



The Minnesota State Fair is happy to announce new attractions, exhibits and other features for the 2023 Great Minnesota Get -Together. Following is a list of experiences debuting this year.

### **Sweet & Selfie Experience**

Embark on a journey through a fantastical world, where larger-than-life sweets create Instagram-worthy moments and intriguing displays elevate your candy knowledge. Strike a pose by whimsical giant donuts, cookies, a Jelly Belly mosaic and a candy mountain, immersing yourself in the ultimate sugar-filled adventure. A fun, fanciful experience for all ages! Free with fair admission.

What's the best-selling Halloween candy? How many dried cocoa beans does it take to make one pound of chocolate? Peppermint is a hybrid of what two mints? Plus, learn about oddities and rarities, real-life Willy Wonkas, what inspired the creation of gummy bears, candy pioneers such as chewing gum industrialist William Wrigley Jr., candy in pop culture, the science of cooking candy, and so much more! Sweet & Selfie Experience was created by Stage Nine Design and is distributed by Exhibits Development Group.

*Daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day). Located in the North End Event Center, north of Murphy Avenue between Cooper and Cosgrove streets*

### **Sensory-Friendly Morning at Mighty Midway & Kidway**

For fair guests who would like to experience the fun of rides & games at Mighty Midway & Kidway with reduced light brightness and sound volume, on Monday, Aug. 28, at Kidway from 9 to 11 a.m. and at Mighty Midway from 10 a.m. to noon, lights, sounds and non-safety-related announcements will be minimized.

Sensory-Friendly Morning at Mighty Midway & Kidway is offered to better accommodate those with sensory sensitivities. For more resources and information about attending the State Fair with sensory-processing challenges, please visit our Accessibility Guide website page.

Please note: The sensory-friendly hours apply only to Mighty Midway & Kidway; there may be areas in other parts of the fairgrounds that contain loud music and lights during these hours. Also, in the Mighty Midway & Kidway, some lights and sound may still occur, as not all attractions can completely eliminate all sound and light.

*Monday, Aug. 28: 9-11 a.m. at Kidway; 10 a.m. to noon at Mighty Midway.*

### **Can Can Wonderland Mini Golf On-A-Stick**

No ifs, ands or putts, this mini golf adventure is the place to par-tee! Can Can Wonderland brings you a clever nine-hole course made up entirely of famous State Fair landmarks – the Space Tower, Haunted House, DNR Park, Giant Slide and Ferris wheel, plus there's a Hole-stein, fun fair food structures and more! Fun for the whole family!

Cost: \$10 per person; children 3 and under are free with a paid adult

*Daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day; ticket sales close at 7:30 p.m.). Located at the North End, north of Murphy Avenue and The Hangar, east of Underwood Street*

## **Pan-Latino Day at Dan Patch Park**

La Raza 95.7 FM and 1400/1470 AM, Minnesota's top Latino radio stations, host a festival of the diversity represented under the colorful panorama of Latin American cultures in Minnesota! Musicians, dancers and local artists, as well as organizations and community leaders, will be featured throughout the day.

Come and enjoy Latin dance classes, performances by the Mexica Danzantes Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli, Dos Coronas, Mariachi Son de Morelos, La Comparsa de Chinelos de San Pablo Apóstol, Rumba Nueva, and more! Plus, join us for arts activities and interactive experiences with Muralismos de Mexico, Alebrijes de Minneapolis, and the participation of many of the key organizations working in the Latino community in Minnesota. Free with fair admission. Support provided by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

*Saturday, Sept. 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located at Dan Patch Park, south of the Grandstand and west of the Grandstand Ramp*

## **Universally Designed Changing Restroom with Hoist by Momentum Refresh**

Momentum Refresh is the nation's first fully accessible, universally designed, mobile restroom equipped with a full-size adjustable changing table, a ceiling hoist and other amenities.

By offering a safe and comfortable personal care space for those with mobility limitations and their caregivers, Momentum Refresh reduces barriers and promotes inclusivity, equity and understanding. In addition to a toilet, this groundbreaking vehicle is equipped with a height-adjustable universal changing table, an overhead ceiling hoist to facilitate easier transfer from wheelchair to changing table or toilet, a height-adjustable sink, enough room for an individual and caregiver, and a team of trained professionals available to inform guests about the amenities and to maintain and clean the space. Support provided by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

*Daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day). Located on east side of Cosgrove Street, north of Lee Avenue*

## **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Talent Contest**

More than 17,000 singers, dancers, jugglers, acrobats, instrumentalists and others have auditioned over the past five decades for this popular showcase of Minnesota's most talented. Catch this year's semifinals Aug. 24-Sept. 2 at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell and the finals Sept. 3 at the Grandstand – a free event!

From auditions held in July, semifinalists in preteen, teen and open divisions move on to compete at 6 p.m. at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell for a chance to perform on the big stage – literally – in the Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest Finals at the Grandstand on Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Come cheer on the performers competing for a share of more than \$20,000 in cash prizes. The finals features a total of 26 acts in preteen, teen and open divisions.

- Fun Fact: Past winners include Nashville-based country music singer-songwriter Caitlyn Smith, Minneapolis' first family of soul The Steeles, local theater actor Max Wojtanowicz, beat box artist DJ Snuggles, and pianist Aurora Wang.
- Fun Fact: Of the 17,000 who have auditioned over the past 50 years, 5,500 have qualified for fair-time semifinal competition. More than \$250,000 in prize money has been awarded to top finishers.

The Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest is part of the Grandstand Concert Series, sponsored by Sleep Number. Nightly fireworks spectacular sponsored by Mazda.

*Amateur Talent Contest Semifinals are Aug. 24-Sept. 2, at 6 p.m., at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. The Finals are Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grandstand (a free event!)*

## **Naturalization Ceremonies & Oaths of Allegiance**

In the spirit of the Great Minnesota Get-Together, more than 50 citizenship candidates from a dozen countries will take the Oath of Allegiance – the final step in the naturalization process – and officially become citizens of the United States. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota will lead these special naturalization ceremonies at the State Fair.

*Monday & Wednesday, Aug. 28 & 30, 9 a.m. Located at the International Bazaar Stage*

## **Future Projections' Canopy/Calliope**

The sounds of an olde-tyme calliope bounce to carnival rhythms while showers of fish, flowers and fantastical creatures light up the ground below and the leafy canopy above.

A fantasia of imagery and sound, Canopy/Calliope is designed to delight and enchant the senses through “light painting” and photo collages. This new imaginative and immersive public art installation is presented by Future Projections, a live animation and projection art company founded by Minneapolis visual and performing artist Paul Herwig. Free with fair admission. Please note: This public art installation contains flashing lights.

*Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, Aug. 28, 29 & 30, at dusk or approximately 9 p.m. for 1 hour (weather permitting). Located just south of the Grandstand, east of the Grandstand Ramp*

## **Oink Booth – A New Look**

The iconic Oink Booth has a new look, thanks to our partners at Minnesota Pork! Designed to reflect a real modern-day pig barn, the newly constructed Oink Booth has expanded with more educational games and interactive activities about pigs in Minnesota. Oink Booth favorites – including the famous pig ear headbands, the sow and piglets exhibit and the ever-popular largest boar – will continue to be a part of the exhibit. Free with fair admission.

*The Oink Booth is open when the Christensen Pavilion is open. Located at the Robert A. Christensen Pavilion, in a new location – the northeast corner*

## **Theater Day at Dan Patch Park: Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.**

Everyone’s favorite zoo crew sets out on a wild adventure in this upbeat musical based on the DreamWorks hit movie “Madagascar.” This lively musical for all ages is presented by ETC Productions in partnership with Apple Valley High School and features a performance company led by young people ages 15-19 from throughout the Twin Cities. You’ll have no choice but to “Move it, move it!” Free with fair admission.

*Performances are Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (1 hour); 1 p.m. performance is audio-described. Located at Dan Patch Park, south of the Grandstand and west of the Grandstand Ramp*

## **Two New Kidway Rides**

- **Beach Shack:** When a big storm hits the beach, you’ll spin, dip and tilt – just like this adventurous ride in a bright beach shack! Minimum height requirement is 36” to ride with an adult and 42” to ride alone.
- **Pump & Jump:** Little tykes get a big adrenaline rush as they climb and drop and climb and drop! Minimum height requirement is 42” to ride, between 42” and 46” to ride with an adult, and 46” to ride alone.

*Daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day). Daily closing times for Kidway may vary. Ticket sales close 1/2 hour before rides and games close. Located at Kidway, sponsored by Kwik Trip*

## Gate 9 on Como Avenue – Redeveloped

Fair guests who enter the Great Minnesota Get-Together on the south side will experience a new welcoming Gate 9 area – wider, more accessible entrance and exit gates; expanded bike lot; added sidewalks; spacious wheelchair, scooter and stroller rental area; iconic OnlyInMN photo op; and benches and art sculptures.

- The popular free bike lot formerly located at Snelling and Como avenues will move west to the Gate 9 area and become larger to accommodate more bikes.
- The State Fairgrounds Ticket Office will continue to sell tickets at this gate area.
- Gate 9 will continue to be the south drop-off and pick-up stop for Metro Mobility, taxis and the free Oscar Johnson Arena Park & Ride lot exclusively for those with valid disability parking certificates or license plates and their companions.
- The plaza area just inside Gate 9 will be the future home of a unique and stunning public art installation to recognize donors and greet fair guests. Stay tuned for details in the coming months. Support provided by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

*Located on Como Avenue, just east of the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum*

## New Competition Themes

While competitions have been a part of the State Fair since the beginning, each year new themes capture the creativity, humor and talent of Minnesotans in a variety of categories from quilts on-a-stick and decorated cakes to flower shows and landscape design.

- Quilt On-A-Stick – “The Fair at First Light”: Quilters’ imaginations are captured on an 8” x 9” piece with a paint-stirring stick inserted.\*
- Cake Decorating – “Roadside Attractions”: Let a favorite road trip be the inspiration and include a photo with the entry.\*
- Decorated Cookies – “Shoes”: How will bakers interpret this theme on cookies no bigger than 4” in diameter?\*
- Decorated Cupcakes – “Pets”: Paying homage to our best friends couldn’t be sweeter than on a cupcake!\*
- Minnesota State Fair Flower Show – “Minnesota Loves Summer”: Our love affair with the seasons will be in full bloom Aug. 28 and 29.+
- Minnesota State Florists Association’s Floralpalooza – “Happily Ever After”: Floral designers and retail florists bring their “once upon a time” visions to life in the center rotunda of the Ag-Hort Building in a floral extravaganza that never ceases to “wow!”+  
FFA Landscape Design and Construction – “Landscape for Color”: Students from Minnesota FFA chapters construct up to 10 sites, each 14’ x 14’, using colorful plant materials and are judged on design, construction, correctly labeled plants, accessories/lighting and more.^

*Entries in these categories will be on display in the \*Creative Activities Building, the +Agriculture-Horticulture Building or outside the ^CHS Miracle of Birth Center. Hours vary.*

## New Livestock and Agriculture Competitions

This year, we’re introducing even more opportunities for FFA youth and livestock exhibitors. Don’t miss competitions featuring ag mechanics, vegetables, potatoes, poultry, rabbits and sheep.

- **FFA Agricultural Mechanics Competitions:** In the Small Engines Build Off timed contest, students in grades 10-12 must disassemble and reassemble a small engine (Friday, Sept. 1, 5 p.m.). The Wood Construction Build Off features two-person teams who build a wood bench in two hours and are judged on technique, craftsmanship, joints, fasteners and more (Saturday, Sept. 2 in

two-hour slots). In the Weld Off, individuals are given 90 minutes to complete a metal campfire grate and are judged on technique, craftsmanship, welds, how closely the components match the plan, and more (Sunday, Sept. 3 in 90-minute slots). All three competitions take place live in the Agriculture Horticulture Building.

- **FFA Vegetable & Potato:** Open to FFA students in grades 7-12, new competition categories include beans, beets, eggplant, gourds, muskmelon, winter squash, tomatoes, miniature pumpkins, cabbage, kohlrabi, kale, turnips, horseradish, and white, russet and red potatoes, just to name a few. Entries will be displayed in the Agriculture Horticulture Building on Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 2 & 3.
- **FFA Poultry:** Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and other poultry breeds will be judged Saturday, Sept. 2, at 3 p.m., in the Poultry Barn.
- **FFA Rabbits:** Dozens of small and large rabbit breeds will be judged Sunday, Sept. 3, at 9 a.m., in the Poultry Barn
- **Open Class Sheep – All Other Hair Breeds:** This exhibition features purebred pedigreed animals – such as the Dorper, White Dorper and Katahdin breeds – that do not qualify under other breed classifications. Judging takes place on Friday, Aug. 25, at 3 p.m., in the Sheep Barn.

*Dates and times vary for specific competitions and exhibitions. Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building and the Poultry and Sheep barns.*

## **History Walking Tour: 5 New Stops**

The History Walking Tour, a two-mile, 12-stop self-guided exploration of some of the State Fair's most historically significant spots, introduces five new additions to the tour:

- **Bandshell:** Small stages inside buildings were the norm before the 1960s. In 1971 the Bandshell was constructed – the largest of the State Fair stages offering free entertainment. In 2023, among dozens of shows on the Bandshell stage, catch the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Talent Contest semifinals.
- **Farm Boys' Camp:** In 1912, farm boys submitted an essay to earn a trip to the State Fair. Girls were included in 1916. Renamed Youth Camp in 1975, it continued through 1993 and was turned into a scholarship program in 1994. This year, 22 scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to youth from greater Minnesota or those enrolled in an agriculture program.
- **Fairborne:** Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, Fairborne! In 1983, Fairborne became the State Fair's second gopher mascot, joining Fairchild, the official mascot since 1966.
- **Judging Arena:** Added to the livestock area in 1964, this 15,000-square-foot structure was replaced in 2012 with a larger arena now known as Compeer Arena.
- **Parade:** Part of the State Fair since the beginning, parades historically were most often held at the Grandstand racetrack and featured industrial fair vendors or prize-winning livestock.

Pick up a tour brochure at any tour stop on the fairgrounds, outside the J.V. Bailey House or at the History & Heritage Center. Visit at least eight of the 12 stops and collect a prize! (See brochure for details.) The History Walking Tour is presented by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society. Free with fair admission.

*Located throughout the fairgrounds*

## **Little Farm Hands Celebrates 20 Years**

Little fair fans become farmhands and experience the agricultural process through activities especially for ages 3-10. The journey starts with putting on an apron to fire up the imagination and ends with using "earnings" from working on the farm to purchase an item at the grocery store.



Stops along the Kemp Little Farm Hands path include a variety of simulated experiences, including: riding pint-size tractors, picking apples, gathering eggs, milking a cow and planting seeds. Try a variety of hands-on educational activities for all ages. Plus, meander through a Field of Knowledge to observe bees at work and get an up-close look at wheat, a variety of corn and flowers, and learn about soil and pollinators. Big farmhands older than age 10 can try the Ag-Vestigator quiz challenge to earn a ribbon. Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, Little Farm Hands welcomes more than 150,000 guests each year. Free with fair admission.

Kemps Little Farm Hands is sponsored by Kemps (Title Sponsor and Dairy Barn), Cub (Grocery Store), Cargill (Tractor Shed) and Minnesota Corn (Grain Bin). Additional support from Edling Farms (Potatoes) and Minnesota Apple Growers Association (Apples).

*Daily, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Located south of Lee Avenue on the west side of Cooper Street*

## **Mighty Midway & Kidway Fun Card**

New this year! When you purchase Mighty Midway & Kidway ride & game tickets, they'll be loaded onto a Fun Card rather than given as paper tickets. Every time you ride a ride or play a game, you'll scan your card and the appropriate number of tickets will be deducted from the card. If you'd like to add tickets to the card, stop by a ticket booth or self-serve kiosk at Mighty Midway or Kidway.

- Fun Cards with advance discount ride & game tickets are on sale now online through Etix and at Cub stores and other official ticket outlets.
- Fun Cards purchased in advance of the fair come pre-loaded with 25 tickets for \$20!
- For customer service assistance with your Fun Card, make sure to register it online.
- During the fair, Fun Cards with regular-price tickets can be purchased at ticket booths and self-serve kiosks.
- Ride & game tickets purchased this year will not be valid after the 2023 State Fair.

*Kidway is open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day). Mighty Midway is open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (9 p.m. Labor Day). Daily closing times for Mighty Midway and Kidway may vary. Ticket sales close 1/2 hour before rides and games close.*

## **Fair Food News**

New food booth construction, a returning vendor and more fun fair food news!

- **The Perfect Pickle:** Fans of The Perfect Pickle, located on Liggett Street on the west end of the fairgrounds, will now be able to get their pickle fix at a brand-new northerly second location – on the west side of Underwood Street across from Lee Avenue. The Perfect Pickle's menu at both locations includes deep-fried pickles, pickles on-a-stick and soda.
- **SPAM:** If you've been longing for all things SPAM, you're in luck! SPAM returns after a short absence. This famed booth will be located under the Grandstand Ramp and will serve SPAM Burgers, SPAM Curds, SPAM Breakfast Sandwich, 15 flavors of canned SPAM, soda and bottled water.
- **Bandstand Concessions:** Grandstand concertgoers can treat themselves to a wide variety of brews, beverages, sandwiches, hot and cold snacks, and other amenities and fan experience opportunities at brand-new Grandstand concessionaire Bandstand Concessions. Order food and sips at five new structures on the plaza level and buy packaged food and drinks on the second floor of the Grandstand, and beer on the third floor. (Separate concert ticket required.)
- **Use the Finder:** The Fair Finder, an online, searchable tool that is also available in our app, will have all the details on vendors who have new locations, new menu offerings, Official New Foods, new Specialty Sips and more. Check the link below in August.

*Located throughout the fairgrounds*

## PaintCare Promotional Exhibit

From buying and storing paint to using it efficiently, giving away unused paint and recycling the rest, PaintCare showcases need-to-know info. Stop by to play a fun game, meet costumed characters and more!

Did you know there are 267 year-round sites in Minnesota that collect paint to recycle? Since 2014, PaintCare has collected 8.3 million gallons in our state alone. PaintCare Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, represents paint manufacturers to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in U.S. states and jurisdictions that pass paint stewardship laws.

*Friday, Aug. 25 only, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Located at the southeast corner of Wright Avenue and Underwood Street*

## Sponsors for a Day: Mall of America (Aug. 24), Now Hiring (Aug. 29) and Nonprofit Showcase (Aug. 30)

Make your way to the corner of Wright Avenue and Underwood Street for activities and information presented by companies and organizations with local connections.

- **Mall of America (Aug. 24):** Stop by for fun activities and prize giveaways!
- **Metro-wide 911 Centers (Aug. 29):** Explore the exciting, busy and fulfilling field of being a 911 telecommunicator. 911 professionals answer questions about what happens when you call 911 and the technology used to send help.
- **Northstar Bus Lines (Aug. 29):** Help transport students to school safely. Offering training, flexible scheduling, competitive pay and a sign-on bonus. Also hiring van drivers, paras and mechanics.
- **Transportation Security Administration (Aug. 29):** TSA is hiring full-time and part-time transportation security officers at MSP Airport and airports throughout the state. Learn about job opportunities and building a career with TSA.
- **AuSM (Aug. 30):** The Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM) enhances the lives of individuals and families affected by autism with a fundamental commitment to advocacy, education, support, collaboration and community building.
- **Can Do Canines (Aug. 30):** Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. Enter to win a play session with puppies!
- **Minnesota Alliance With Youth (Aug. 30):** The Alliance works in partnership with youth, through initiatives including Minnesota Youth Council and AmeriCorps, to ensure that all young people have equitable educational opportunities that foster their individual assets, honor their voices and prepare them to reach their goals.
- **People for PSEO (Aug. 30):** Through policymaking, outreach and resources, this youth-led nonprofit promotes, defends and expands opportunities for high school students through the PSEO program.
- **Save the Boundary Waters (Aug. 30):** This ever-growing community works in a non-partisan way to advocate for the protection of wilderness and wild places, especially the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the greater Quetico-Superior Ecosystem.

*Thursday, Aug. 24 (Mall of America); Tuesday, Aug. 29 (Now Hiring); Wednesday, Aug. 30 (Nonprofit Showcase); 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Located at the southeast corner of Wright Avenue and Underwood Street*

## In the Community – 12 New Vendors

Our state is home to amazing nonprofits and educational organizations. Stop by these booths – and dozens more at the fair – to learn more about their work.

- **Air Force Recruiting:** Educational information about serving in the Air Force
- **Animal Humane Society:** Promoting children's camps, behavior and training classes for pet owners, discounted vet services for those that qualify, surrendering and rehoming pets, adoption services, Whisker Whirl event
- **Bethany Global University:** Information regarding bachelor's and master's degrees offered
- **Cultural Destinations, LLC:** Education on local cultural destinations – such as cultural malls, ethnic restaurants and diverse artists as reflected in flavors, fashions and gifts of the world
- **Medtronic:** Information on career opportunities at Medtronic
- **Minnesota Center for Prion Research and Outreach:** Education and outreach regarding chronic wasting disease research (diagnostic, therapeutic and remediation) in Minnesota
- **Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension:** Information on criminal history, gun locks, online safety, forensics and criminal record expungement
- **Minnesota Genealogical Society:** Information regarding the society and help with family history research
- **Octapharma Plasma Inc.:** Information regarding plasma donation
- **Sendoff-Funerals Reimagined:** Funeral services information
- **Visiting Angels:** Information on senior home care and Parkinson's in-home care
- **WDGY Radio:** Celebrating 100 years with broadcasts, merchandise sales and giveaways

*Daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day); hours may vary by location. Located throughout the fairgrounds*

## **Unique Gifts & Specialty Items – 10 New Vendors**

Discover an amazing array of unique, hard-to-find gifts – for family, friends (and even yourself!) – at these new vendors, plus hundreds more throughout the fairgrounds.

- **Bobby & Steve's Auto World:** Variety of convenience store items
- **The Funky Zebra Boutique:** Chalk couture inks, surfaces and tools; chalk transfers; chalkology pastes; finished chalk boards, home décor and apparel
- **Held Companies:** Wood-turned creatures and snowmen and laser-cut 3D ornaments
- **Lip Esteem, LLC:** Plant-based, gluten-free lip glosses and lip sticks, lip balm, lip exfoliator, lip treatment; plus backpacks, candles, earrings, hats, T-shirts
- **Origami by Kannika:** Origami bookmarks, hair accessories, jewelry, mobiles, ornaments, paper art, paper cards
- **Resurrected Journals:** Journals, coasters, earrings and bookmarks made from old, discarded books; plus totebags
- **Rugged History Beard Co.:** Balms, butters, conditioners, oils and washes for beards; cologne to match the oils; men's body wash and soaps; shave soap
- **Rust and Rose Boutique, LLC:** Children's and women's clothing, repurposed hand-painted jean jackets, coasters, dips, dough bowl candles, soap, Rust and Rose prepackaged food
- **Someplace Special:** Doug & Melissa educational toys, personalized busy boxes, rain ponchos, umbrellas
- **Stuff-n-Luv:** Make-your-own-stuffed-animal kits, plus clothing, shoes and hats for your animal

*Daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day); hours may vary by location. Located throughout the fairgrounds*

## **Threads & Accessories – 6 New Vendors**

This is your chance to get an up-close, in-person look at apparel and accessories to outfit anyone of any age with any fashion style – the choices are limitless at the fair!

- **Always Northern Permanent Jewelry:** Permanent jewelry, pre-made jewelry, earrings, hair accessories, handmade signs, keychains



- **Earth Clay:** National park necklaces, classic sculpture necklaces, earrings, T-shirts, hats, original clayscape artwork and more
- **Fan Girl MN:** Minnesota sports-themed apparel for women, including shirts, sweatshirts and hats
- **Leon Leather Co. Inc.:** Buckles, cowboy boots, cowboy hats, hats, belts, wallets, socks, sunglasses, T-shirts
- **Pria Handmade Accessories:** Hand-beaded bags and bracelets, hand-embroidered headbands, handmade earrings, hand-woven fashion hats and handbags
- **The Vermont Flannel Company:** Blankets, boxer shorts, hoodies, jackets, pants, scarves, shirts, shorts

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## **Foodie Fun – 6 New Vendors**

Fair and food go hand in hand, and these new vendors will help you take your at-home foodie game to the next level. They join hundreds of other can't-miss shops to visit as you explore the fairgrounds.

- **Black Tie Caramel:** Caramel candies, crunch, sauces
- **Classic City Candy Company:** Freeze-dried candy, including Skittles, M&M's, Airheads, Nerd Clusters, Snickers, Rolo, Jolly Rancher, Starburst, taffy, peach rings, marshmallows
- **Hepp's Salt Co:** Gourmet flavored sea salts and infused cane sugar
- **K-Mama Sauce:** Korean hot sauces, kimchi jars, packaged ramen bowls, and logo aprons, hats, hoodies, T-shirts
- **Riffs Smokehouse:** Bacon on the Go (five flavors: Sweet, Sweet and Spicy, Raspberry Chipotle, Red Curry, Habanero Heat) and BBQ sauces (Sweet Child O' Mine and Voodoo Child)
- **Whiskey in a Week:** Whiskey in a Week handcrafted kits

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## **Handcrafted Home & Garden Décor – 5 New Vendors**

The Minnesota State Fair offers a shopping experience like no other! These vendors join nearly 900 merchants at the Great Minnesota Get-Together!

- **Jordan's Jungle Inc.:** More than 100 varieties of Tillandsia (air plants), plant-based coconut/apricot wax candles in 100 scents, potted tropical and houseplants
- **LoneTree Designs:** Metal garden and yard art, home décor
- **Naomi Events:** Custom-made framed art in sports and pop culture genres
- **Roots, Shoots & Leaves:** Live tropical houseplants, succulents and cacti, plus accessories for house plant hobbyists
- **Swinford Designs:** Wooden picture frames with vintage antique images

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## **Sporting Goods & Pet Products – 2 New Vendors**

These new vendors, plus dozens and dozens of others at the fair, will get you ready for maximum fun whatever the adventure!

- **Bullseye Bow:** Targets, Velcro balls, Velcro vests, youth bow & arrow set
- **Rufflect Dog Bandanas:** Reflective dog bandanas

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## Home Solutions – 4 New Vendors

Whether you're a DIYer or looking to hire experts, the State Fair is the ultimate home shopping network of vendors. Welcome to this year's new additions to the home improvement mix!

- **Leaf Home Water Solutions:** Customized water softener and water filtration solutions
- **Mickman Brothers Inc.:** Full-service landscape design and installation company
- **Pump and Meter Inc.:** ABB Level 2 Level 3 EV Chargers; Blink Level 2 & Level 3 EV Chargers; Kempower Level 3 EV Chargers; SemaConnect Amps2Go Charging Station; SemaConnect Amps2Go Level 2 EV Chargers; SemaConnect Home Charger; Tritium Fast Charger; Tritium Level 3 EV Chargers; Webasto Level 2 EV Chargers
- **Tuff Shed:** Garages, sheds, storage buildings

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**Visit [mnstatefair.org](https://mnstatefair.org) for more information and photos of the 2023 New Attractions.**

**All information subject to change.**