

Fair Guide

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI FAIR

104th Edition

OCTOBER 18-26, 2024

Laurel, Mississippi



WELCOME

It's FAIR time! That means Fair Weather, Fried Food, 4H, FFA, Friendly Frank's - Wade Show Carnival and lots of FUN! So let's have some! On behalf of the South Mississippi Fair Commission, the Jones County Board of Supervisors, and the City of Laurel, I welcome you and your family to the 104th Edition of the South MS Fair, October 18-26, 2024. I always taste better at the FAIR, so grab a funnel cake or eat something fried on a stick, just come enjoy the Jones County Tradition at the South MS Fair, where you are sure to run into old friends, classmates and even family you haven't seen in a while.

The nine day, family-fun-filled event will have 4H and FFA livestock shows and exhibits, all of your favorite fair foods, Wade Shows Carnival rides and games, local talent on the Pinebelt Radio Midway Stage, Grandpa Cratchet, the Emerson Farms pig races, Cirque Cyber, The Magic of Lance Gifford, the Jones County Baptist Association Kid's Korner, and so much more. Be sure and download the South MS Fair free mobile app to keep up with the daily schedule of activities and updates. We appreciate you and your family choosing to be a part of the 104th Edition of the South MS Fair, where we do it, "One Smile at a Time!"

Pam Holifield
Fair Manager





RIDES

ARMBANDS

\$30 weekdays

\$40 weekends

RIDE TICKETS

5 tickets for \$7

25 tickets for \$30

55 ticket for \$55



WADE SHOWS INC.

Know before you buy!

- NO refunds will be given.
- Ride armbands are NOT for children under 36" tall.
- Check the height requirements before purchasing wristbands. Children under 48" may not be allowed on certain rides.
- Height requirements and ride lists can be found on-site at the fairgrounds or online at: www.wadeshowsinc.com

INFO



PROHIBITED ITEMS

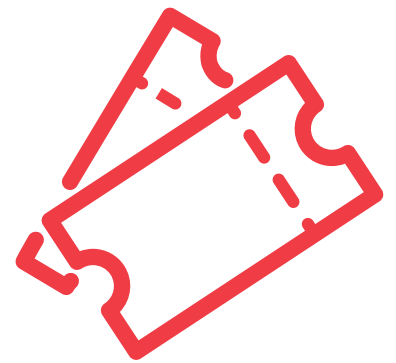
- Outside Food & Drink
- Coolers & Ice Chest
- Lawn Chairs, Folding Chairs, Stools
- Weapons
- Pets (service animals allowed)
- Laser Pens/Pointers
- Skateboards, Hoverboards, Wheeled Footwear
- Drones & other unmanned aerial vehicles
- Self-defense sprays
- Toy guns or toy knives
- Alcohol



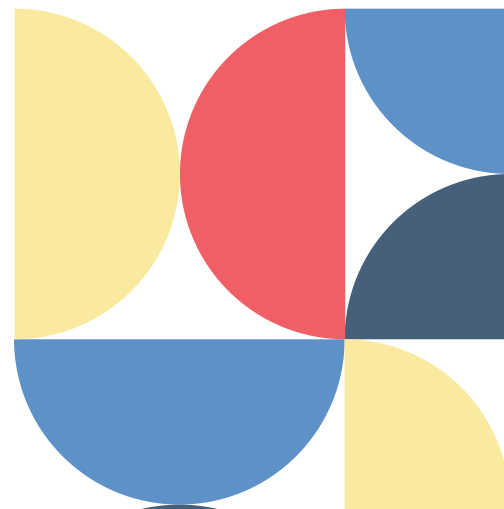
FREE PARKING!

GATE ADMISSION \$5.00

CHILDREN UNDER 42" TALL - FREE



**CLEAR BAG POLICY
ENFORCED**



FAIR TIME!

The South MS Fair is such a beloved tradition that marks the pinnacle of fall for so many of us. For those of us who grew up attending, the fair holds a special place in our hearts, evoking memories of simpler times. From the nostalgic wood shavings filling the grounds to the old wildlife barn, the fair I reminisce about has changed over the years. But only for the better, thanks to the tireless efforts of fair management, board members, supervisors and so many others that have worked to keep this South Mississippi tradition alive! In thinking back about the fair, I remember all things that certainly have stayed the same. The Ferris wheel, towering above the crowds with its panoramic views, the twinkling lights of the carousel and the savored corndogs and cotton candy that melted on your tongue. I celebrate not only the fun rides and food, but the sense of community and the joyful moments shared with family and friends. The excitement and togetherness the fair ignites within our community creates a lasting impression that continues to warm my heart today. The fair is more than just another event, it's a cherished tradition that allows us a glimpse back into the simplicity and joys of our childhood. As times become more uncertain and change is inevitable in our world, it is important we stay steadfast in keeping our sense of community! YOU are our motivation, and the fair is for each of YOU. The community that we serve will always be our driving force to continue offering these experiences for you, your children and your children's children for years to come. As you walk through the fairgrounds, I encourage you to be captivated by the whirl of music and laughter, take in the smells of our 'country nights' and notice the 'carnival lights', remembering the simple pleasures that defined our childhoods and the enduring magic of the South Mississippi Fair. If you see me on the grounds, stop and say hello! Enjoy the ride!

Chase Welborn

Operations & Events Coordinator

Assistant Fair Manager

Merry on the Midway Manager



Special Pricing & Theme Nights

OPENING NIGHT

October 18

Armband Special \$25.00

COLLEGE NIGHT

October 22



**FREE Gate Admission for College Students
Must have a current Academic Year ID**

NEON NIGHT

October 23



**Dress in your neon colors and
join us for U.S Band on the Midway Stage**

BUDDY NIGHT

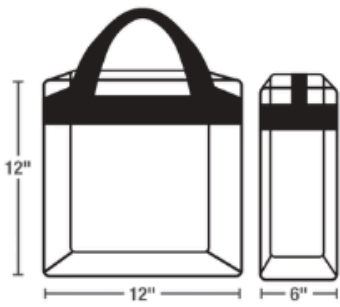
October 24



**Armband Special
\$15.00 each**



CLEAR BAGS ONLY



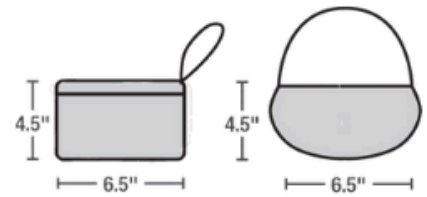
CLEAR TOTE

PLASTIC, VINYL, OR PVC AND
NO LARGER THAN
12" X 6" X 12"



PLASTIC ZIP TOP BAG

NO LARGER THAN
1 GALLON - RESEALABLE- CLEAR

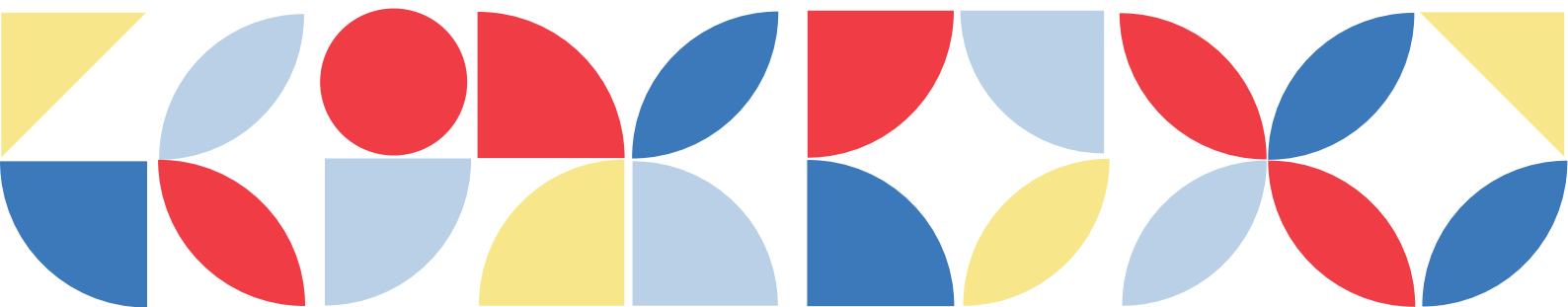


SMALL CLUTCH PURSE

NO LARGER THAN
4.5" X 6.5"

ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH.

All prohibited items will be denied at the gates, and items may not be stored at or near the gates. The South Mississippi Fair Commission is not responsible for property damage or lost/stolen articles.



"Where traditions
meet thrills!"

A photograph of a fair at night. In the background, a large Ferris wheel is illuminated with red and orange lights. To the left, there are game booths with colorful prizes. To the right, there are green-lit structures, possibly part of a ride or game. The overall scene is festive and brightly lit.

Ground Attractions & Strolling Acts

WASHBOARD WILLY

A ONE-MAN BAND...THE PIED PIPER OF RHYTHM! WASHBOARD WILLY STROLLS ABOUT THE GROUNDS BRINGING SMILES AND PROVIDING LIVELY MUSIC FOR ALL TO ENJOY.



PIRATE MAN DAN

FROM STILT WALKING, UNICYCLING AND PIRATE ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE - ELECTRIC SHIP, PIRATE MAN DAN TELEPORTS PATRONS INTO A MAGICAL WORLD WITH HIS SHOW STOPPING ACT!



CIRQUE CIBER

THE FUTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT!
WATCH ACTS SUCH AS THE "WHEEL
OF DESTINY", "AERIAL LYRA" AND
"TIGHT ROPE WALKING" PRESENTED
IN A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE!
GUARANTEED TO THRILL AUDIENCES
OF ALL AGES!



EMERSON FARMS PIG RACES & PETTING ZOO

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE MOST
EXCITING AND CUTEST ATTRACTION AT
THE FAIR, DON'T MISS THE EMERSON
FARMS PIG RACES FOR A SQUEALIN'
GOOD TIME! ALSO, BE SURE TO VISIT
THE EMERSON FARMS PETTING ZOO
LOCATED IN THE HORSE BARN!



MAGIC OF LANCE GIFFORD

LANCE GIFFORD HAS AMAZED CROWDS
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MORE
THAN 30 YEARS PERFORMING AMAZING
MAGIC AND ILLUSION SHOWS! BE SURE
TO CHECK OUT HIS SHOW STARTING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.





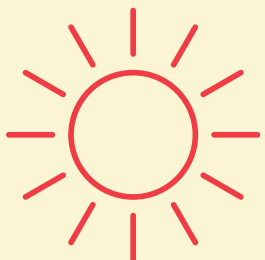
THINGS TO REMEMBER



Check the weather forecast prior to entering the fair. Gate admission, ride tickets & armband are **NON-REFUNDABLE** due to weather conditions.



Wear comfortable clothing and pack a jacket or rain gear. **NO RE-ENTRY** allowed upon entering gates.



Hydrate & apply sunscreen on warm days! Take advantage of our picnic/rest areas and visit our exhibit halls for shade.

ENTERTAINMENT

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ALREADY GONE

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THE
ROOKS

RESTORATION TRIBE



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THE BAND U.S



**NOLA DUKES
BAND**

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**FRI
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**MIKE ROB &
THE 601 BAND**



**CHAMPAGNE
JAM**

**SAT
26**





This December



Merry
ON
THE *Midway*



CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS



12 Nights of Lights

December 6-8, 12-15 & 18-22

Tickets on Sale

October 18th



For tickets & more information visit
www.merryonthemidway.com

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

OCT 18

4:55PM - 104th Edition Ribbon Cutting
5:00PM - Gates Open
5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
6:00PM - The Classix - Midway Stage
7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

OCT 20

12:00PM - Gates Open
2:00PM - The Rooks - Midway Stage
3:00PM - Grandpa Cratchet
3:00PM - Restoration Tribe - Midway Stage
3:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
4:00PM - Cirque Cyber
5:00PM - Kevin Price - Midway Stage
5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
^:00PM - Jones Co. Worship Band - Stage
6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

OCT 19

12:00PM - Gates Open
3:00PM - Grandpa Cratchet
3:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
4:00PM - Cirque Cyber
5:00PM - Gates Open
5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
6:30PM - Already Gone - Midway Stage
7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

OCT 21

5:00PM - Gates Open
5:30PM - Swine/Lamb/ Goat Show -
Conliff Show Barn
5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
6:30PM - DJ Spinning Top - Midway Stage
7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

SCHEDULE



OCT 22 COLLEGE NIGHT

- 4:30PM - Poultry Chain Show - Conliff Show Barn
- 5:00PM - Gates Open
- 5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
- 6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
- 6:30PM - Magic Show
- 6:00PM - Mustache the Band - Midway Stage
- 7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
- 7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
- 8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
- 9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

OCT 23 NEON 80s NIGHT

- 5:00PM - Gates Open
- 5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
- 6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
- 6:30PM - Magic Show
- 6:00PM - The Band U.S. - Midway Stage
- 7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
- 7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
- 8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
- 8:30PM - Magic Show
- 9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

OCT 24 BUDDY NIGHT

- 5:00PM - Gates Open
- 5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
- 6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
- 6:30PM - Magic Show
- 6:00PM - Nola Dukes Band - Midway Stage
- 7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
- 7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
- 8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
- 8:30PM - Magic Show
- 9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races



SCHEDULE

OCT 25

5:00PM - Gates Open
5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
6:30PM - Magic Show
7:00PM - Mike Rob & the 601 Band -
Midway Stage
7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
8:30PM - Magic Show
9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

OCT 26

9:00Am - Cattle Show - Magnolia Center
12:00PM - Gates Open
3:00PM - Grandpa Cratchet
3:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
4:00PM - Cirque Cyber
4:30PM - Magic Show
5:30PM - Emerson Pig Races
6:00PM - Cirque Cyber
6:00PM - Champagne Jam - Midway Stage
6:30PM - Magic Show
7:00PM - Emerson Pig Races
7:30PM - Grandpa Cratchet
8:00PM - Cirque Cyber
8:30PM - Magic Show
9:00PM - Emerson Pig Races

LUNCH HOURS

**Monday, Oct. 21
thru
Friday, Oct. 25
11AM until 2PM**



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SCHEDULE

VENDORS

ENTERTAINMENT





The South Mississippi Fair Commission was created by Senate Bill No. 3362 of the Mississippi legislature in the regular session of 1994. A ten member board (5 representing Jones County and 5 representing the City of Laurel) were sworn in on May 25, 1994, establishing the commission. Members serve 5 year appointments serving as the governing body of the Laurel Fairgrounds & Magnolia Center.

Board Members

Sandra Bateman

Lee Donaldson

Vernon Graves

Kim Hancock

Tim Ishee

Jerlean Nobles

Georgette Pollard

Billy Sanders

Mark Skidmore

Richard Ward

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A note from the Executive Director



Carrie Byrd
Executive Director

As we come to the closing months of 2024 it is nice to reflect on the many improvements and changes that are being made at the Laurel Fairgrounds. We have moved into a new period of growth in our facilities and events and have welcomed new staff with a wealth of experience and commitment to our operations and our community. We have added new events to our annual calendar with robotics competitions, boxing shows, and a new Fair Commission event coming this December for 12 nights, Merry on the Midway! This event will be a Magical Christmas experience for all ages. Each of these events along with all of our annual events throughout the year provides something for everyone. We hope you will join us especially for our longest running event, the South Mississippi Fair, in its 104th year! We hope to see each of you at the Magnolia Center/Laurel Fairgrounds! Good things are happening and the future is bright for the Fair Commission and our community.

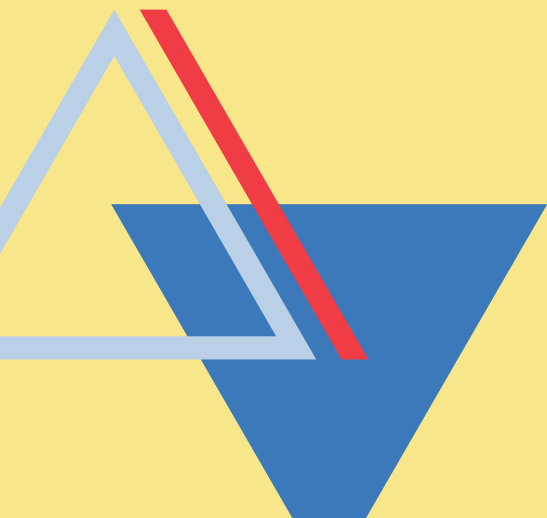
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COMING TO THE FAIR?

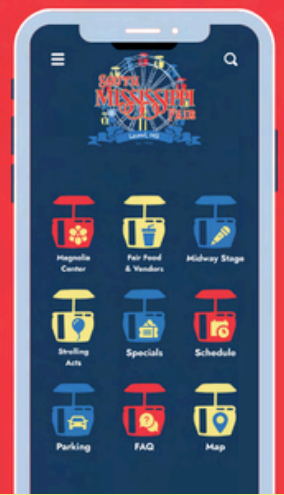
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Merry ON THE Midway



CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS



Open 5PM - 9PM

Nightly

\$10 Adults

\$5 Children

*12 Nights
of Lights*

Dec. 6-8, 12-15 & 18-22

Laurel Fairgrounds

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Christmas Movies
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Santa's Village
Pictures with Santa
Storybook Stroll & SO MUCH MORE!

