make this a unique ride in North America and a thrill-seeker's dream!

New at Kidway (*sponsored by DISH*):

- **Combination Carousel:** This colorful ride takes tots on a spin merry-go-round style!
- **Teacups:** A calm rotating teacup ride amidst bright scenery and sparkling lights.

Located at Mighty Midway and Kidway.

Mental Health Awareness at the Minnesota State Fair

Join the Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health, Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health and National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota at Dan Patch Park on Monday, Aug. 27. More than 40 local organizations host fun games, photo opportunities, trivia contests, giveaways and activities on wide-ranging and far-reaching mental health and wellness topics such as: relaxation and breathing exercises, prenatal care, sensory regulation, tele-mental health and recovery resources, art therapy coloring and mindfulness activities, crisis text numbers, reducing the sense of isolation, mental well-being assessments, legal advice on disability and mental health, bullying prevention, Medicaid resources, and more.

On the Dan Patch Park Stage, a full day of programming raises awareness about mental health through inspiring and entertaining stage acts, including: drumming, musical theater storytelling for children, yoga, humorous conversations, music, sports psychology Q&A, therapy animals, and other presentations.

Free with fair admission. Check daily schedules in August for a list of programs that are a part of Mental Health Awareness at the Minnesota State Fair.

Located at Dan Patch Park. Monday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Construction on the State Fairgrounds

Among the more than \$11 million in fairgrounds improvement projects for the 2018 State Fair are:

- **New Pet Pavilions and Outdoor Demonstration Area:** A 6,600-square-foot open-air pavilion located just west of the former Pet Center will house purebred dog breed booths and the Pet Surgery Suite, where Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association members perform spay and neuter surgeries. A neighboring structure will feature merchants selling pet-centric treats and accessories. Agility, obedience and police K-9 demonstrations will be showcased in a new grassy outdoor demonstration area.
- **New Restroom Building:** With 54 toilets, 32 sinks, 22 urinals, 18 family restrooms, eight drinking fountains and four water bottle refill stations, a new restroom building is being constructed on the south side of Murphy Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets. This structure is the sixth major restroom facility built on the fairgrounds in the last 10 years.

Check daily schedules in August for a complete listing of activities at the Pet Pavilions and Outdoor Demonstration Area.

The new Pet Pavilions and the new restroom building are located on Murphy Avenue at the north end of the fairgrounds. Pet Pavilions are open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Eco Experience – New Highlights

At this year's Eco Experience, here's a sampling of the questions you'll find answers to:

- What are the challenges facing our beloved and unique Lake Superior, one of the fastest-warming ecosystems in the world?
- Can I taste the difference between Duluth water sourced from Lake Superior, St. Paul water sourced from the Mississippi River, and a third Minnesota community? (Daily rotation varies)
- What chefs and foodmakers are sharing tips and demonstrating recipes that minimize food waste, part of the exhibit that calls attention to the fact that 40 percent of food is wasted in the United States while one in eight Americans struggle with food insecurity?
- What are the myths and facts of tampering with the pollution control equipment in vehicles?
- What fun facts will I learn playing Climate Connections Bingo while exploring the Eco Experience exhibit – and what do I win?

- How can I adjust my home water softening system to work properly and efficiently to lessen the effect on Minnesota's growing salty water problem and increasing chloride pollution?
- What are some Minnesota-made products that come from raw material made of items we donate or put out for curbside recycling?
- Where's the box to drop off my old phones, tablets, cords and cables?
- Where do I sign up to "adopt a drain" and pledge to keep it clear of debris?
- Is this where I pick up my free sheet of poop emoji toilet paper printed with practical water protection tips for folks with septic systems?

Eco Experience is a partnership of the State Fair, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and more than 150 organizations and businesses across the state. It is the largest environmental education event of its kind in the country.

Free with fair admission. Check daily schedules in August for a complete list of activities at Eco Experience.

Located in the Progress Center, on the north side of Randall Ave. at Cosgrove St. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Minnesota State Fair Horse Show – More Draft & Mini Horses

In 2018, there will be more opportunities to see magnificent draft horses and charming minis show off in the exhibition ring:

- Friday, Aug. 24, 5 p.m. (Warner Coliseum): Draft Horse Hitch (various classes of six, four and single horses pulling wagons or carts)
- Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 a.m. (Compeer Arena, formerly AgStar Arena): Clydesdale, Percheron and Belgian Halter (horses are led not ridden and judged on conformity to the breed)
- Saturday, Aug. 25, 6 p.m. (Warner Coliseum): Draft Horse Hitch (various classes of horse teams pulling wagons or carts); Miniature Driving (various classes of carriage drivers and minis working together)
- Sunday, Aug. 26, 8 a.m. (Warner Coliseum): Draft Horse Showmanship (youth lead by hand, rather than ride, their horses through a series of patterns); Decorating (youth show off their groomed and fancied-up draft horses)
- Sunday, Aug. 26, 9:30 a.m. (Warner Coliseum): Various classes of Draft Horse Hitch and Miniature Driving
- Sunday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m. (Warner Coliseum): Draft Horse Barrel Racing
- Sunday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m. (Warner Coliseum): Various classes of Draft Horse Hitch (including the Eight-Horse, three-horse unicorn and single cart) and Miniature Driving
- Monday, Aug. 27, 2 p.m. (Warner Coliseum): Draft Horse Supreme Six-Horse Hitch and Supreme Cart Classic

The Minnesota State Fair Horse Show is free with fair admission.

Horse Barn closings: To ensure the safety of fair guests, horses and exhibitors, the Horse Barn will close on select days during competition preparation but may reopen after competition concludes. To see the draft horses, venture across the street to the Warner Coliseum.

- Friday, Aug. 24: Barn closes at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 25: Barn closes at 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 26: Barn closes at 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 27: Barn closed 1-4 p.m.

Free with fair admission. Check daily schedules in August for a complete Minnesota State Fair Horse Show schedule.

Located in the Warner Coliseum and Compeer Arena (formerly AgStar Arena), on Judson Ave.

The Hangar

A brand-new destination for food, craft beer and entertainment is landing at the north end of the fairgrounds! Once home to the State Fair aircraft show in the early 1900s, the former Pet Center building is being repurposed into The Hangar, complete with aircraft-themed décor and other memorabilia paying homage to the building's history. The menu will feature Slider Flights, breakfast items, smoked turkey legs, smoked brisket sandwiches, burgers, bacon-wrapped pork belly, kids meals, chicken-and-waffle ice cream splits topped with candied bacon, and a selection of local beers curated by members of the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild. Plus, there will be live entertainment! There's plenty of seating, so plan a layover at The Hangar while you're at the fair! Check mnstatefair.org in August for the entertainment lineup.

Located on the northeast corner of Murphy Ave. & Underwood St. Open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends.

Premier Livestock Shows

The reputation and quality of the Minnesota State Fair livestock shows continue a proud tradition of excellence. In 2018, we're honored to host several national-level exhibitions attracting strong competitors, some of which go on to win at other renowned exhibitions and others who use the regional and super-regional points they earn in Minnesota to garner national recognition. Stop by to watch - State Fair livestock shows are free with fair admission! Highlights include:

- Charolais cattle
- Dairy goats
- Hereford cattle
- Holstein and Red and White cattle
- Sheep
- Shorthorn and ShorthornPlus cattle

Livestock shows are free with fair admission. Check daily schedules in August for a complete livestock show schedule.

Located in the livestock area and barns on Judson Ave.

Experimental Aircraft Association's Spirit of Aviation presented by National Air Traffic Controllers Association

Explore the world of recreational aviation! Be inspired to take flight and learn about the Experimental Aircraft Association through a 360-degree virtual reality video experience. Try tools used on homebuilt aircraft to bend a cookie cutter into a design of your choice. Build a Flite Test foam glider – this is not your typical paper airplane! – and learn about the principles of flight. Get a feel for flying as you take the controls in the Redbird Spot Landing Challenge Flight Simulation. Brought to you by the passionate members of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Free with fair admission.

Located on the northeast corner of Judson Ave. & Nelson St. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New Features of Popular Exhibits & Experiences

Always fun, always insightful and always free, these popular State Fair experiences are adding new features for the 2018 State Fair:

- **Alphabet Forest:** Meet the Queen of Letters and her tiny friend, the AmaZing Alphabetini! She enriches children's vocabulary and sends them out into the world with their very own "word of power." (Aug. 23-30)
- **Christensen Farms Stage:** Learn fascinating "did you know" tidbits in two new stage programs, "Two Truths and a Lie" and "Food, Facts and Farming," featuring state agriculture experts, chefs, farmers, food producers and commodity groups.
- **The Common Table: Minnesota Eats:** From aquaponics, lazy recipes and likable insects to straw bale gardens and vermicomposting, a new slate of presentations will engage and enlighten.
- **FFA Chapter House & Leadership Center:** Young fair fans, come on in and earn a "Bag of Ag!" FFA youth will lead hands-on AG-tivities and make-and-take crafts to help young people earn a "Bag of Ag" while learning about plants, livestock and the impact of agriculture on everyday life (while supplies last).
- **Health Fair 11:** Bring your preschooler in for free vision screening.
- **Math On-A-Stick:** Escape the plane and move into the third dimension! Will you build a cube, a house, a soccer ball, a stellated octahedron (what?!), or some new shape the world has never seen before?

Check daily schedules in August for a complete program schedule.

Located throughout the fairgrounds.

New Park & Ride Locations

Make your first fair ride a free one! Now offered at 34 locations near the fairgrounds, our park free, ride free service is adding two new locations for the 2018 fair:

- Calvary Church, 4604 Greenhaven Dr., White Bear Township, 55127.
- North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 Highway 96 West, Arden Hills, 55112.

Both of these locations are open 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to midnight Sunday, and drop-off and pick-up at the Transit Hub on the west end of the fairgrounds.

History Highlights of the International Bazaar, Kidway & Progress Center

Quick tip: This self-guided History Walking Tour is an easy stroll with coffee in hand if you arrive early morning at the fair. But you can learn more about some of the State Fair's most historically significant spots anytime during your visit.

Here are three additions to the 2018 tour: The Mexican Village opened in 1970, was renamed the Bazaar in 1984, and replaced with the all-new International Bazaar in 2008 to celebrate cultures around the world. Kiddieland opened in 1963 but outgrew its space outside the current Mighty Midway and moved to Machinery Hill in 1993. Built in 1907 as a poultry exhibition building, the Progress Center is now home to the Eco Experience exhibit.

Pick up a tour brochure at any tour stop on the fairgrounds or the Minnesota Historical Society booth in the Education Building. Visit at least eight of the 12 stops and collect a prize! (See brochure for details.)

The History Walking Tour is supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Free with fair admission. Located at International Bazaar, Kidway and Progress Center.

Food Vendors Nourish Your Curiosity

These vendors built new facilities or extensively remodeled their existing space and can now provide fair guests with a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how their fair food is prepared and where it comes from:

- **Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU):** The renovation of MFU's original 1950s building will give fairgoers the opportunity to view videos about Minnesota family farmers, the state of agriculture, the importance of agriculture to the state's economy, the value of locally grown food and the educational and legislative work of MFU. See a map showing the farms where the ingredients used in MFU's State Fair foods were grown. Located on Dan Patch Ave. between Cooper & Cosgrove streets.
- **Pronto Pups:** At Pronto Pup headquarters, peek through the window on the south side of the building to see how this iconic food is speared, battered and fried. In a new building located on the west side of Underwood St. between Dan Patch & Carnes avenues
- **Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar:** Sneak a peek through the kitchen window on the south side of the building to see cookies by the thousands. There's also a video outside the booth showing the full production process. In a new building located on the west side of Underwood St. between Murphy & Lee avenues

Home Décor & Upcycled Gifts: 6 New Vendors

- **BadAss Sign Co.:** Handcrafted wood, metal and 3D lighted marquee signs
- **Create Laser Arts:** Laser-etched wood coasters, Minnesota-shaped ornaments, cheese boards, boxes, bowls and earrings
- **Kountry Kutt:** Handmade home décor, paintings, wall furnishings and seasonal crafts
- **Montana Furniture:** Handmade wood rocking chairs, lamps and tables
- **The Vintage Tin:** Bluetooth speakers made from suitcases, furniture made from reclaimed farm and auto parts, horseshoe and railroad spike art and more
- **Yardbird:** Outdoor patio furniture, tables, chairs and couches

Gadgets & Hobbies: 5 New Vendors

- **Cooper & Kid:** Activity kits for kids and dads to do together, mailed every three months
- **Niagara Cave:** Interactive gemstone mining experience, gem and fossil bags, agates, jewelry, geodes, rock candy and more
- **St. Croix Saddlery:** English equestrian apparel, boots, tack, riding equipment, totes, equestrian therapeutic products, horse treats and more
- **Vibes:** High-fidelity earplugs to lower the volume of music and work environments, while maintaining sound quality, for people with sensitive hearing
- **Williams Magic:** Magic kits, joke items and magic trick demonstrations

Beauty Care, Gifts & Foodie Fun: 9 New Vendors

- **Essence One:** Minnesota-shaped soaps, plus beard oils and more handcrafted with natural ingredients and essential oils
- **French Nugget Company:** Lavender sachets, essential oil, mists, dried flowers, Herbs de Provence and more
- **Gunpowder N Gloss:** Country-themed lip gloss, lipsticks, false eyelashes, hats and apparel
- **Jan's Clay Flowers:** Hand-painted, hand-sculpted decorative flowers made from handmade clay
- **iJerkyGuy:** Pre-packaged, all-natural jerky (beef, ostrich, kangaroo, alligator and more) in a variety of flavors
- **LipSense by SeneGence:** Variety of lipsticks and other makeup products
- **Pony-O:** Unique patented hair-styling accessories

- **SPAM® Tiny House:** Branded T-shirts, caps, sunglasses, can coolers, flip flops and 14 flavors of canned SPAM®
- **Urban Undercover & TowelTopper:** TowelTopper to keep towels in place, plus travel apparel and accessories

Threads & Accessories: 6 New Vendors

- **Belt Bonanza:** Adult and children's belts designed from seatbelts in a variety of designs, including Disney and superheroes
- **Crowned Crow:** Repurposed leather bags, belts, flannel vintage shirts, T-shirts, skirts, key fobs, hats and wrist cuffs
- **Great Lakes Clothing:** Lake-inspired apparel, eyewear, coasters, purses, tumblers, prints and more
- **Rough and Tumble Vintage:** Handmade and dyed textiles and clothing for men and women, ceramic jewelry and a variety of accessories
- **Sparkle Ridge:** Western horse show clothing, cuff and collar sets and more
- **Whatnot Boutique:** Denim, jackets, dresses, tops, ponchos, scarves, jewelry and more

Home & Garden Solutions: 5 New Vendors

- **Anywhere Fireplace:** Indoor and outdoor ventless gel fuel and bio-ethanol fireplaces, garden torches and home décor fire elements
- **Cabrio Structures:** Patented independently moving retractable roofs and opening-wall patio systems.
- **Florian® Tools:** Florian® Ratchet-Cut® pruning tools, gloves, sharpeners and more
- **Reface Experts:** Kitchen cabinet refacing and kitchen remodeling
- **Tie Boss:** Easy tie-down and lift system for securing boats, canoes, bikes and fishing equipment

Out & About: 5 New Vendors

- **Medica:** Information about Medica health insurance
- **Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors:** Information about the home-buying and selling process, neighborhood markets and realtor careers
- **Minnesota IT Services:** Information about state technology, cyber security, digital accessibility, state websites, careers and more
- **Minnesota Judicial Branch:** Meet a judge or justice and get information about our state court system and no-cost legal services
- **University of North Dakota:** Information about UND programs and reciprocity for Minnesota students

For more information and a complete list of vendors at the 2018 State Fair, use the Fair Finder at mnstatefair.org beginning in August. This tool will also be part of the free State Fair app for iPhones and Androids.

Visit mnstatefair.org for more information and photos of the 2018 New Attractions.