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GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION



Media Attendance and Registration

Press Release System

To receive up-to-date press releases, please log on to OhioStateFair.com, click on the "Press Room" link and sign up to receive customized news and information.

Policy

All credentials are for working media only.

Registration

We welcome the chance to work with your station or publication. Registering for the Ohio State Fair is easy for members of the media. Fax us (on station / publication letterhead) a list of staff members who will cover the event. Our fax number is 614-644-4501.

Media Center

The Ohio State Fair Media Center will be operational from 7 am – 8 pm or by appointment. The Media Center will be located on 11th Avenue, just west of the OHIO Gate. All working news media and promotions personnel should register and park at this location upon arriving at the Fair. For your convenience, the Media Center will provide a phone, fax and an air-conditioned room for you to work. Water, Fair schedules, feature ideas and assistance obtaining interviews will also be provided.

Parking

Approximately 25 parking spots are available for use by working media at the Media Center. In addition, we will provide overflow parking in the Gate 9 Pavilion Lot, located east of the Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center. If all spots are full, you will be routed to the North Lot.

On-Site Transportation

A few golf carts will be kept at the Media Center and can be used for transporting equipment on a first-come, first-served basis. Carts will be driven only by Ohio State Fair employees. Access to the Fair on carts is limited to the golf cart path, which travels around the Fair's perimeter.

Mobile Access

Mobile access is to be used only for live broadcast by satellite trucks, broadcast vans, etc. Access is limited to the Fair's perimeter. Remote vehicles can be moved to and from their locations between midnight and 10 am only.

Celeste Center Media Guidelines

The only way to guarantee a seat for a paid concert is to purchase a ticket.

All review seat requests must be coordinated through each individual artist. Review seats will be distributed from the WCOL Celeste Center box office at the discretion of the artist only.

We request that publications send a clip of their review to us within two weeks of the show.

Still and Video Photography Policy

If your station or publication wishes to send a photographer to a concert, call the Media Center by noon on the day of the show.

At the WCOL Celeste Center, a member of the public relations staff will meet and inform you of the artist's photo policy. Each artist's policy is different.

Still photographers will be escorted to designated areas near the stage. Television photographers will be escorted to a press box at the base of the mezzanine.

The public relations staff will advise photographers when the allotted time for coverage is over. All members of the media will then be escorted out of the WCOL Celeste Center unless they hold a ticket for the show.

Interviews and Backstage Policy

All interviews and backstage passes must be arranged through the artist's management. The Fair public relations staff can provide contact names and phone numbers upon request.

Please notify the public relations staff office of what arrangements have been made prior to the show date.

Directions and Parking

Located on the grounds of the Ohio Expo Center, the Ohio State Fair is conveniently located within a 400-mile radius of some of the country's largest cities and within 500 miles of more than half the nation's population.

You'll find the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, just north of downtown, on 17th Avenue off I-71. To reach us:

From the north

Take I-71 south to the 17th Avenue exit or the Hudson Street exit at Silver Drive.

From the south

Take I-71 north to the 17th Avenue exit or the Hudson Street exit at Silver Drive.

From the west

Take I-70 east to I-71 north. Take I-71 north to the 17th Avenue exit or the Hudson Street exit at Silver Drive.

From the east

Take I-70 west to I-71 north. Take I-71 north to the 17th Avenue exit or the Hudson Street exit at Silver Drive.

Parking

\$5 per vehicle. Easy access to AAA Parking Lots from I-71 at the 17th Avenue exit and the Hudson Street exit at Silver Drive. Handicapped parking is available. Ride the AAA Road Service Shuttles to and from the main entrance gate and your vehicle.

On-grounds Shuttle

Hop on board the free shuttle for transportation around the Fair, 10 am – 8 pm Sunday – Thursday, 9 am – 10:30 pm Fridays and Saturdays. It makes frequent stops around the perimeter of the grounds.

Special Discount Days

Wednesday, July 29

WBNS 10 TV & ONN Opening Day
\$3 admission until 3 pm.

Thursday, July 30

Kroger Day

Kroger Plus card members: Present your card at a booth outside entrance gates to receive a \$4 admission coupon for each member in your party.

Saturday, Aug. 1

AEP Ohio Day

Sunday, Aug. 2

Time Warner Cable Day

Printing Industries Association of Ohio/N. Kentucky Day

Veterans & Military Day

Free admission for veterans and active military with appropriate identification.

Monday, Aug. 3

NBC4 Family Value Day

Until 6 pm, adults will be admitted for the kids' admission price of \$8, and kids 12 and under will be admitted free. With the purchase of one wristband, a second rider can ride free until 6 pm with a handstamp. After 6 pm, all riders will need either a wristband or coupons to ride.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

AAA "Show Your Card and Save" Day

AAA members: Show your membership card at a booth outside entrance gates to receive a \$4 admission coupon for each member in your party.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

QFM 96 Fair Attitude Wednesday

Fairgoers will enjoy \$5 admission all day.

Thursday, Aug. 6

Meijer Day

Meijer customers: Present a "Back-to-School" proof-of-purchase receipt at a booth outside the entrance gates and receive a \$4 admission coupon for each member in your party.

Friday, Aug. 7

Ohio Lottery Day

In honor of The Ohio Lottery's 35th Anniversary, each person who shows a non-winning Ohio Lottery ticket at a booth outside the entrance gates will receive a \$3.50 admission coupon.

Ohio Farm Bureau Day

Saturday, Aug. 8

FORD Day

Sunday, Aug. 9

Coca-Cola Final Fair Day

Bring your specially marked neck hanger, or any Coca-Cola product to a booth outside entrance gates for a \$3 admission coupon for each member in your party before 3 pm.

All special days and discounts are not valid with other offers.

Fair Information and Special Services

Address

Ohio State Fair
717 E. 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211

Contact

614-644-3247 (Recorded Information Line), 1-888-OHO-EXPO (646-3976), TDD: 614-644-4009

Edition

156th Ohio State Fair

Web site / e-mail

OhioStateFair.com; info@expo.state.oh.us

Dates

July 29 – Aug. 9, 2009

Hours of Operation

Fair admission gates open	9 am – 10 pm
Except Aug. 9	9 am – 8 pm
Commercial exhibit buildings	10 am – 9 pm
K12/Ohio Virtual Academy	
Youth Center	9 am – 8 pm
Janis Center	9 am – 7 pm
Other exhibit buildings	9 am – 9 pm

Midway

Sunday – Thursday	10 am – 11 pm
Friday and Saturday	10 am – midnight

Gate Admission Prices

Adults (13 – 59)	\$10
Youth (5 – 12)	\$8
Senior (60+)	\$8
Children under five	Free

Rides

\$1 coupons. Special ride-all-day wristbands are available for \$20.

Kiddie	1 coupon
Super Kiddie	2 coupons
Spectacular	2 coupons
Super-spectacular	3 coupons

Discounts on Admission and Ride Wristbands

Save on gate admission prices with \$6 tickets available through Aug. 9 at Kroger, participating AAA locations and Ticketmaster outlets. Purchase ride-all-day wristband vouchers (to be redeemed at the Fair for a wristband) for only \$17 at Ticketmaster outlets through July 28 only.

Stroller, Wagon, Wheelchair and Locker Rentals

Stroller, wagon, wheelchair and locker rentals are available at the Cardinal and OHIO gates only (these are the two main entrance gates). Strollers, wagons, wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs and lockers will be available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis.

Stroller	\$9 per day
Wagon	\$13 per day
Manual Wheelchair	\$15 per day
Electric Wheelchair	\$45 per day, or \$30 after 5 pm
Lockers (12" wide x 12" high x 15" deep)	\$1.00 per locker per day

Souvenir Gift Shops

Fairgoers have the opportunity to make their memories last with a souvenir from one of the official Ohio State Fair Souvenir Gift Shops. Items offered include hats, apparel, lapel pens, novelty items and more.

First Aid Station

A first aid station is located on the east side of the Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau. Basic first aid is provided. Hours are 10 am – 11 pm weekdays, 10 am – midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Facilities and Services for the Disabled

The Ohio State Fair provides a number of facilities and accommodations so fairgoers with disabilities can have a comfortable and enjoyable visit. Buildings, phones and most restrooms are handicapped-accessible. Both motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs can be rented near the main entrances of the Fair.

Banking Services

ATMs are located throughout the Fair for your convenience. Please refer to the Fair map for specific locations.

Coca-Cola Information Centers

Ask for directions or information and pick up a copy of the daily schedule and map at various locations around the grounds.

Camping

Long-term (entire Fair) camping is located in the North and East lots: Reservations must be accepted and paid for in advance. Both lots are full hook-up. For reservations, call 614-644-4136.

Short-term camping is located in the West lot: Available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations accepted. Water and electric hook-up provided. No sewer hook-up.

Recycling at the Fair

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Rumpke Recycling are proud to support the Ohio State Fair's recycling efforts. Look for the numerous large blue containers to recycle your plastic bottles, cans, cardboard and clean paper while on the grounds. Visit rumpkerrecycling.com to see what happens to your recycled items from the Ohio State Fair. Rumpke Recycling has been keeping neighborhoods like yours clean and green since 1932.

Premier Hotel Partners of the Ohio State Fair

Baymont Inn & Suites – Continent
614-848-9696
www.baymontinns.com/hotel/15558

Comfort Inn
614-885-4084
www.comfortinn.com/hotel-columbus-ohio-OH156

Crowne Plaza – Columbus North
614-885-1885
www.crowneplaza.com/ColumbusNorth

Hilton Garden Inn – University Area
614-263-7200
www.hiltongardeninn1.hilton.com

Holiday Inn – Downtown Capitol Square
614-221-3281
www.ichotelgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/cmhet

Ramada Plaza
614-846-0300
1-877-609-6086
www.ramadaplazacolumbus.com

University Plaza & Conference Center
614-267-7462
www.universityplazaosu.com

Varsity Inn North
614-291-2983
www.varsityinn.com

History and Milestones

From the very first Fair held in Cincinnati in 1850, which lasted only three days, to the 12-day exposition of today, the Ohio State Fair has celebrated Ohio's products, its people and their accomplishments.

How it all began

In 1846, the Ohio Legislature created the 53-member Board of Agriculture. One of the Board's first acts was to establish a District Fair. The resulting 1847 District Fair at Wilmington and the 1848 District Fair at Xenia were both successful, thus warranting a State Fair.

The first Ohio State Fair was planned for September 1849, but an outbreak of Asiatic cholera forced cancellation of those plans. The following year, later dates were set to lessen the risk of cholera. Even so, Darius Lapham, the superintendent of the grounds, died of the disease just a few weeks before the opening date.

Camp Washington (two miles east of downtown Cincinnati) was the site of the first Ohio State Fair, Oct. 2 – 4, 1850. The site was described as eight to 10 acres with grass slopes, shade trees and numerous tents. The grounds were enclosed by a 10-foot-high board fence. Cattle were tethered to a railing along the carriage road.

The railroads offered strong support to the early state fairs. Special rates were offered whereby exhibits were transported without charge, and the exhibitor rode for half fare. Several Central Ohioans contributed to the support of the first Fair, including Alfred Kelley, owner of the Columbus and Xenia Railroad Company.

Cash premiums at the first Fair did not exceed \$20, with the exception of an award of \$50 given to the winning essayists on the topic "Improving the Soil." During the early state fairs, winners received medals, not ribbons, as awards. In 1850, the silver medal was valued at \$3.

The public was admitted only on the second and third days of the first Fair. Day one was devoted to setting up and judging. Admission was 20 cents, but exhibitors could buy a \$1 badge for admission for their families. A visitor could also buy a \$1 badge for one gentleman and two ladies.

The two-day attendance was estimated at 25,000 to 30,000 people.

Transportation around Ohio was difficult. Therefore, the majority of exhibitors came from close proximity to the Fair. Officials reasoned that moving the Fair should increase interest and attendance.

Over the next 22 years, the Fair was held in the following cities:

1851	Columbus (on the site of Mt. Caramel Hospital)
1852	Cleveland
1853	Dayton
1854	Newark
1855	Columbus (on the site of Mt. Caramel Hospital)
1856	Cleveland
1857	Cincinnati
1858	Sandusky

1859	Zanesville
1860 – 1861	Dayton
1862 – 1863	Cleveland
1864 – 1865	Columbus (on the site of Schiller Park)
1866 – 1867	Dayton
1868 – 1869	Toledo
1870 – 1871	Springfield
1872 – 1873	Mansfield
1874 – 1885	Columbus (on the site of Franklin Park)

Finally, in 1886, the Fair moved to its current home at what is now called the Ohio Expo Center. The main entrance to the site was at the southwest corner of the grounds along Woodward Avenue. The OHIO Gate entrance is currently located at 11th Avenue.

Historical Milestones

1853 – Entertainment crept into the Fair programming with pony rides for children and monkeys dressed in hats that danced to minstrel tunes.

1860 – Fair premiums rose to \$200, up from \$20 in 1850.

1884 – In July, prior to the Fair's opening, a racing mare kicked over a lantern resulting in 100 stalls being burned. Damages to buildings totaled \$1,100. The dead mare was valued at \$5,000.

1886 – The current Ohio State Fair site was dedicated on Tuesday, Aug. 31 during the 37th Ohio State Fair. Gov. Foraker accepted the grounds in front of a crowd of 6,000.

1890s – At least 16 railroad companies served Columbus and the Fair.

1894 – A college football tournament was held this year. Participating schools included Denison, Miami, Wittenberg, Buchtel (Akron) and The Ohio State University.

1896 – The Ohio State Fair became the first fair with an electric lighting system. This made it possible to offer nighttime racing. Horseless vehicles also made their first appearance this year.

1903 – The first butter cow and calf were featured at the Fair. They were made by A. T. Shelton & Company, distributors of Sunbury Co-Operative Creamery butter. Additional sculptures were added in the 1960s, the subjects of which change each year.

1916 – On the eve of World War I, the largest American flag (136 feet by 65 feet) was displayed at the 11th Avenue entrance, now known as the OHIO Gate.

1922 – Just days before the scheduled opening of the Fair, fire raged across the grounds. Six buildings were destroyed including the central group, the Horticulture Building and the East and West Buildings. Loss was estimated at more than \$800,000.

1924 – Earliest records of the Ohio State Fair Queen contest date back to this year.

1925 – The Diamond Jubilee Spectacle saluted the 75th anniversary of the Fair. More than 2,000 participants enacted the evolution of the Fair in three 25-year periods on three stages.

1925 – The All-Ohio Boys Band was first mentioned in historical accounts this year. It is now called the All-Ohio State Fair Band and includes both boys and girls.

1928 – The renowned John Philip Sousa Band performed twice daily at the 1928 Fair.

1929 – The Junior Fair was formed. Today, Ohio is proud to host one of the nation's largest junior fairs with more than 17,000 youth participating.

1941 – A sign of the times found 150 female Fair ticket takers hired in place of men for the first time.

1942 – 1945 – The Board of Agriculture canceled the Ohio State Fair and allowed the war department to use the grounds and buildings for handling airplane parts and equipment. The Army Air Corps rented the facility for \$1 per year. A similar fate befell fairs in Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

1957 – The first female livestock judge, Mrs. Maurice Neville, judged the Yorkshire Swine Show.

1963 – The All-Ohio Youth Choir was established.

1966 – At the 11th Avenue Gate, the new OHIO entrance was built at a cost of \$40,000.

1968 – The first Sale of Champions Livestock Auction was held with sales amounting \$22,674.

1969 – The first portion of the SkyGlider was built this year. It was later extended to 11th Avenue in 1984. The Giant Slide also opened this year.

1972 – Fires struck the Ohio Expo Center in October during the American Dairy Show. Three connecting barns were burned, killing three head of cattle and destroying virtually all the exhibitors' belongings. These buildings have since been replaced by the Gilligan Complex and the O'Neill Swine Area.

1976 – In celebration of the country's bicentennial, a time capsule was buried in the gardens near the 11th Avenue gate (now the OHIO Gate). It holds treasures of the times from the Ohio State Fair, Ohio sports teams, coins and stamps, a T-shirt, Levis and tennis shoes. It will be opened in 2026.

1990 – The condemned Ohio State Fair Grandstand was demolished. The Celeste Center replaced it as the site for the Fair's big-name entertainment, as well as a venue for many Expo events throughout the year.

1995 – The George V. Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center was completed. It is the newest facility at the Ohio Expo Center.

2000 – The Ohio State Fair celebrated its 150th anniversary with a new exhibit, "History in the Making."

2002 – The 11th Avenue OHIO Gate, built in 1966, was torn down and replaced with a redesigned, contemporary OHIO Gate.

2003 – The Ohio State Fair celebrated its 150th Fair. The first Fair was held in 1850 and there has been one every year since, excluding 1942 to 1945.

2004 – The length of the Fair was modified from 17 days to 12 days.

2006 – The Ohio State Fair broke its single-day attendance record. On Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, a record number of 110,234 fairgoers visited the Fair.

NEW AT THE 2009 FAIR



Attractions

World Championship Mutton Bustin', Daily

The toughest sport on wool comes to the Ohio State Fair to challenge riders 6 years and younger to last six seconds on a sheep.

BMX Pros Bike & Board Trick Team presented by WWHO, Daily

Be exhilarated as unbelievable bicycle and skateboard aerial stunts are performed right before your eyes.

Wild About Monkeys presented by PERC, Daily

Renowned baboon trainers Kevin and Martina delight and amaze the audience with fun, education and great family-friendly entertainment featuring baboons, a baby capuchin monkey, parrot and leopard dog.

Extreme, Daily

Come to the Midway and be thrilled by the new ride, Extreme, presented by Amusements of America.

Earth Block, Daily

"Everything Old is New Again" as a low cost, energy efficient, 100 percent sustainable house is constructed. See for yourself how the Compressed Earth Blocks are made and observe the building process.

The Columbus Radio Control Racing Club Fair Shootout '09, July 31 – Aug. 2

Watch the intense action as the state's best radio-controlled car drivers compete in five different radio-controlled classes. Try your hand at it on Aug. 3.

Via Colori Art, Aug. 1

The Ohio State Fair is looking for street artists to create urban works of art at the Fair in front of the Cox Fine Arts Center.

Competitions

Candy Box Decoration

Entries will be judged on the appearance of the candy box, as well as the quality of the various candies contained within the box.

Cupcakes Galore

Amateur bakers only are invited to enter homemade cupcakes in this new competition. Additionally, a baker from the Kroger Company will conduct a cooking demonstration on cupcake popularity and provide attendees with some great party ideas.

Decorated Thrones

Individuals or groups can decorate a clean, sanitized toilet or "throne" in this fun competition, judged on creativity and originality.

Domestic Goddess Apron

Amy Butler Designs will award \$350 in premium dollars and a prize package of Amy Butler Designs products to the winner of this competition, which requires that each entry begin with an Amy Butler Designs pattern.

Duct Tape Wagon Float

Each entrant receives 10 free rolls (various colors) of Duck® brand Duct Tape to create a float and win a \$775 premium.

Fastest Knitting

Are you a swift knitter? See if your speed and accuracy compare to other Ohio knitters in this fun competition with needles and yarn provided. A class for beginners will also be offered.

Fresh Vegetables

The Pearl Alley Growers' Association will award \$200 in premium awards to the winners of this competition, in which fresh vegetables are used as the main ingredient to make a family-size dish.

King Arthur "Great Cake Competition"

Bake your greatest cake with King Arthur Flour to enter at the Ohio State Fair. Taste, presentation and texture are the key criteria. In addition to a \$150 King Arthur gift card, the winning cake may even be selected nationally by King Arthur Flour to be featured on their Web site.

Watermelon Seed Spitting

Youth, teens and adults can enjoy a slice of watermelon provide by Sodexo while spitting for distance and accuracy.

Exhibits

Janis Center

This historical exhibit is focusing on the evolution of the Ohio State Fair since its inception in 1850. With scale models and scavenger hunts, the Janis Center will please everyone.

NASA Glenn "Journey to Tomorrow"

Get your chance to soar as you step foot into NASA's newest traveling exhibit while they celebrate 100 years of powered flight.

Main Street Stage Bands

Terry Lee and the Rockaboogie Band, July 29

Terry Lee and his high-energy Rockaboogie Band put on a first-class show built around the pumping sounds of the piano, channeling artists such as Elvis, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Goshorn Brothers, July 30

Brothers Tim and Larry, both former members of Pure Prairie League and The Sacred Mushroom, along with several other talented artists, combine blues and folk rock to create their fantastic sound.

Travis Haddix, July 31

With 10 albums to his name, award-winning blues artist Travis Haddix has perfected a style that evokes the sounds of the amazing 1960s urban blues.

CITYFOLK and the Ohio Arts Council present Ohio Heritage Showcase, Aug. 1

This mini music festival held within the Fair welcomes three performers with strong cultural influences, including the amazing jazz FYI Quintet, Grammy Award-winning Sones de Mexico and Ohio bluegrass group Joe Mullens and the Radio Ramblers.

Cook and Belle, Aug. 2

This band's hit tunes are a sound of their own, mixing raw passion, rock, country and soul with a gospel influence.

7th Heaven, Aug. 3

This well-known indie band hails from Chicago and Ireland with extraordinary original songs, some of which have been featured on MTV.

Patrick McLaughlin Band, Aug. 4

This nationally-recognized trio is known for their innovative, deep-rooted blues.

Sharell Andrews and the R&B Station Band, Aug. 5

The enthusiastic R&B Station Band featuring Sharell Andrews is known for their unique "rocking soul" music style, performing everything from classic rock to today's music.

Street Level, Aug. 6

This multi-faceted group of unique individuals has come together with a love of music from multiple genres including Motown, funk, classic rock, modern country, contemporary and pop.

The Kay Carter Band, Aug. 7

Kay and her eclectic band have a wide variety of musical talents and interests, playing an amazing repertoire including blues, R&B, funk, rock and more.

Kique Infante & Dejavu Latin Fusion, Aug. 8

Columbus, Ohio's own Kique Infante has built a 7-part band that beautifully blends Latin American rhythms such as salsa, festejo and joropo with others like pop, rock and funk.

Austin Hicks and the Rattlesnake River Band, Aug. 8

This fresh band has a true passion for country music, showing when they perform their particular blend of country, rock and Christian.

ZIV, Aug. 9

Exceptional modern rock band ZIV brings their distinctive music, which has been featured on numerous national TV channels such as MTV and FOX, to the Ohio State Fair.

Roving Entertainers

The Pink Panther

This popular pink feline will be on the loose this year putting smiles on children's faces.

Garfield

Despite his love for the couch and the comfort of his home, Garfield will be out and about at this year's Fair.

President Abraham Lincoln

Feel like a part of history when you see this former president of the United States at the Ohio State Fair.

The Enchanted Wagon

A giant box turtle with a magical gypsy wagon on its back will roam throughout the Fair, giving various puppets the chance to pop out of the wagon's windows and doors to entertain and interact with your family.

Steve Phillips

Ohio's premier balloon twister can make more than 500 different balloon animals, objects and decorations such as a fruit basket, rainbow and numerous flashy hats.

Greg Frisbee

This creative and daring juggler will shock fairgoers with his outstanding and outlandish talents.

Michael Roy

This phenomenal origami artist can turn one square piece of paper into an amazing masterpiece, and some lucky fairgoers will be able to return home with a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

FAST FACTS



Attendance

1998	975,816*
1999	971,108*
2000	980,819*
2001	950,419*
2002	969,261*
2003	1,011,331*
2004	850,218
2005	802,074
2006	814,152
2007	806,301
2008	809,321

*Denotes 17-day Fair. The length was modified from 17 days to 12 days in 2004.

Entry

Every year, thousands of people attend and participate in the Ohio State Fair. Participants can enter multiple animals in one livestock category. Listed below are the 2008 entry and exhibit numbers.

Livestock Categories	Entries	Exhibitors
Junior Fair Beef	489	287
Junior Fair Dairy	751	229
Junior Fair Goats	621	173
Junior Fair Sheep	1,572	470
Junior Fair Swine	1,621	586
Junior Fair Poultry	696	112
Junior Fair Rabbits	465	114
Junior Fair Horse	1,823	797
Skillathon	1,057	
Dogs	895	182
(Total Junior Fair)	8,933	4,107
Open Beef	922	355
Open Dairy	1,516	548
Open Goats	644	76
Open Sheep	2,520	615
Open Swine	2,092	646
Open Poultry	1,927	23
Open Rabbits	665	89
Llamas	269	54
(Total Open)	10,555	2,406

Non-Livestock Categories	Entries	Exhibitors
Fine Arts	884	320
Creative Arts	2,173	323
Youth Organizations	9,181	6,628
Spelling Bee	69	69
Sports Competitions	1,300	1,300
Ag & Hort	719	57
Youth Gardens	96	31
Home Brew	241	67
Cheese	17	5
(Total Non-Livestock)	15,220	8,800
Totals	34,708	15,313

Past Performers

Over the years, some of the nation's most popular entertainers have appeared at the Ohio State Fair Grandstand and Celeste Center. Here's a sampling of a few of the big-name stars that have performed at the Fair:

Air Supply	1983
Alabama	1984, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001
Alan Jackson	2001, 2003
America	1983, 2006
Barbara Mandrell	1981, 1982, 1989, 1993
Beach Boys, The	1974, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1988
Bee Gees	1968
Bill Cosby	1974, 1992
Bob Hope	1996 – 1970, 1972, 1975 – 1982, 1991
Bow Wow	2003
Brad Paisley	2005
Brooks & Dunn	2005
Carpenters, The	1971
Cheap Trick	2001
Chubby Checker	1974, 1979
Clay Aiken	2004, 2005
Diamond Rio	2003
Diana Ross and the Supremes	1967
Dick Clark	1965
Dierks Bentley	2008, 2009
Dionne Warwick	1973, 1983
Dolly Parton	1977 – 1979, 1982
Garth Brooks	1991
Gary Allan	2007, 2008
George Strait	1988
Gladys Knight & the Pips	1981

Gretchen Wilson	2004
Ike and Tina Turner	1972
Jackson Five	1971, 1973
James Brown	1968
Jessica Andrews & Billy Gilman	2001
Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra	1958, 1997, 2006
Johnny Carson	1968
Johnny Cash	1958, 1969 – 1971, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1996
Johnny Mathis	1963
Kenny Rogers	1972, 1978, 1979, 2006, 2009
Kool & the Gang	1981 – 1983, 1986, 1988
Lifehouse	2002
Liza Minnelli	1974
Mac Davis	1971 – 1978, 1981
Michael W. Smith	2002
Miles Davis	1965
Mya	2001
Neal McCoy	2004
New Kids on the Block	1989
Newsboys	2004
Oak Ridge Boys	1980, 1982, 1984 – 1991, 1996, 2003, 2006
Olivia Newton John	1974
Osmonds, The	1965, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1986
Pat Boone	1956, 1957, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1988
Rascal Flatts	2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009
Reba McEntire	1983, 1989, 1992, 1993
Ricky Nelson	1957
Roberta Flack	1972
Sammy Kershaw	2001
Sonny & Cher	1967, 1973
Switchfoot	2005
Tanya Tucker	1975, 1976
Terri Clark	2003
Tom Jones	1971
Travis Tritt	2002, 2004
Uncle Kracker	2003
Vince Gill	1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002
WAR	2001, 2006
“Weird Al” Yankovic	2007
Willie Nelson	1998, 2002
ZZ Top	2005

40th Anniversaries

Added in 1969, the Giant Slide and Ford SkyGlider both celebrate their 40th anniversaries this year. Each has become a Fair favorite, bringing in thousands of riders each year.

Giant Slide

Millions of fairgoers have ridden the Giant Slide since its installation in 1969, hiking up 105 steps and sliding down 140 feet on a burlap sack. With 40 mats and room for around 10 riders at a time, approximately 1,500 fairgoers ride the Giant Slide every hour. Sliding at approximately 15 miles per hour, fairgoers young and old can enjoy this Fair favorite.

Ford SkyGlider

At 30 feet in the air, the Ford SkyGlider offers visitors a bird's eye view of the Fair. As one of the world's longest portable sky rides, 98 carts make the half-mile journey across the grounds, averaging around 1,800 riders per hour. The building of this landmark began in 1969, and a second portion, extending to 11th Avenue was added in 1984. Millions of riders have shared the Ford SkyGlider experience over the past 40 years.

Fun Facts

In 2008, more than 175 food vendors grossed \$3.95 million throughout the 12 days of the Fair.

The Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church has been a vendor for more than 90 years, serving since 1917. Maynard Avenue is staffed by volunteers and church members and is open 24 hours.

The Ferris wheel, a favorite ride of many fairgoers, has approximately 7,500 lights.

The current world record for watermelon seed spitting is 68 feet, 9 1/8 inches and was set in 1989. This year's Watermelon Seed Spitting Competition offers fairgoers the chance to break that record.

The Ohio Expo Center's permanent staff comprises 65 employees, 61 of which work full-time. The total service time of the permanent employees is 985.33 years, averaging 15.15 years per person.

Of the full-time permanent employees, nine have served more than 20 years and six have served more than 30 years.

This year 17 seasonal employees are octogenarians, or between 80 and 90 years old.

ATTRACTIONS



Rides

Ford SkyGlider

One of the world's longest portable sky rides is right in your own backyard at the Ohio State Fair. Hop on and enjoy a relaxing bird's-eye view of the Fair in a half-mile journey across the grounds. Access points are in Kiddieland and near the Cardinal Gate. With the first portion built in 1969, the Ford SkyGlider celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

Giant Slide

Grab a burlap sack, hike up the 105 steps and take an exciting trip down this 144-foot long slide. Since 1969, the Giant Slide has been a Fair tradition for all to enjoy. This year celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Midway

More than 65 rides will twist, turn, plunge, spin, shock and excite fairgoers. From the traditional Ferris wheel to free-fall drops, the rides at the Ohio State Fair are as thrilling as ever. Be sure to visit this year's new ride, Extreme, presented by Amusements of America.

Kiddieland

Parents and children alike can enjoy a visit to Kiddieland with fun rides developed just for kids and their families, including mini-coasters, a merry-go-round and bumper boats.

Butter Cow

In the early 1900s, The Ohio State University and the dairy processors of Ohio sponsored butter sculpting contests at the Ohio State Fair. The subjects of these contests were not restricted to specific things.

Eventually, the butter cow, and later the calf, found a permanent home in the Dairy Products Building which was built in the 1920s. New cow and calf sculptures are sculpted each year, and have become a Fair tradition.

A temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit is maintained inside the cooler.

Each year, approximately 500,000 people visit the Dairy Products Building to see the butter sculptures and enjoy dairy products. Fairgoers look forward to seeing the featured butter sculptures that are unveiled each year.

Some previously featured butter sculptures include

Neil Armstrong	A Hasbro Tonka Truck
Jack Nicklaus	A tribute to the Columbus Zoo
Darth Vader	A tribute to the Olympics
Mr. Monopoly	Astronaut John Glenn
Furbee	A tribute to 4-H
Dave Thomas of Wendy's	The Liberty Bell
A bald eagle	A tribute to the Ohio State Buckeyes
The modern dairy farmer	90th anniversary of the ice cream cone
A salute to the armed forces	A tribute to the Columbus Crew

Last year, the butter sculpture paid tribute to the eight United States presidents from Ohio. Each president's face was sculpted Mount Rushmore-style to create "Mount Buckeye."

Indoor

OVMA Veterinary Education Center inside the Wick Building

Expectant and new farm animal mothers are housed in the OVMA Veterinary Education Center inside the Wick Building, which is located near the Dairy Products Building. Come witness the miracle of birth and visit some new mothers and their young.

Antiques & Collectibles Pavilion

A variety of antique dealers and exhibitors are located in this area.

DiSalle Creative Arts Center

Visit a variety of competitions and demonstrations, covering a wide range of talents and hobbies.

Heritage Crafts Building

Visit period artisans demonstrating and selling their traditional wares.

Janis Center

This historical exhibit is focusing on the evolution of the Ohio State Fair since its inception in 1850. With scale models and scavenger hunts, the Janis Center will please everyone.

MarketPlace Building

The MarketPlace is home to commercial and educational exhibits, open from 10 am – 9 pm, as well as the International Food Court. You can also find Health Craft Cooking Shows at 11 am, 3 pm, 5 pm and 7 pm daily.

North Commercial Pavilion

This venue holds commercial and informational booths offering a variety of wares. Healthy Gourmet shows are held at 10 am, noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm daily.

K12/Ohio Virtual Academy Youth Center

Check out countless projects, contests and displays from a number of youth organizations from across the state including 4-H, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, FFA, Girl Scouts, Grange and Technology Education.

Outdoor

The Columbus Radio Control Racing Club Fair Shootout '09

Watch the intense action as the state's best radio-controlled car drivers compete for gold in five different radio controlled classes.

Kayak for Kids

Kids can splash around in the 7,000-square-foot pond while kayaking and learning water safety.

Masters of the Chainsaw

Prepare to be amazed by this artisan's skills as, four times daily, Brian Ruth turns a 3-foot log into an intricate work of art utilizing the speed, noise and power of his trusty chainsaw.

Monster Mural

Contribute to the making of a masterpiece as you paint your mark on a giant mural.

World Championship Mutton Bustin'

The toughest sport on wool comes to the Ohio State Fair to challenge riders 6 years and younger to last six seconds on a sheep.

Natural Resources Park

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources maintains an 8-acre park on the southeast end of the grounds. Activities include free fishing for kids, kayaking and archery. There are many things to observe such as Ohio wildlife, a log cabin and a tall grass prairie. The amphitheater hosts music and entertaining programs throughout the day.

This year, celebrate with Smokey Bear as you join him for his 65th birthday on Aug. 9.

Daily Parade presented by WINK 107.1

Fairgoers can enjoy the Daily Parade presented by WINK 107.1 at 4 pm each day except Aug. 9. The parade features the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir and a special daily Grand Marshal.

Pig Races

Choose your favorite oinker and cheer for these swift swine as they race around the track for a prize. Three different species of pigs compete for this prize at each race.

Pony Rides / Petting Zoo

The Petting Zoo, located at the south end of Kiddieland, features more than 50 animals from around the world. Pony rides are offered in addition to the chance to interact with these live creatures daily.

BMX Pros Bike & Board Trick Team presented by WWHO

Be exhilarated as unbelievable bicycle and skateboard aerial stunts are performed right before your eyes.

Wild About Monkeys presented by PERC

Renowned baboon trainers Kevin and Martina delight and amaze the audience with fun, education and great family-friendly entertainment featuring baboons, a baby capuchin monkey, parrot and leopard dog.

Food

With more than 175 vendors, there's something for every appetite at various locations across the grounds. Special dietary options are also available.

Taste of Ohio Café presented by ABN / The BARN

Home to the Heartland Cuisine Cooking Demonstrations and specialty foods from Ohio commodity groups, including:

ADA Mideast / Ohio Dairy Producers Association

Ohio Cattlemens Association

Ohio Corn Growers Association

Ohio Pork Producer Council

Ohio Poultry Association
Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

Heartland Cuisine Demonstrations

OHIO Proud, talented chefs and local celebrities instruct on how to prepare their favorite recipes using ingredients made or grown in Ohio. Fairgoers attending the demonstrations have the opportunity to taste a sample of the final product and get a copy of the recipe to try at home. You can find these tasty demonstrations in the Taste of Ohio Café presented by ABN / The BARN.

Wednesday, July 29

1 pm – Liana Lee, Tomato, Spinach and Basil Soup
3 pm – Terry Lake, Annie B's Hometown BBQ Western Burger
5 pm – Mitch & Penny Lynd, Apple Crisp

Thursday, July 30

1 pm – Kelly Green, Chicken Marsala
3 pm – Connie Cahill, Marinated Four Bean Salad & Primo Veggie Pasta
5 pm – Teri Horsley & William Bozarth, Pinwheel Pork Tenderloin

Friday, July 31

1 pm – Stephanie Stute, Ham and Almond Pastry Ring
3 pm – Patrick Murphy, Roast Rack of Lamb with Cilantro Mint Pesto
5 pm – Bill Bird, Billy Jim's BBQ Chicken Pasta Salad

Saturday, Aug. 1

11 am – Jeff Kalbus, Pepperoni Bread
1 pm – Nancy Zwick, BBQ Chicken and Cheddar Foil Packet Dinner
3 pm – Polly Campbell, Pork Chops with Ohio Farmers' Market Warm Slaw
5 pm – Randa Sweet, Charming Cherry Kiss Cheesecake Dip & Not Your Momma's Meatballs

Sunday, Aug. 2

1 pm – Hocking College Hot Foods Team, Italian-Style Lamb Round and Lamb Patties
3 pm – Saimi Bergmann, Summer Salad with Chicken Bites
5 pm – Thomas Landusky, Spicy Sage & Bacon Dumplings with Tomato Basil Sauce

Monday, Aug. 3

1 pm – Matthew Anderson, Finger Lickin' Yummy in your Tummy Good BBQ Chicken
3 pm – Steve Stover, Steak Florentine
5 pm – Diana Fessler, Morning, Noon and Night Gretna Grillin' J Cheese

Tuesday, Aug. 4

1 pm – Teri Ralston, Grilled Flatiron Steak Salad with Basil Lime Dressing
3 pm – Katie Miller, Garden Fresh Pork Fajitas
5 pm – Jackie Murray, Ranchhouse Beef Pockets

Wednesday, Aug. 5

1 pm – Emily Agle & Michelle Downerd, Moroccan-style Beef Kabobs with Spiced Bulgur

3 pm – Eric Pfaff, Asian Grilled Leg of Lamb

5 pm – Connie Cahill, Chocolate Covered Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream Nests

Thursday, Aug. 6

11 am – Robin Davis, Banana Cream Pie

1 pm – Bonnie Ayers, Tres Leches Cake

3 pm – David Eisel, Bob Evans Italian Sausage Meat Sauce

5 pm – Karen Byrd, Char Grilled Vegetable Appetizer Terrine

Friday, Aug. 7

11 am – Shawn and Mark Schmittgen, Crab and Apple Coleslaw

1 pm – Heather Hetterick, Pork Sliders

3 pm – Branon Workman, Grilled Tilapia with Pico de Gallo and Avocado

5 pm – Andy Vance, Easy Steak Diane

Saturday, Aug. 8

11 am – Senator George Voinovich, Trout with Tarragon Butter and Pine Nuts

1 pm – June McCarthy, Minted Lamb and Sugar Snap Pea Salad

3 pm – Jim Chakeres, The Perfect Hard Cooked Egg

5 pm – Connie Cahill, Strawberry Trifle & Spicy Chicken Soy Quesadilla

MarketPlace International Food Court

Enjoy Chinese, Mexican, Italian and other international cuisines housed in the center of the MarketPlace building, a 3.5-acre air-conditioned facility.

WNCI Food Highway

There are so many good things to eat and drink at the Fair, you just can't get them all in one day. Take a stroll down the WNCI Food Highway featuring 175 food vendors, located under the Ford SkyGlider. For those who wish to dine in comfort, visit any the Fair's three air-conditioned restaurants.

Promotions On The Go

AT&T Tour

East of the Rhodes Center, July 29 – Aug. 2

Stop by the AT&T Fan Zone Tour to see the latest in wireless devices. Free prizes will be given out to all that register, so stop by to play games, check your e-mail or make a call.

BP Invigorate Station

West of DiSalle Creative Arts Center, July 29 – Aug. 4

Don't miss the BP Invigorate Experience at the Ohio State Fair, July 29 – Aug. 4.

Living Zero Home Tour

South of the Midway, July 29 – Aug. 5

The Living Zero Home Tour features ENERGY STAR® products, eco-friendly construction methods and innovative technologies to demonstrate how to integrate energy efficient products into their homes. High performance, low maintenance building materials, home systems, and appliances will be showcased.

Thrivent Builds Mobile 2009

South of Cardinal Gate, July 29 – Aug. 2

Visit the Thrivent Builds Mobile (sponsored by an alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® and Habitat for Humanity® International), a 67-foot bright red semi that houses a multimedia exhibit depicting substandard housing. Visitors learn how they can help families in need build decent, affordable homes and can participate in free children's activities and games.

Honey Bunches of Oats

West of DiSalle Creative Arts Center, July 30 – Aug. 2

Be sure to visit the Post Honey Bunches of Oats "Taste the Joy" event where you can sample one of the many flavors of Honey Bunches of Oats cereal and find your perfect spoonful. Visit onespoonful.com for more product information, promotions, recipes and additional HBO tour stops around the country.

HoneyComb

West side of Kiddieland, July 30 – Aug. 2

Stop by the Hoppin HoneyComb Hive Tour on the edge of Kiddieland where kids can experience the bungee / trampoline, play video games and enjoy free samples of HoneyComb cereal.

M&M's Ice Cream Summer of Fun Tour

Kiddieland Island, July 30 – Aug. 2

Stop by the M&M's Ice Cream Summer of Fun booth and celebrate summer with refreshing complimentary sample. Enjoy your choice of an M&M's Ice Cream Treat, Cookie or Cone.

Pop Tarts Summer Tour

North Entrance of the Midway, July 30 and 31

Check out the Pop Tarts Summer Tour to receive Pop Tart samples and free giveaways.

Got Milk? Drink Well Live Well Tour

North entrance to Midway, July 31

Cool off as you stop by the Got Milk? Drink Well Live Well Tour where you may sample milk, milkshakes, smoothies and more. Plus, get a chance to get a photo with the infamous milk mustache.

Big Ten Network Mobile Tour

East of FFA Building, North of 17th Ave., July 31 and Aug. 1

For one day only, visit the Big Ten Network tour to engage in your interactive photo opportunity with BigTen Championship trophies.

Char-Broil

Northeast of Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort Building, July 31 – Aug. 2

The Char-Broil Infrared Tour is out on the road again, traveling the nation's outdoor festivals, NASCAR races and retail stores to educate consumers about the superior benefits of Char-Broil's infrared grills and other outdoor cooking products. To follow the tour or to learn more about Char-Broil, visit charbroil.com.

Haier Innovation Home Mobile Tour**Northeast of the Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort Building, July 31 – Aug. 2**

This tour will showcase the next wave of convenient home appliances and consumer electronics in a unique, engaging way.

Lunchables**Northwest end of Kiddieland, July 31 – Aug. 2**

Come stop by the Lunchables Lunch Your Tummy Right Tour and experience fun for the whole family. The tour is only in town for a few days so bring your kids for free samples, giveaways, an inflatable climbing wall and much more. For more information, please visit lunchables.com.

Nintendo Wii**South end of the Midway, West of BMX Stunt Show, July 31 – Aug. 2**

Nintendo Wii's Mobile Tour is giving everyone the opportunity to come play the latest Wii games at the Ohio State Fair.

Ocean Spray**Edge of Kiddieland, Aug. 1 and 2**

Stop by for your free samples of Pomegranate Juice Drink Blends and Craisins®, Ocean Spray's sweetened dried cranberries.

Walgreens / AARP Screening Bus**East of Rhodes Center, Aug. 1 – 3**

The AARP / Walgreens Wellness Tour is at the Ohio State Fair as part of a 3,000-community, two-year national mobile health screening tour with a goal of providing more than \$60 million worth of free health screenings. The six free screenings take place inside the customized vehicle and include total cholesterol levels, blood pressure, bone density, glucose levels, waist circumference and body mass index. Collectively the six health screenings (available for adults 18 and over) are worth more than \$140 in value.

Meijer Summer Mobile Tour**South end of Kiddieland, Aug. 4 – 6**

The Meijer Mobile Virtual Playground is a fully staffed mobile unit featuring an on-site HP photo creations area, Nintendo Wii gaming, meijer.com kiosks for virtual shopping and Meijer Brand product sampling / demonstrations.

Morton's System Saver II Tour, Aug. 6 – 9

The Morton's System Saver II Tour has games, product displays and enough prizes to make sure no one walks away empty handed. While at the booth, don't forget to sign up for a chance to win a premium water softener system, courtesy of Morton's.

Nintendo Dsi**East of Rhodes Center, Aug. 6 – 8**

Stop by the Nintendo Dsi Tour for and play the latest Nintendo Dsi games.

GEICO**North of 17th Ave., Aug. 7 – 9**

The GEICO booth provides a fun place to visit where people can meet the GECKO. Stop on by and enter in a sweepstakes that could land you prizes. Fifteen minutes could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance.

Ohio Lottery**North of 17th Ave., Aug. 7 and 8**

Stop by Ohio Lottery's location where you can "spin and win" for great prizes and leave your mark on the Monster Mural celebrating Ohio Lottery's 35 years of supporting Ohio Education.

Wahl "Let It Grow" Tour**Northeast of Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort Building, Aug. 7 – 9**

The WAHL "Let It Grow" Tour is kicking off its fourth year on the road at the Ohio State Fair. We're looking for the nation's best beard, mustache and goatee at our "Men of the Year" photo contest with winners in each category receiving a grand prize at the end of the tour. Step up to the mobile barbershop and get a free facial hair trim from one of our professional stylists as well as plenty of chances to win prizes by battling our giant hi striker and trivia challenges.

Cirque du Soliel**Central Park, Aug. 9**

Visit the Cirque du Soleil Street Team at the Ohio State Fair and learn about *Saltimbanco*, coming to the Nationwide Arena in August! Here you can receive more information on the show plus enter to win a Family 4 Pack of Tickets to experience this high intensity, acrobatic spectacle.

ENTERTAINMENT



“AEP OHIO” Concert Series, WCOL Celeste Center

Wednesday, July 29

Kelly Clarkson with special guest Eric Hutchinson / 7 pm / \$36

Since winning season one of American Idol, superstar Kelly Clarkson has topped the charts. Her songs such as “Since U Been Gone” and “Breakaway” have become hits both here and abroad. American singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson’s number one radio hit “Rock & Roll” has made him a household name.

Thursday, July 30

Jeff Dunham / 7 pm / \$38

Featured in Forbes and Time Magazine, hysterical ventriloquist Jeff Dunham and his puppet sidekicks will have you laughing the night away. See him perform live while you hear the best of Achmed, Bubba J, Walter and Peanut.

Friday, July 31

Keith Sweat / 7 pm / \$15

R&B legend Keith Sweat jumpstarted his career in the R&B and soul music industry with his biggest hit “I Want Her,” which topped the charts at No. 1. Sweat’s newest CD entitled “Just Me” debuted at No. 10 in 2008.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Alice Cooper with special guest Blue Öyster Cult / 7:30 pm / \$22

Rock star Alice Cooper ignites the stage with music from his new CD “Along Came a Spider.” For three decades Blue Öyster Cult has been entertaining fans. Started in upstate New York, this classic rock band has produced more than 20 albums and CDs.

Sunday, Aug. 2

All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir / 1 pm / Free

Four hundred top student musicians and vocalists from across Ohio will showcase their amazing talents.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Little Big Town with special guest Jamey Johnson / 7:30 pm / \$23

Recently nominated for two Country Music Awards, Little Big Town is a common name in every country music lover’s collection. Songs like “Boondocks” and “Bring it on Home” have made them popular nationwide. Joining them on stage is Jamey Johnson, known for his recent hit song “In Color.”

Monday, Aug. 3

Relient K with special guest Everyday Sunday / 7 pm / \$10

Since 1998, Christian rock band Relient K has been performing around the country and releasing albums. In 2003, these artists were nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Rock Gospel Album. Special guest Everyday Sunday will join them on stage for an all around family-friendly performance.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

The Four Aces / 1 pm / Free

For more than 50 years, The Four Aces have brought you the best of the oldies. Entertaining groups of all ages, this quartet is sure to impress.

Tuesday, Aug. 4**Kenny Rogers & Glen Campbell / 7:30 pm / \$28**

American country music singer-songwriter Kenny Rogers is known for his ultimate hits including "Sweet Music Man" and "Buy Me a Rose." Golden Globe award winner Glen Campbell has a legendary music career spanning five decades, achieving chart-topping success.

Wednesday, Aug. 5**Foreigner with special guest Eddie Money / 7 pm / \$24**

With numerous chart-topping hits and albums, Foreigner is universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world. With Eddie Money, well-known for smash hits, like "Two Tickets to Paradise," this show is sure to rock your world.

Thursday, Aug. 6**Demi Lovato with special guest Jordan Pruitt / 7 pm / \$23**

Demi Lovato, from Disney Channel's "Sonny with a Chance" and "Camp Rock," takes the stage performing her recent smash hits and more. Jordan Pruitt opens the night with music from her two albums "No Ordinary Girl" and "Permission to Fly."

Friday, Aug. 7**Eric Benét with special guest Howard Hewett / 7 pm / \$20**

With Grammy nominations for Best R&B Album and Best Male R&B Vocal Performance, soul singer, songwriter and producer Eric Benét will heat up the WCOL Celeste Center. With special guest Howard Hewett, R&B and gospel singer, this show will melt your heart.

Saturday, Aug. 8**David Cook with special guest Green River Ordinance / 7 pm / \$28**

As the 2008 American Idol winner, David Cook is sure to be a crowd favorite with his breakout hits, including "Time of My Life" and "Permanent." Special guest Green River Ordinance will perform songs from their new album, "Out of My Hands."

Sunday, Aug. 9**Sale of Champions / 2 pm / Free**

Celebrate with the champions of the junior fair livestock shows as they sell their prize-winning animals to the highest bidders at the 2009 Sale of Champions.

Sunday, Aug. 9 (Crew Stadium)**Rascal Flatts with special guests Dierks Bentley & Darius Rucker / 7:30 pm / \$30, \$60, \$75**

With four chart-topping albums, Rascal Flatts has more top hits than any other group. Dierks Bentley wowed country listeners with his new hit "Sideways," while Darius Rucker's song "It Won't Be Like This For Long" warmed the hearts of country music lovers everywhere. You don't want to miss this dynamic line-up.

Coca-Cola Gazebo Stage**Sean Emery, Daily**

See this comedy juggler's imagination come to life through his eccentric and energizing characters and witty personality.

Professor Farquar, Daily

See the original and famous Great American Medicine Show as Professor Farquar displays his dynamic skills of music, magic and mirth.

Dan Rivers, July 29

This singer-songwriter tells stories through his music, sharing his special experiences with all who listen in. His love for music can easily be seen through each performance.

Mallory Lewis & Lamb Chop, July 29 – Aug. 3

As writer and producer of the children's favorite television show "Lamb Chop's Play-Along," Lewis has been entertaining young audiences for years. Kids will be all smiles when they see this star and her famous sidekick, Lamb Chop.

Joel Wilson, July 30

Hear the sounds of this small town country boy from Texas, as he entertains with his musical talent and acoustic guitar.

Sterling Bluegrass Boys, July 31

For six years these old fiddle tunes and distinctive sounds have continued to entertain crowds across Ohio. See it all happen at the Fair.

The Greg Frisbee Show, Aug. 1 and 8

See this comedy artist perform juggling, mind reading and more. These exciting feats will have you giving two thumbs up.

Mr. Shneadle, Aug. 2, Aug. 4 – 9

Fairgoers of all ages can enjoy Mr. Shneadle's amazing, hilarious physical comedy performance at the Fair.

Eagle River, Aug. 3

Listen to the eclectic sounds of this acoustic folk and bluegrass band.

A & M Acoustic, Aug. 4

Hear this local duo blend rock-n-roll and acoustic harmonies of country music.

Rick Smith, Jr., Aug. 5

The astounding skills of this talented magician truly have to be seen to be believed.

Linda Dachtyl, Aug. 6

This jazz and blues artist will entertain with soothing tunes and relaxing melodies.

Highway Patrol Drum & Bugle Corp., Aug. 7

Musicians from the Ohio Highway Patrol display their talents as a part of this special group.

Senior Buckeyes Chorus, Aug. 8 – 9

This unique chorus gets together once a year to perform at the Ohio State Fair.

NBC4 Family Fun Stage

Roberto the Magnificent, July 29 – Aug. 7

All ages can enjoy watching amazing stunts and flawless juggling, laughing at hilarious jokes or participating in this exciting show.

Dragon Scales and Faerie Tales, July 29 – Aug. 7

Listen to the enchanted story about the birth of a real “live” baby dragon. Join the faerie and her dragon on their adventures while children also learn the morals of not fearing the unknown. Stick around and get your picture taken to capture the moment forever.

Kid’s Games hosted by the Junior Fair Board, July 29 – Aug. 7

Kids of all ages can enjoy these fun and entertaining games and activities, offered nearly every day and hosted by the Junior Fair Board.

Steve Trash, July 29 – Aug. 3

Make sure you bring the kids to see this rockin’ eco hero. Learn magic tricks, hear family-friendly comedy, and discover the ins and outs of recycling.

The Greg Frisbee Show, Aug. 4 – 7

See this comedy artist perform juggling, mind reading and more. These exciting feats will have you giving two thumbs up.

Columbus Crafty Cotillion Handmade Expo, Aug. 8

This display features more than 30 Ohio-based independent craft vendors selling a large, colorful variety of fantastic and unique handmade items.

Ohio Christian Music Association Showcase, Aug. 9

The Ohio Christian Music Association will present a variety of talented Christian and gospel artists.

Main Street Stage presented by WBWR

El Gleno Grande, Daily (except Aug. 1)

This horse comic is sure to bring laughs. Having performed across the globe, this clever act will have you asking for more.

Ron Diamond, Daily

Ron Diamond’s hilarious hypnosis is sure to intrigue audiences both young and old. Each program brings a unique experience you’re sure to never forget.

Terry Lee and the Rockaboogie Band, July 29

Terry Lee and his high-energy Rockaboogie Band put on a first-class show built around the pumping sounds of the piano, channeling artists such as Elvis, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Goshorn Brothers, July 30

Brothers Tim and Larry, both former members of Pure Prairie League and The Sacred Mushroom, along with several other talented artists, combine blues and folk rock to create their fantastic sound.

Travis Haddix, July 31

With 10 albums to his name, award-winning blues artist Travis Haddix has perfected a style that evokes the sounds of the amazing 1960s urban blues.

Justin Roberts & The Not Ready For Naptime Players, Aug. 1

This pre-school teacher turned children's rockstar is sure to entertain. His album "Great Big Sun" was recognized as "The Best Music Gift of the Year" by "Sesame Street Magazine."

CITYFOLK and the Ohio Arts Council present Ohio Heritage Showcase, Aug. 1

This mini music festival held within the Fair welcomes three performers with strong cultural influences, including the amazing jazz FYI Quintet, Grammy Award-winning Sones de Mexico, and Ohio bluegrass group Joe Mullens and the Radio Ramblers.

Ohio Heritage Fellowship Award Ceremony, Aug. 1

Watch as traditional artists from across Ohio are honored at this momentous event.

Veteran's Day Variety Show, Aug. 2

See talented performers honor those who have served their country.

Cook and Belle, Aug. 2

This band's hit tunes are a sound of their own, mixing raw passion, rock, country and soul with a gospel influence.

7th Heaven, Aug. 3

This well-known indie band hails from Chicago and Ireland with extraordinary original songs, some of which have been featured on MTV.

Patrick McLaughlin Band, Aug. 4

This innovative local trio plays amazing, deep-rooted blues that have gained national recognition.

Sharell Andrews and the R&B Station Band, Aug. 5

The enthusiastic R&B Station Band featuring Sharell Andrews is known for their unique "rocking soul" music style, performing everything from classic rock to today's music.

Street Level, Aug. 6

This multi-faceted group of unique individuals has come together with a love of music of multiple genres including Motown, funk, classic rock, modern country, contemporary and pop.

The Kay Carter Band, Aug. 7

Kay and her eclectic band have a wide variety of musical talents and interests, playing an amazing repertoire including blues, R&B, funk, rock and more.

The Greg Frisbee Show, Aug. 8

See this comedy artist perform juggling, mind reading and more. These exciting feats will have you giving two thumbs up.

Kique Infante & Dejavu Latin Fusion, Aug. 8

Columbus, Ohio's own Kique Infante has built a seven-part band that beautifully blends Latin American rhythms such as salsa, festejo and joropo with others like pop, rock and funk.

Austin Hicks and the Rattlesnake River Band, Aug. 9

This fresh band has a true passion for country music, showing clearly when they perform their particular blend of country, rock and Christian.

ZIV, Aug. 9

Exceptional modern rock band ZIV brings their distinctive music, which has been featured on numerous national TV channels such as MTV and FOX.

Roving Entertainers**Buck Trout**

This funny puppeteer, fisherman and camper extraordinaire rides his mini camping truck around the Fair to teach children about nature.

Garfield

Despite his love for the couch and the comfort of his home, Garfield will be out and about at this year's Fair.

Greg Frisbee

This creative and daring juggler will shock fairgoers with his outstanding and outlandish talents.

The Enchanting Wagon

A giant box turtle with a magical gypsy wagon on its back will roam throughout the Fair, giving various puppets the chance to pop out of the wagon's windows and doors to entertain and interact with your family.

Michael Roy

This phenomenal origami artist can turn one square piece of paper into an amazing masterpiece, and some lucky fairgoers will be able to return home with a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

The Pink Panther

This popular pink feline will be on the loose this year putting smiles on children's faces.

President Abraham Lincoln

Feel like a part of history when you see this former president of the United States at the Ohio State Fair.

Professor Farquar and Curlie Dimple

Medicine man, troubadour and comic wizard Professor Farquar and his adorable clown sidekick Curlie Dimple will roam the Fair to entertain guests with the best medicine – laughter.

Rick Smith, Jr.

The astounding skills of this talented magician truly have to be seen to be believed.

Roberto the Magnificent

Fairgoers of all ages will love to watch amazing stunts, laugh at hilarious jokes and witness this performer's flawless juggling.

Steve Phillips

Ohio's premier balloon twister can make more than 500 different balloon animals, objects and decorations such as a fruit basket, rainbow and numerous flashy hats.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS



Baton, Buckeye Sports Center, Aug. 1 and 2

Since 1966, baton twirlers have brightened up the Fair. Competitions include Solo baton twirlers, duets / pairs, parade corps, twirling teams, dance twirl teams and show teams.

Bench Press / Dead Lift, Buckeye Sports Center, Aug. 1

Come see some awesome athletes as they bench press and dead lift amazing amounts of weight.

Boxing, ShowPlace Pavilion, July 29 – Aug. 1

Boxing enables athletes to showcase their abilities and develop character through competition. This sport also promotes sportsmanship, perseverance and dedication to support the spirit of boxing.

Cheerleading, Buckeye Sport Center, Aug. 8

Cheerleaders from all over Ohio perform routines of cheers, gymnastics and dance to compete for great prizes.

Corn Hole Tournament, ShowPlace Pavilion, Aug. 2

Bring your partner to the Fair for a chance to win great prizes. Play for fun and for free after 7 pm.

Martial Arts, Buckeye Sports Center, Aug. 8

Action-packed martial arts with a multi-discipline event that includes a Martial Arts Show, Martial Arts Competition, Jujitsu, Karate and more.

Ohio Roller Girls, ShowPlace Pavilion, Aug. 5

Check out Columbus' Womens' Flat Track Roller Derby League.

Ohio State Fair 5K Run & Walk presented by Ohio Physical Therapy Assn., Crew Stadium, Aug. 1

Get a fantastic view of the Fair as you run from end to end. The race will start and finish next to Crew Stadium. Entry fee includes a shirt, free Fair admission, free parking, SkyGlider ticket and lots of fun.

The Heartbeats, US Jump Rope Federation, ShowPlace Pavilion, Aug. 9

Jump for the sky with an award-winning performance from members of the United States Amateur Jump Rope Federation.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS



All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir

The All-Ohio State Fair Band and All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir arrive at the Ohio Expo Center slightly before the Fair starts, learning all of their music in a limited time. They remain housed on-site throughout the duration of the Fair and perform daily at various times and locations.

All-Ohio State Fair Band

The All-Ohio State Fair Band has been a featured attraction of the Ohio State Fair since 1925. The enthusiastic tunes have thrilled millions of fairgoers each year including the performance of John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever!" at the conclusion of each performance.

The Band was known as the All-Ohio Boys' Band until 1975 when young women were invited to participate. Today, the Band is composed of 200 superior musicians from schools all over Ohio. High school students apply for membership in the All-Ohio State Fair Band through their local school band director. Membership is determined by student ability, instrumentation needs of the band and geographical consideration. For more information on the All-Ohio State Fair Band, visit aosfb.org.

All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir

The All-Ohio Youth Choir was founded in 1963. Now known as the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir, the group was organized to provide Ohio's high school vocalists an opportunity to share a musical experience similar to the All-Ohio State Fair Band. This year, the choral group is celebrating their 45th year at the Ohio State Fair.

The 200 members of the Choir are selected each spring on the basis of their ability and experience, the recommendation of their high school choral director, geographical considerations and the consent and promised support of their parent or guardian.

Junior Fair Board

The Junior Fair Board (JFB) comprises youth, between 16 and 21, who represent various youth organizations that participate in the Ohio State Fair each year.

Youth organizations with representation in the JFB are actively involved with the annual Ohio State Fair. In most cases, organizations will select members for a two-year term. Smaller organizations select one person every other year and large youth groups will select yearly to ensure continuity of operation.

Responsibilities of the JFB vary from year to year, but each member serves as an ambassador among their youth organization, the Fair and the Fair-going public. They assist in the WCOL Celeste Center and with various competitions for youth. They deliver and present awards, conduct kid's games and assist with the daily parade and many other programs and activities throughout the 12 days of the Fair. Their office is located in the Conference Center.

Officers are selected by their peers at the completion of their first year on the board and will oversee JFB activities during their second year.

2009 members:

Tyler Church, second year, Oakwood, FFA, president
Lyndsey Murphy, second year, Mechanicsburg, FFA, vice president
Andrea Blamble, second year, New Albany, 4-H, secretary
Campbell Parish, first year, Edon, FFA
Lacy Allen, first year, Findlay, Girl Scouts
Casey Wilson, first year, Plain City, FFA
Mitch Rooks, first year, Perrysville, 4-H
Natalie Hull, first year, Hilliard, 4-H
Misty Cushing, first year, Caledonia, Tech Ed
Jordan Rohaley, first year, Salem, Farm Bureau
Curtis Adams, first year, Sugar Grove, Boy Scouts
Caleb Moreland, first year, Gahanna, Campfire
Justephania Chandler, first year, Lakewood, Grange
Courtney Betz, second year, North Caledonia, Technology Education
Andrew Rohr, second year, Navarre, Grange
Meghan Dodson, second year, Tiffin, Girl Scouts
Joshua Pinkerton, second year, Wilmington, 4-H
Kristina Moff, second year, Berlin Center, Farm Bureau
Kevin McCollum, second year, Columbus, Boy Scouts

LIVESTOCK

Livestock Displays

Dairy and Boer Goats

O'Neill Swine Barn
July 24 – 25 (pre-Fair)

Llamas

Brown Sheep Arena
July 23 – 25 (pre-Fair)

Sheep

Brown Sheep Arena
July 28 – Aug. 9

Beef Cattle

Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center presented by OCJ
July 28 – Aug. 9

Dairy Cattle

Gilligan Livestock Complex
July 29 – Aug. 9

Swine

O'Neill Swine Barn
July 29 – Aug. 9

Horses

Gilligan Livestock Complex
July 21 – July 25, July 28 (pre-Fair)
July 29 – Aug. 9

Poultry

Rabbit and Poultry Pavilion
July 29 – Aug. 2
Aug. 5 – 9

Rabbits

Rabbit and Poultry Pavilion
Aug 5 – 9

Junior Fair Dog

JD Equipment Coliseum / Buckeye Sports Center
Aug. 1 / Aug. 3 – 6



Sale of Champions

Each year, the Sale boasts some of the highest bids of any state fair in the nation. In 1996, the Sale of Champions made Ohio State Fair history with bids totaling \$212,000 for eight livestock exhibits.

The Sale was created in 1968 to offer more incentive to young 4-H and FFA members bringing livestock projects to the Ohio State Fair.

Since 1995, the Ohio State Fair has placed caps on the amounts exhibitors can earn from their exhibits' sales. Money over the cap amounts is distributed among other youth exhibitors through the Youth Reserve Program. The program allots funds for scholarships, the Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program, FFA, 4-H and other Fair competition winners.

2008 Sale of Champion Results

Exhibit Exhibitor	Price Cap
Grand Champion Market Chicken Scott Seim, Montgomery County	\$13,000 \$5,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Chicken Lindsey Voge, Preble County	\$11,500* \$3,000
Grand Champion Market Lamb Audrey Neil, Seneca County	\$25,000 \$9,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb Madison Banbury, Knox County	\$16,000 \$6,000
Grand Champion Barrow Tyla Voight, Miami County	\$30,000 \$9,000
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Levi Kimley, Clark County	\$26,000* \$6,000
Grand Champion Market Beef Kyleigh DeFrank, Jefferson County	\$55,000 \$21,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Kayla Campbell, Greene County	\$26,000* \$10,000
Total Sale:	\$202,500
Youth Reserve Program earned:	\$133,500
Total money Youth Reserve Program has earned since its inception:	\$1,453,450

*Indicates new record

All-time records for the Sale of Champions

Animal Buyer	Price Year
Grand Champion Market Beef The Kroger Company	\$75,000 2001
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Steve R. Rauch, Inc.	\$26,000 2008
Grand Champion Barrow Big Bear Stores	\$64,000 1996
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Meijer, Inc.	\$26,000 2008
Grand Champion Market Lamb The Kroger Company	\$30,000 2001
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb Kale Marketing, J.D. Equipment Burkhart Farm Center	\$17,500 2006
Grand Champion Meat Chicken The Kroger Company	\$18,000 2001
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Chicken Kale Marketing, Burkhart Farm Center	\$11,500 2008

Youth Reserve Program

The Youth Reserve Program was established on Dec. 13, 1995, to reward junior youth exhibitors who participate in the Ohio State Fair. The Youth Reserve Program is funded by dollars received over a maximum cash award projection for each item sold at the Sale of Champions.

A proposed formula of distribution is established each year and printed in the exhibitor handbook. This year's formula is as follows.

25%	Carcass Contests
8%	Showmanship
20%	Scholarships
8%	Skillathons
15%	Outstanding Exhibitor Project
5%	Dairy Cattle
11%	Breeding
4%	4-H
4%	FFA

The Youth Reserve Program has awarded youth exhibitors more than \$1.4 million since its inception.

The Youth Reserve Program is totally supported by the buyers at the Sale of Champions. Listed below are last year's contributors to the Youth Reserve Program:

Amusements of America
Burkhart Farm Center
Concessions by Cox
Event Marketing Strategies
Huffman's Market
Kale Marketing
The Kroger Company
Meijer, Inc.
Mickey Shanks
Steve R. Rauch, Inc.

Terms

Barrow- a young, neutered male pig
Boar- a male pig that has not been neutered
Bovine- the scientific name for cattle
Broilers- chickens that are 6-13 weeks of age
Bull- a mature adult male bovine
Calf- a young bovine
Cow- a mature female bovine
Colt- a young male horse (usually under four years of age)
Doe- an adult female rabbit
Equestrian- one who rides horseback
Ewe- a female sheep
Filly- a young female horse (usually under four years of age)
Foal- a young horse or mule of either sex
Gelding- a neutered male horse
Gilt- a young female swine
Heifer- a female bovine less than three years of age, which has not borne a calf
Hen- an adult female chicken or turkey
Jack- a male donkey that has not been neutered
Jenny- a female donkey
Kid- a young goat
Lamb- a sheep less than one year old
Livestock- domestic farm animal kept for production purposes
Maiden Mare- a female horse that has not borne a foal
Mare- a female horse (usually more than four years of age)
Market Animal- livestock bred and produced for food consumption
Pig- a young swine (usually more than four years of age)
Polled- a naturally hornless animal
Ram- a male sheep
Ratite- a species of bird consisting of rheas, ostriches and emus

Rooster- an adult male chicken

Sow- a mature female swine

Stallion- a male horse of four years or more that has not been neutered

Steer- a neutered male bovine

Wether- a neutered sheep or goat

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau

This building is jam-packed with education and fun. All exhibits related to agriculture, horticulture and floriculture are located here.

Amateur Floral Design / Extemporaneous Design Contest

The display and contest held on both Aug. 3 and Aug. 6 will be intriguing to flower lovers of all ages.

Backyard Best, Wall Hangings, Container Grown Plants, Specimen Flowers / Foliage, Junior & Senior Hanging Baskets & Potted Plants

Discover the bests of these various specimens of flowers and plants at the Fair. This exhibit is sure to interest horticulturists of all ages.

Gladiolus Competition / Display

See if you can spot the nearly 250 species of Gladiolus. These beautiful flowers are sure to please the senses.

Land and Living Display presented by Ohio Farm Bureau

How does agriculture impact your daily life? You'll see, hear and feel the answers at this interactive exhibit, available all day every day. This display is sure to have you enthralled with all things agriculture.

Largest & Specialty Exhibits

Check out the displays and competitions to see who has grown the largest watermelons, pumpkins and more.

Vegetable, Floral, Scarecrow, Nuts and Christmas Tree Displays

Feast your eyes on this exhibit, available daily in the Ag & Hort Building.

Natural Resources Park

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources maintains an 8-acre park on the southeast end of the grounds. Activities include free fishing for kids, kayaking and archery. There are many things to observe such as Ohio wildlife, a log cabin a tall grass prairie. The amphitheater hosts music and entertaining programs throughout the day.

This year, celebrate with Smokey Bear as you join him for his 65th birthday on Aug. 9.

All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir

With daily performances, there is no reason to miss these acts.

Fun with Columbus Zoo Animals

Both weekends of the Fair, the park is glad to host zoo animals for all to enjoy.

Great Lakes Timber Show

Watch these shows in the amphitheatre and catch these enthusiastic men in action.

Kayak for Kids

Kids can splash around in the 7,000-square-foot pond while kayaking and learning water safety.

Camping Village

Experience the different getaway rentals that are available at our state park.

CREATIVE ARTS AND FINE ARTS



Creative Arts

A variety of competitions and demonstrations take place throughout the Fair in the DiSalle Creative Arts Center, covering a wide range of talents and hobbies. Previously called Family Arts and Crafts. The activities listed are just a few of the many creative arts competitions held this year.

Antiques

See everything from glassware, to dolls, to historical memorabilia in the antiques and collectibles exhibits.

Baked Arts and Culinary Arts

You don't want to miss these delicious contests, demonstrations and recipes.

Food Preservation

These jams, preserves, pickles and relishes, and sauces will be so hard to resist you might end up breaking the glass to get to them.

Handcrafts & Applied Arts

Leisure crafters display their knack in a wide variety of categories. Nearly all hobbies are welcome, including painting, woodworking, jewelry, photography, sculpting, ceramics and leather crafts.

Icing the Competition

From beginners to advanced cake, cupcake and gingerbread house decorators, these displays will be too pretty to even think about eating.

Needlework & Sewing

Ohio experts and hobbyists show off their talents through detailed quilts, handmade toys and dolls, counted cross-stitch embroideries and many other beautiful works.

Youth Creative Arts

These young artists are sure to impress. See works from early elementary, elementary, middle and high school students.

Fine Arts

The annual Fine Arts Exhibition, with more than 300 pieces, allows Ohio's finest professional and amateur artists to showcase their talents in a variety of media. The Patron Purchase Program allows art enthusiasts to purchase artwork prior to the opening of the exhibition. This program is also a great opportunity to support local artists and buy local artists' works. Last year, more than \$14,000 was awarded to the artists through local and corporate sponsors.

Cox Fine Arts Center

Daily

9 am – 9 pm, Fine Arts Exhibits and Children’s Tours

10 am – 9 pm, Colonial Wagon & Wheel Demo

11 am – 7 pm, United Cerebral Palsy of Central Ohio Demo

Friday, July 30

El Ritmo Flamenco Dance Ensemble

Saturday, Aug. 1

Blue Level, jazz-influenced pop music

Sunday, Aug. 2

The Capitol City Music Company, barbershop quartet

Mixed Bag, Recreational Folk Dancers of Columbus

Thursday, Aug. 6

Adam Brouillette Mural Painting Demo

Friday, Aug. 7

John LaFollette Acoustic Guitar, Acme Music

Adam Brouillette Mural Painting Demo

Saturday, Aug. 8

John LaFollette Acoustic Guitar, Acme Music

Adam Brouillette Mural Painting Demo

Columbus Crafty Cotillion Handmade Expo

Hand Quilting by Sarah Brown

BUILDINGS AND STAGES



Buildings

Administration Building (1910) – Houses the offices of most of the Ohio Expo Center staff.

Antiques & Collectables Pavilion (1888) – A variety of antique dealers and exhibitors are located in this building.

Brown Arena (1930) – Houses all sheep exhibits and shows. Pre-Fair llama shows are also held here.

Buckeye Sports Center (1953) – Site of the martial arts, weightlifting, cheerleading, bench press / dead lift and baton competitions, as well as the 4-H Dog Show.

Cardinal Plaza – Main entrance from the north parking lot.

Cardinal Shelter – Picnic area just east of the Cardinal Gate.

Central Park – Located next to the Administration Building. Home to the Monster Mural and various performances.

Cooper Arena (1965) – Site of junior fair horse shows and dairy cattle judging.

Cox Fine Arts Center (1909) – Home of one of the largest state Fair fine arts exhibitions. More than 300 pieces of art are accepted each year.

Dairy Products Building (1925) – Houses the famous butter cow display. Ice cream, milkshakes and other dairy products are also sold here.

DiSalle Creative Arts Center (1960) – Hundreds of arts, crafts and culinary exhibits and demonstrations are located here.

Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center presented by Ohio's Country Journal (1995) – Home to all beef exhibits during the Fair. The Fair's entry department and the Ohio Cattlewomen's store are located in the Annex.

Gilligan Complex (1972 & 1978) – Houses the horse and dairy cattle exhibits, as well as a functioning milking parlor.

Heritage Crafts Building (1969) – Period artisans demonstrate and sell their traditional wares.

Janis Center – This full-service recreation center houses a variety of activities and demonstrations, including an exhibit featuring the history of the Ohio State Fair.

JD Equipment Coliseum presented by 95.5 The Hawk (1917) – Site of the Ohio State Fair horse shows, dog agility competitions, and Holstein and 50th Jersey Futurity.

K12/Ohio Virtual Academy Youth Center (1965) – Houses projects, contests and displays from a number of youth organizations from across the state, including 4-H, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, FFA, Girl Scouts, Grange and Technology Education.

MarketPlace Building (1966) – Holds commercial and informational booths offering a variety of novelties, jewelry, demonstration items, home remodelers, state agencies, attractions and an international food court.

Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau (1926) – All exhibits related to agriculture, horticulture and floriculture are incorporated into displays here.

Natural Resources Park (1966) – This 8-acre park features Ohio plants and wildlife. It includes a lake, amphitheater, covered bridge, butterfly exhibit, free kiddie fishing, picnic areas and a turn-of-the-century cabin.

North Commercial Pavilion (1905) – Commercial and informational booths offering a variety of wares are housed in this pavilion.

O'Neill Building (1973) – Houses swine exhibits and judging, and Pre-Fair dairy goats and Boer goats shows.

Poultry and Rabbit Pavilion (1905) - Houses all poultry and rabbit exhibits.

Rhodes Center (1956) – Dormitories in this building house the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir and the Junior Fair Board. Special breakfasts and luncheons, as well as some competitions and fashion shows, are also held here.

Taste of Ohio Café presented by ABN / The BARN (1966) – Site of the Heartland Cuisine Cooking Demonstrations and specialty foods from Ohio commodity groups.

WCOL Celeste Center (1991) – Site of the “AEP OHIO” Concert Series.

Stages

NBC4 Family Fun Stage

The NBC4 Family Fun Stage's primary purpose is to provide families and people of all ages with wholesome entertainment and fun. Enjoy comedic performances, musical shows, games and Christian music showcases.

Coca-Cola Gazebo Stage

Fairgoers will be amazed by the talented jugglers and laugh at the comic antics of the performers at the Coca-Cola Gazebo Stage, located near Central Park.

ShowPlace Pavilion

A variety of performances and events will take place at the ShowPlace Pavilion, including boxing and Corn Hole tournaments, as well as demonstrations by the US Jump Rope Federation and Ohio Roller Girls.

Main Street Stage presented by WBWR

Imagine being fascinated by a hypnotist, listening to your favorite music and laughing until you cry. You can have it all at the Main Street Stage presented by WBWR (north of the WCOL Celeste Center). The stage will feature hilarious comedians, the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir and much more.

ABOUT



Participating Youth Center Organizations

4-H

4-H creates positive environments for diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens. The organization helps to teach today's youth through a variety of special days including: health, family life, money maneuvers, science, leadership, engineering, food and nutrition, style shows and more.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts of America aims to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling the Scout values through character building, citizenship and personal fitness. Stop by to see live demonstrations including the pinewood derby track, monkey bridge and bounce house.

Camp Fire

Camp Fire strives to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. Join Camp Fire members at the Fair and help make projects that benefit local youth causes.

FFA

FFA is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA students from around Ohio have been busy working on bio-energy, bioscience, and food science and technology projects for the Fair.

Girl Scouts

For nearly a century, the Girl Scouts have played a pivotal role in America's history with a focus on developing young women with the necessary skills to be leaders and make a difference in the world.

Grange

Grange is the nation's oldest national agriculture association with active members in 37 states. Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop to their highest potential to build stronger communities through fellowship, service and legislation.

Technology Education

Technology Education (Tech Ed) uniquely applies the design process to integrate all disciplines and provides for the mastery of how humankind improves the world. Youth demonstrate their skills in the areas of technology, innovation, design and engineering.

Ohio Expositions Commission

The Ohio Expositions Commission was established in 1961 when the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation creating a new governing body for the Ohio Expo Center. Prior to 1961, the State Board of Agriculture oversaw the Center. The Commission maintains and manages state property reserved for the purpose of conducting at least one Fair annually.

The Commission comprises 13 members, (nine of whom are appointed by the Governor), plus four ex-officio members: the Agricultural Chair of the Ohio Senate, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Chair of the Ohio House of Representatives, the Director of Development and the Director of Agriculture.

Of the nine Commission members appointed by the Governor, no more than five may be from any one political party. Expiration of appointed terms is staggered to ensure the continuity of the Commission at all times.

Members include:

Kathryn Bartter, Columbus, Ohio

Robert Boggs, Director of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

David Corey, Vice Chair, Columbus, Ohio

Rep. John Domenick, Agriculture / Natural Resources Chair, Columbus, Ohio, Ohio House of Representatives

Tom Jackson, Dublin, Ohio

Michael Noel, Portsmouth, Ohio

Tom Price, Secretary, Delaware, Ohio

Alicia Reece, Asst State Director of Travel & Tourism, Columbus, Ohio

Sen. Kirk Schuring, Agriculture Chair, Columbus, Ohio, Ohio Senate

Lee M. Smith, Chair, Columbus, Ohio

John Spreng, Bucyrus, Ohio

Sherrilyn Farkas VanTassel, Cadiz, Ohio

Catherine Worley, Laurelville, Ohio

Virgil Strickler, General Manager, Columbus, Ohio

Employment Opportunities

Every summer the Ohio State Fair hires more than 600 positions for those 18 and up. From traffic control to ticket sales, there is a job to fit anyone's interests. Requirements, time frames and application processes vary for each position.

Job Titles:

- Ticket taker
- Ticket seller
- Shuttle bus diver
- Shuttle bus conductor
- Parking attendant
- Traffic controller
- SkyGlider attendant
- Miscellaneous positions

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