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*Welcome to the 2026
Illinois State Fair!*

In Springfield, the Illinois State Fairgrounds sit on the historic path of Route 66, making it a natural stop along the Mother Road. For generations, travelers and families have gathered at the fair to experience the best of Illinois—its agriculture, its music, its food, and the sense of small-town charm in the capital city.

In celebration of the Route 66 Centennial, we're proud to announce this year's Illinois State Fair theme: **Miles of Smiles**. Because that's what this road—and the Illinois State Fair—have always delivered. Miles of memories, miles of music, and miles of smiles shared right here in the heart of Illinois.

With more than \$85.5 million in recent improvements, the Illinois State Fairgrounds is ready to welcome visitors from across the nation and around the world. Countless upgrades to facilities, roads and parking lots ensure a better, more accessible, and more enjoyable experience for everyone.

While the fair is an annual highlight of the summer, it also reflects something deeper. The Illinois State Fair connects our farming communities with the families they feed, highlighting the essential role agriculture plays in Illinois. Agriculture remains Illinois' number one industry, and the State Fair proudly puts it front and center for hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Thank you for sharing your time with us at the Illinois State Fair and for your support of Illinois agriculture.

All our best,

JB Pritzker, Governor

MK Pritzker, First Lady



JB Pritzker, Governor | Jerry Costello II, Director



*Greetings from the
Illinois State Fair!*

On behalf of our entire team at the Illinois Department of Agriculture, we are proud to welcome you to the 2026 Illinois State Fair, one of our family's favorite summer traditions.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the 2026 Illinois State Fair proudly presents "**Miles of Smiles**," a theme that pays tribute to the legendary Mother Road as well as the endless entertainment waiting for fairgoers.

And there is so much waiting for you in 2026. At the State Fair, Illinois talent is on display at every turn: from the youth caring for livestock in our barns, to exhibitions of arts and crafts, and cooking and baking competitions. The Illinois State Fair reflects the best of what our great state has to offer.

This year's Fair is the result of countless hours of dedication from farmers, exhibitors, vendors, performers, volunteers, and staff who care deeply about this event and the people it serves. Their commitment helps ensure that every guest feels right at home.

As you explore the fairgrounds, I encourage you to try something new, continue time-honored traditions, and make the kind of summer memories that stay with you long after the fair gates close.

Thank you for being part of the Illinois State Fair story. We hope you experience Miles of Smiles and make plans to do it all again next year!

Warm regards,

Jerry Costello, Director

Lori Costello

Welcome to the

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026

Admission & Promotions

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

County Fair & Horse Racing Day

Adult (13-59) \$5
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

Agriculture Day

Adult (13-59) \$10
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

Kids Day

Adult (13-59) \$10
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

*Veterans & Gold Star Families Day**

Adult (13-59) \$5
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

* Veterans/Gold Stars & their immediate family get in FREE with proper ID

MONDAY, AUG. 17

*Senior Citizens & Scout Day**

Adult (13-59) \$5
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

* Senior Citizens (60 & over) & Scouts get in FREE

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

*TWOday**

Adult (13-59) \$2
Seniors (60+) \$2
Children (0-12) FREE

* All carnival rides are \$2

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

Governor's Day

Adult (13-59) \$5
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

Republican Day

Adult (13-59) \$5
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

*First Responder & Healthcare Heroes Day**

Adult (13-59) \$10
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

* First Responders & Healthcare Heroes get in FREE with proper ID

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Park District Conservation Day

Adult (13-59) \$10
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Family Day

Adult (13-59) \$5
Seniors (60+) \$3
Children (0-12) FREE

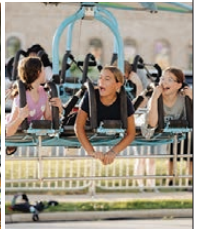


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DOUBLE THE FUN PARKING PROMOTION THURSDAY, AUG. 13, 2026

When you pay to park on the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 13, your parking pass will get you free parking on a return trip to the Illinois State Fair on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.



TWOSDAY AUGUST 18, 2026

A money-saving way to see and experience the Illinois State Fair! One day only - Admission is reduced to just \$2 for Seniors and Adults! *Plus* all carnival rides are just \$2 in the Carnival Midway and Adventure Village!



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SUNDAY 8.23



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GRANDSTAND STAGE

**ILLINOIS
STATE FAIR**
AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026





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The Grand Central Stage under the Reisch Pavilion features the hottest free summer concert series in central Illinois. Home to amazing entertainment throughout the day, our nightly Spotlight Artists are providing **FREE** showstopping entertainment for the entire family.

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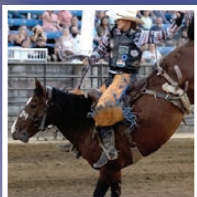


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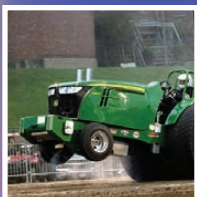
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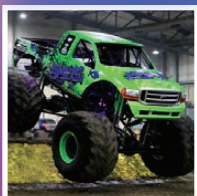
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FRIDAY, AUG 21
**MONSTERS OF
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 Show Time - 7:30PM



SATURDAY, AUG 22
**ISF CHAMPIONSHIP
 DEMOLITION DERBY**
 Power Wheels - 5PM
 Show Time - 6PM

Ticket Order Information

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 [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)

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 P.O. Box 19427
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CRAFT BEER *Competition*

THU. AUG 13 | 12PM - 9PM

FRI. AUG 14 | 11AM - 9PM

SAT. AUG 15 | 11AM - 9PM

THE SHED

Raise a glass to local flavor!

The Illinois State Fair will host the 2026 Illinois Craft Beer Festival, featuring a craft beer competition where ***you*** are the judge!

Join the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild on August 13th, 14th and 15th in The Shed to explore the very best of Illinois craft beer.

Buy a pint or grab a "Sample Pass" and sip your way through the festival with 5 ounce pours from some of the best breweries Illinois has to offer!

! 21+ with valid ID to purchase alcohol.
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DINO Encounters

Features animatronic rides, gyroscopes, dino digs, dinosaur puzzles, a dino museum, and daily stage performances



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Visit the BUTTER COW

during your visit to this year's Illinois State Fair.

No visit to the Illinois State Fair is complete without a stop at the Dairy Building.

While you're there, check out the Dairy Products Competition, and the Flavor of the Fair.




DAIRY BUILDING

CENTRAL AVENUE



More than 160 hours of FREE entertainment.

A wide variety of shows, performances and talents are in store. Step in and check out the talent!

BUSCH LIGHT TENT

Located on Avenue of Flags. Family friendly until 6pm daily. The Busch Light Tent offers its own unique blend of live music, cold beverages, and fair-time fun throughout the day.

COORS LIGHT TENT

Located on Grandstand Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. From afternoon acoustic sets to nighttime party bands, the Coors Tent keeps the fairgrounds buzzing with live entertainment all day long.

MILLER TENT

Located on Illinois Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. Kick back with friends, enjoy refreshing beverages, and experience a different atmosphere as the fair transitions from daytime fun to evening excitement.

SURFSIDE SOCIAL CLUB ON ROUTE 66

Located on Brian Raney Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. New in 2026 - your go-to spot to soak in the best of the fair along Route 66.

APEX STAGE

Located at the intersection of Illinois & Grandstand Avenue. A free stage at the intersection of fun and funky. Don't miss the great local bands on display this year!

EXPO BUILDING STAGE

Located inside the Expo Building. The Expo Stage is the perfect place to relax, reconnect and enjoy live acoustic tunes every day of the fair.

GRAND CENTRAL STAGE

Located on Central Avenue at the south end of the Reisch Pavilion. With a welcoming daytime atmosphere that evolves into an energetic nighttime music scene, the Grand Central Stage is a gathering spot that has become a favorite destination for making memories with friends and family.

BLUE RIBBON STAGE

Located inside the Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Building on Central Avenue. Be sure to check out the live cooking demonstrations from those seeking to be the best of the best in Illinois culinary.

ILLINOIS AUDITORIUM

Located inside the Illinois Building on Main Street. Check out the free performances in the air-conditioned auditorium.

LINCOLN STAGE

Located on Central Avenue. From contests, magicians and patriotic celebrations you'll find something for everyone at the Lincoln Stage.

meridian ADVENTURE VILLAGE STAGE

Located inside Adventure Village. Home to the family focused entertainment, from face painters to balloon artists.

VILLAGE OF CULTURES BANDSTAND

Located inside the Village of Cultures, with entrances off Main Street and Brian Raney Avenue.

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FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY IN HAPPY HOLLOW



HIGH DIVE SHOW

Divers from the world-renowned Watershow Productions Dive Team will be WOW'ing fairgoers right in the middle of the fairgrounds on Main Street & Central Avenue. It is a high-performance show consisting of many dynamic dives.

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY NEXT TO THE AG TENT ON CENTRAL AVENUE



DINO ENCOUNTERS

Prepare for a prehistoric adventure the entire family will love! Check out the all-new Dinosaur Encounters in Happy Hollow. The experience features animatronic rides, gyroscopes, dino digs, dinosaur puzzles, a dino museum and daily stage performances.

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY IN HAPPY HOLLOW



HARNESS RACING

The Illinois State Fair is home to the World's Fastest Dirt Track! Come out to the track and you might be lucky enough to see an Illinois record or even a world record race time fall!

FREE ADMISSION IN THE GRANDSTAND



ZOO LADY FACE PAINTING

Come see the Zoo Crew to get your face painted!

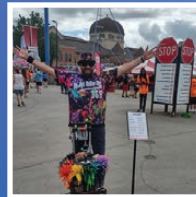
PAINTING FACES FOR FREE EVERYDAY ON THE meridian ADVENTURE VILLAGE STAGE



STREET DRUM CORPS

Prepare yourselves for a pulse pounding, primarily percussive production of prodigious proportions. An intense, uncontrollable, EXPLOSION of bright, loud, fun, and excitement! Prepare to dance and sing along as they rove the fairgrounds with their custom mobile sound system tricycle.

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY THROUGHOUT THE FAIRGROUNDS



SKY HIGH BALLOON GUY

Sky High Balloon Guy is a professional balloon artist who pairs witty humor and charisma to entertain crowds and make an impact you will never forget. Sky High Balloon Guy can create just about anything you can imagine out of balloons.

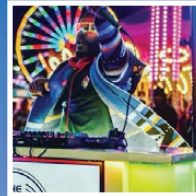
FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY ON meridian ADVENTURE VILLAGE STAGE



THE STROLLING PIANO

A traveling treasure trove of melodies, ready to serenade you with tunes from every corner of the musical spectrum. This mobile piano has something for everyone.

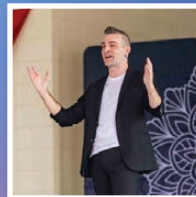
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THE STROLLING DJ

The Strolling DJ offers a high-energy, mobile entertainment experience. With a built-in sound system, internal battery, and vibrant LED lights, it's designed to roam seamlessly through any venue, creating an unforgettable party atmosphere.

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KARDENNI

Come witness mind-expanding miracles and sophisticated fun with Kardenni the Magician. Check out his unique style of magic that is exceptionally amazing, funny, effective and original. Prepare to be amazed!

FREE STAGE PERFORMANCES ON THE LINCOLN STAGE

For details and updates on all the various activities at the 2026 Illinois State Fair visit

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POWERLIGHT Festival

AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR



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IGNESCENT BAND

 **LINCOLN STAGE**
SUNDAY, AUG. 23



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS GATE CHARGE

General Admission (Adults 13-59)	\$5.00
Friday, 8/14; Saturday, 8/15	\$10.00
Friday, 8/21; Saturday, 8/22	\$10.00
Children (0-12)	FREE
Senior Citizens (60 & over)	\$3.00

Gate Admission Policy: Paid public admission for all gates are 7am - 10pm.
NO ADMITTANCE after 10pm

ADMISSION BUNDLES

Only available online: StateFair.Illinois.gov; or inside the Emmerson Building

Adult Admission Bundle -	
11 Admissions	\$45.00
Senior (60+) Admission Bundle -	
11 Admissions.....	\$30.00
General Public Seasonal Parking	
(Gate 6, Infield ONLY)*	\$40.00
Exhibitor's Seasonal Auto Permit.....	\$40.00

PROMOTIONAL PRICING

Sunday, August 16 - Veterans & Gold Star Families Day	FREE
<i>(Veterans with proper ID and immediate family)</i>	
Monday, August 17 - Senior Citizens & Scout Day.....	FREE
<i>(Seniors 60+ and Scouts in official Scout uniform)</i>	
Tuesday, August 18 - TWOSday (Adults & Seniors)	\$2.00
Friday, August 21 - First Responders & Healthcare Heroes Day.....	FREE
<i>(with presentation of Proper ID)</i>	

PARKING

Daily Vehicle Parking on Fairgrounds:..	\$5.00
Public Parking at Gates 4, 6, 7, 8, 11	
Accessible Parking at Gates 4, 7, 11	
Bus Parking at Gate 7	

THEME DAYS

Thursday, August 13.....	County Fair and Horse Racing Day
Friday, August 14.....	Agriculture Day
Saturday, August 15.....	Kids Day
Sunday, August 16.....	*Veterans & Gold Star Families Day
Monday, Aug. 17.....	*Senior Citizen/Scouts Day
Tuesday, August 18	TWOSday
Wednesday, August 19.....	Governor's Day
Thursday, August 20.....	Republican Day
Friday, August 21.....	*First Responders and Healthcare Heroes Day
Saturday, August 22.....	Park District / Conservation Day
Sunday, August 23.....	Family Day

**Discounted Days - FREE Admission with proper IDs*

STATE FAIR OFFICES

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Website Address.....	statefair.illinois.gov

HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION

Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
109 North 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62701
Phone: 217.789.2360 or 800.545.7300

GUEST SERVICES

ACCESSIBILITY

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any attendee requiring a reasonable accommodation should notify us of their needs. Accessible parking, with a valid placard, can be found in the following locations: Parking Lot 21 (Gate 7), near the Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Building (Gate 4), and the parking lot along 8th Street near the IDOA Headquarters Building (Gate 11).

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Located in the Emmerson Building on Main Street. Hours are 8am to 6pm during the Fair.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM):

16 Convenient locations on the fairgrounds:

- * SkyGlide (Grandstand)
- * Coliseum
- * The Shed
- * Commodities Pavilion
- * Conservation World
- * Arena
- * Village of Cultures
- * Expo Building
- * Reisch Pavilion (2)
- * Grandstand (2)
- * Adventure Village
- * Midway Comfort Station
- * Midway Ticket Booth
- * Orr Building

BABY CARE FACILITIES

A private area for nursing mothers and diaper-changing is available in the South Wing of the Emmerson Building, just inside the Sensory Station. Hours are from 10am to 7pm. Adult changing tables are available in the First Aid Station. (See First Aid)

COOLING STATIONS

The following locations are air conditioned on the Illinois State Fairgrounds:

- * Artisans Building
- * Emmerson Building lobby
- * Hobbies, Arts & Crafts
- * Illinois Building
- * Illinois Fire Museum
- * Orr Building

FIRST AID

Central Avenue11am – 6pm
Grandstand.....7pm – 11pm
SIU School of Medicine operates First Aid services on the fairgrounds. Inside the Emmerson Building Annex, near the Lincoln Stage and across from the Dairy Building, SIU staff and volunteers are trained to respond to basic first aid care and comfort until the arrival of EMS personnel arrives, should they be required. The First Aid Station can provide free basic first aid and temporary care for injuries and sudden illnesses, and adequate space for adult diaper changing. In the evenings, staff transitions to the ISP Headquarters building to offer the same care and services on Grandstand Avenue.

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

The Illinois State Police is stationed inside the Emmerson Building on Main Street. This is where you will find Lost & Found guest services, and you can find assistance in reuniting with a lost child/person. Announcements for lost children 12 years and under will be made. A secondary location is featured on Grandstand Avenue to assist with FOID related questions and services.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Hours are 10am to 8pm daily. Conveniently placed at six locations throughout the grounds:
1) Main Street outside the Illinois Building;
2) Main Street and Central Avenue;
3) Central Avenue and 8th Street Road;
4) Grandstand Avenue at Goat Barn;

5) Infield of One Mile Track (Gate 6) just inside the pedestrian tunnel; and
6) Gate 2 at the SkyGlide.

LOST AND FOUND CHILDREN'S CENTER

Located inside the Emmerson Building. Announcements for lost children 12 years and under will be made.

MEGA PASS

Mega Passes will be sold and redeemed at the Emmerson Building Credentials Office. Hours include:

- * 8/10-8/16: 8:30am-7pm
- * 8/17-8/22: 8:30am-6pm
- * 8/23: 8:30am-12noon

POST OFFICE

A full-service U.S. Postal Service Office is located in the Exposition Building. Hours are from 9am to 5pm. Monday-Friday.

SAFETY & SECURITY

The Illinois State Fair is a family friendly venue. The following measures have been put in place to protect all fairgoers.

BAG POLICY - All bags brought onto the Fairgrounds are subject to a thorough search by security personnel or law enforcement officers.

GRANDSTAND SECURITY - Additional security measures will be implemented at the Grandstand to maintain a safe environment for event attendees, entertainers and staff. Metal detectors and bag checks will be implemented at all Grandstand entrances. No bags/purses larger than 14" x 8" will be allowed in the Grandstand. Exceptions are made for diaper bags and medical bags, though these bags may be subject to search by security personnel or law enforcement officers. For a full list of security features at the Grandstand, visit StateFair.Illinois.gov/entertainment/grandstand/boxoffice.html

PROHIBITED ITEMS - The following items are prohibited everywhere on the State Fairgrounds: firearms, weapons, illegal substances including drugs, laser pointers, drones, and air horns or similar noise makers. All items found after entry will be confiscated and discarded. For more information about Illinois State Fair prohibited items, visit StateFair.Illinois.gov/info/prohibited-items.html.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals are permitted on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Fairgoers bringing service animals to the Fairgrounds are strongly encouraged to contact the Illinois State Fair Office at 217-782-6662 or AGR.FairInfo@Illinois.gov prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds so the Department can provide credentials for the Fairgoer and obtain the required information about the service animal.

Pets, emotional support animals and therapy animals are not permitted on Illinois State Fairgrounds, outside of camping areas and State Fair competitions. The definition of "service animal" is limited to a dog or miniature horse.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

An American Sign Language Interpreter is available on the fairgrounds from 10am – 8pm every day of the Fair. Fairgoers can stop by the Illinois State Police Safety Education Tent, on Grandstand Avenue, to request assistance. Sign Language Interpreters will also be present at every concert at the Illinois State Fair Grandstand.

TAXI AND RIDESHARE PICKUP/DROP OFF

A Taxi/Rideshare lane is located at the Gate 12 turn in just west of the entrance. All vehicles must enter from the west heading east in order to comply with the one-way traffic pattern.

WHEELCHAIRS & SCOOTERS

Wagons, wheelchairs and electric scooters will be available to rent daily from 9 am-10 pm on Grandstand Ave. near the Goat Barn. They will be available at the Illinois Bldg. from 9 am-5 pm (Mon-Thu) and 9 am-7 pm (Fri-Sun). Driver's license will be required for deposit on all rentals. All rentals must be returned to the same location to retrieve driver's license. Rentals must be returned by 12 midnight each day.



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DAILY HAPPENINGS
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TENT
Located Central Ave. & west of Main St.
10am – 8pm (closing 6pm Sun, 8/18)
Agriculture grows Illinois. The AgVenture Kids Area with FREE crafts, the always popular corn bin, peddle tractors, famers market and piglets! Celebrate agriculture with the food growing our state: famous apple cider slushies, soft-serve ice cream, fresh-cut watermelon, peaches and sweet corn from the Illinois Specialty Growers Association. Check out the daily schedule to join us for FREE entertainment.

APEX STAGE12noon – pm
Located at corner of Illinois Ave. & Grandstand Ave.
Variety of live entertainment daily.

ARENA
Located on South 8th Street
Aug. 13 – Rodeo Nights (Ticket Fee\$)..7:30pm
Aug. 14 – Rodeo Nights (Ticket Fee \$)....7:30pm
Aug. 17 – ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls (Ticket Fee \$)7:30pm
Aug. 18 – ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls (Ticket Fee \$)7:30pm
Aug. 19 – ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls (Ticket Fee \$)..... 7:30pm
Aug. 21 – Monsters of Destruction (Ticket Fee \$)
Pit Party 5:30pm
Event.....7:30pm
Aug 22 – ISF Championship Demolition Derby (Ticket Fee \$)
Power Wheels.....5pm
Demolition Derby Event6pm

ARTISANS BUILDING12pm-8pm Daily
Located South of Coliseum and West of Exposition Building
Come taste wines from Illinois wineries in the air-conditioned Artisans Building. Also visit the satellite booths in the Village of Cultures and Commodities Pavillion. Sponsored by the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Alliance (IGGVA).

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S TENT....10am-7pm
Located on Grandstand Ave
Visit Attorney General Kwame Raoul's tent to learn more about the many programs and services we provide. As the state's chief legal officer, the Attorney General's office works to protect consumers, safeguard children, fight crime and support victims, advocate for

older residents, preserve the environment, promote transparency in government, and defend the rights of Illinois residents. Stop by to see how we can help you. Also, visit the Illinois Building to learn more about the Attorney General's efforts to help seniors recognize and avoid scams that target older residents.

BIG TOP ADVENTURESDaily 2pm, 4:30pm & 7pm
Located in Happy Hollow
Step right up, Step right up! You won't believe your eyes, as Happy Hollow is transformed into a 900-seat big top circus! A spectacular showcase awaits with acts from jugglers, clowns, trapeze artists and so much more!

BUSCH LIGHT TENT.....Noon-12 Midnight
Located on Avenue of Flags. Family friendly until 6pm daily. The Busch Light Tent offers its own unique blend of live music, cold beverages, and fair-time fun throughout the day.

COLISEUM
Located on Central Avenue
Aug. 13-14 - Society Horse Show, Saddlebred, Roadster & Hackney, Welsh & Shetland Pony
Aug. 15 - Sunflower Showmanship & Jr Livestock Parade of Champions Grand Drive
Aug. 16-18 - Draft Horse Show
Aug. 19 - Governor's Sale of Champions
Aug. 20-22 - Society Horse Show, Morgan, Arabian, Walking Horse, Fox Trotter & Paso Fino
Aug 23 - Draft Horse Pull

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF ILLINOIS.....10am-6pm
Located on Farmarama Lane and Brian Raney Avenue
Discover hands-on activities, live demonstrations, career exploration, student experiences, workforce training opportunities, and interactive exhibits from Illinois community colleges and statewide partners.
Thursday 8/13..... Agriculture & Equine Careers Day
Friday 8/14.....Future of Agriculture Day
Saturday 8/15.....STEM Exploration Day
Sunday 8/16.....Apprenticeship & Skilled Trades Day
Monday 8/17.....Lifelong Learning & Community Impact Day
Tuesday 8/18.....Transfer and Career Pathways Day

Wednesday 8/19.....Workforce Empowerment Initiative Day
Thursday 8/20.....Construction & Building Trades Day
Friday 8/21.....Healthcare and Public Safety Day
Saturday 8/22.....Energy, EV and Sustainability Day
Sunday 8/23....Student Life & Athletics Day

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE TENT.....9am-7pm
Located on Brian Raney Avenue
Come visit Illinois State Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza's tent during the fair, featuring games, events, giveaways and an informative experience that will help visitors see exactly where their tax dollars are going.

CONSERVATION WORLD.....10am-7pm
Located on 8th Street
Visit Conservation World at the 2026 Illinois State Fair to celebrate the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66 and experience "Where the Mother Road Meets Mother Nature." With 30-acres of hands-on outdoor activities, shows, demonstrations, learning opportunities, sensory hours, games, music, food and shade, fairgoers will find themselves returning to Conservation World again and again. See complete listing of attractions on page 34-36.

COORS LIGHT TENT.....12noon-12midnight
Located on Grandstand Ave.
Family friendly until 6pm daily. From afternoon acoustic sets to nighttime party bands, the Coors Tent keeps the fairgrounds buzzing with live entertainment all day long.

CRAFT BEER COMPETITIONAug. 13-15
Located in The Shed
The Illinois State Fair will host the 2026 Illinois Craft Beer Festival, featuring a craft beer competition where you are the judge! Buy a pint or grab a "sample pass" and sip your way through the festival with 5 ounce pours from some of the best breweries Illinois has to offer.
Thursday, August 13.....12pm-9pm
Friday, August 14.....11am-9pm
Saturday, August 15.....11am-9pm

DAIRY BUILDING.....9am-7pm
Located on East end of Central Avenue
Sponsored by the Midwest Dairy Association - Butter Cow, Dairy Products and Exhibits

DINO ENCOUNTERS10am-8:30pm
Located in Happy Hollow
Dinosaur Encounters is an immersive prehistoric exhibit featuring realistic, large-scale dinosaur structures designed to teach fairgoers about prehistoric life through interaction and storytelling. Fairgoers of all ages will enjoy the Excavation Zone, Photo Ops, Jurassic Gyroscopes, Dinosaur Rides, and so much more! Daily stage shows at 1pm, 3:30pm and 6pm.

EMMERSON BUILDING
Located on Main St. & Brian Raney Ave.
First Aid Station/East Annex..... 11am-6pm
Sensory Station/South Wing.....10am-7pm
State Fair Offices.....8am-6pm

EXPOSITION BUILDING
Located on Main Street
Amateur and Junior Art Exhibits.....9am-8pm
Commercial Exhibits.....9am-9pm
Expo Building StageNoon-7:30pm (live entertainment, daily)
Selfie Gallery.....9am-9pm
U.S. Post Office.....9am-5pm

FIRST LADY'S TENT.....10am-6pm
Located on Main St. & Brian Raney Ave.
Visit the First Lady's Tent for experiences that are for everyone! Join the First Lady, her team, the Illinois State Museum, and the Illinois Department of Early Childhood for hands-on activities, art, cooking demonstrations, freeze pops and more.

FLORICULTURE
Located in Illinois Building
Aug. 13.....12pm-7:30pm
Aug. 14.....12pm-7:30pm
Aug. 15.....2pm-7:30pm
Aug. 16.....10am-5pm
Aug. 17.....12pm-7:30pm
Aug. 18.....9am-7:30pm
Aug. 19.....12pm-7:30pm
Aug. 20.....9am-7:30pm
Aug. 21.....12pm-7:30pm
Aug. 22.....12pm-7pm

FREE ENTERTAINMENT STAGES
The Illinois State Fair offers more than 160+ hours of free entertainment. Throughout the grounds, fairgoers will find 12 entertainment stages that offer a variety of music and entertainment throughout the fair.
* Surfside Social Club on Route 66
* Village of Cultures Stage

SHADED TIMES = WEEKDAYS ONLY
UNSHADED TIMES =
WEEKDAYS + SATURDAYS



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ILLINOIS WINE EXPERIENCE

Several locations below:
Artisans Building – Discover the fairgrounds’ best kept secret in the air-conditioned Artisan Building! Taste wines from Illinois wineries in a cool, relaxed and inviting setting. Explore award-winning selections in a range of styles – from dry to sweet, including reds, whites, roses and sparkling. Meet winery representatives while you sip and relax. Browsers are always welcome. Daily and Mega Sip passes are available and required to guests 21 or better to sample or purchase wine.
Daily.....12pm-8pm

Village of Cultures – featuring one winery per day selling glasses, bottles and our world-famous wine slushies!
Daily.....12pm-9pm

Commodities Pavilion (across from Grandstand) – featuring one winery per day selling glasses, bottles and our world-famous wine slushies!
Daily.....11am-8pm

KARDENNI THE MAGICIAN

Multiple shows Daily
Locations - Lincoln Stage and roving performances daily.
Come witness mind-expanding miracles and sophisticated fun with Kardenni the Magician. Check out his unique style of magic that is exceptionally amazing, funny, effective and original.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR’S.....10am-6pm
Located on Brian Raney Ave
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton invites you to stop by and learn more about how we’ve made Illinois the best state to call home! State agencies represented include:
* Illinois State Board of Education
* Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
* Illinois Department of Insurance
* Get Covered Illinois

LINCOLN STAGE.....12noon – 8pm
Located on Central Avenue across from The Shed
From contests, magicians, and patriotic celebrations, you’ll find something for everyone at the Lincoln Stage.

LIVESTOCK CENTER

Located on West end of Central Avenue
Beef Cattle ShowsAug. 14-17.....8am-4pm
Dairy Cattle Shows.....Aug. 19-21.....8am-4pm
Aug. 22.....8am-1pm
Park District Pentathalon
Aug. 22.....1:45pm
Miniature Horse Showujyhy
Aug. 23.....9am-2pm

MERCHANDISE

From Illinois State Fair t-shirts to concert merchandise, the Illinois State Fair offers four locations for fairgoers to stock up on their favorite fan gear. Take home a collectible today!
Illinois Avenue.....10am-10pm
Gate 6 InfieldPrior to Concerts
Grandstand Ave at Horse Paddock
Prior to Concerts
Grandstand North Mezzanine (concert attendees only).....7pm-end of concert

MILLER LITE TENT.....Noon-12 Midnight
Located on Illinois Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. Kick back with friends, enjoy refreshing beverages, and experience a different atmosphere as the fair transitions from daytime fun to evening excitement.

ORR BUILDING

Located on 4-H Lane (off of 8th Street)
Air conditioned building on the west side of the fairgrounds. Serves as a cooling station on hot days. Facility is also home to our Illinois 4-H exhibits, and various other special events during the fair.
8/14-8/18 - 4-H Activities.....9am-4pm
8/19 – Naturalization Ceremony.....11am
8/22 – Pickleball Competition.....10am
8/23 – Cheer & Dance Showcase.....2pm

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Orr Building.....8/13.....10am
Discover the fastest growing sport in America, Pickleball! Join us for an exciting day of competition and community as the Illinois State Fair presents the Dill-inois State Fair Pickleball Showdown, a round-robin doubles tournament featuring both youth and adult divisions.

PIGLETS ON PARADE.....10am-7pm
Birthing Center located west of IDOA Tent on Central Avenue
This is a popular, family-friendly exhibit that allows fairgoers to get an up-close look at newborn piglets and pregnant

sows. Exhibit is operated by the Illinois Pork Producers Association.

POWERLIGHT FEST.....Sunday, August 23
Located on Lincoln Stage
Praise & worship with BYO Church.....2pm
Radiant Church Youth Band.....3:30pm
Ignescent Band.....5pm
Sean Rodriguez.....6pm
Jordan Feliz.....8pm

PRE-SHOW PARTY TENT

(Ticket Fee \$).....1.5 Hours Before Concert
Party entrance is located inside Infield Parking Lot
Upgrade your concert experience with a pre-show party. This event is in addition to your concert ticket. Both a concert ticket and a pre-show party ticket are required to enter the party tent. Enjoy a hors d’oeuvres type food, entertainment, presenting station swag giveaways and early entry into the concert venue. Only a LIMITED number of pre-show party tickets are made available.

ROUTE 66 EXPERIENCE.....10am-7pm
Located in Gate 2 area
Celebrate the centennial celebration of the historic Mother Road with the only state fairgrounds on Route 66. Experience 300 miles of the Illinois Mother Road through this self-guided tour of the 92 communities that call Route 66 home. Check out the vintage billboards, a drive-in movie theatre, Legends Neon Sign Park and tribute to muffler men along Illinois Route 66.

THE SHED.....12noon-11pm
Located East end of Central Avenue
Covered family seating area for fairgoers seeking shade and relaxation. Area is also used for special events and competitions.
Craft Beer Competition...8/13.....12pm-9pm
Craft Beer Competition...8/14.....11am-9pm
Craft Beer Competition...8/15.....11pm-9pm
Veterans Benefits Expo...8/16.....10am-2pm
YMCA Senior Activitie...8/17.....9am-3pm
Push-Pull Competition...8/22.....7am-2pm
ISF Chili Cookoff.....8/23.....9am-3pm

SECRETARY OF STATE TENT.....10am-8pm
Located on Brian Raney Avenue
Skip the trip to the DMV and take care of important services while enjoying the fairgrounds. Fairgoers can apply for a REAL ID, obtain or renew a driver’s license or state ID, switch from a Temporary Visitor Driver’s License (TVDL) to a

standard driver’s license, renew vehicle registration or apply for disability parking placards—all in one convenient stop at the Secretary of State tent.

SELFIE GALLERY.....9am-9pm
Located in the Exposition Building
One dozen unique, interactive and mind-blowing booths to capture your greatest poses and pictures! Includes 2 extra-large booths for photos of your group. Come on in and take your selfies for FREE! Don’t forget to share your experience on social media at #ILStateFair.

SENSORY STATION.....10am-7pm
Located at South-end of the Emmerson Building
Dedicated quiet zone on the fairgrounds designed to provide fairgoers with sensory sensitivities the tools and resources to regroup and focus. Sunflower Hours will be offered on Saturday August 15 from 9am-12pm.

SKY HIGH BALLOON GUY.....Daily 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
Located at the Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy is a professional balloon twister with many years of experience that can make just about anything you can imagine! With jokes and charisma, he will entertain and make an impact you will never forget. Be sure to check him out at the Meridian Healthcare Adventure Village Stage.

SKYGLIDE (Ticket Fee \$).....9am-10pm
The SkyGlide Ride runs from the South end of Grandstand Avenue to the corner of Gate #2. It offers an excellent aerial view of the fairgrounds. Separate ticket required to ride.

STATE FAIR HISTORY MUSEUM.....10am-8pm
Located in the North End of the Grandstand.
Historical Exhibits and Memorabilia
Highlighting the 160+ years of Fair History.

STREET DRUM CORPS.....Daily 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm
Roving daily on Grandstand Ave
Come immerse yourself in the dynamic world of Street Drum Corps, a globally acclaimed and electrifying percussion ensemble hailing from the vibrant city of Los Angeles, CA. They deliver unparalleled energy and awe-inspiring performances!

STROLLING PIANO & DJ.....Roving Daily
3pm, 5pm & 8pm
The Strolling Piano brings the gift of music to all ages and genres as it gracefully glides through the fairgrounds with music, song and laughter – piano 3pm & 5pm performances. Get ready to groove and move with the Strolling DJ – the ultimate mobile party - 8pm performance.

SURFSIDE SOCIAL CLUB ON ROUTE 66
Noon – 12 Midnight
Located on Brian Raney Avenue near Route 66 Experience
Introducing the all-new Surfside Social Club - your go-to spot to soak in the best of the Fair along Route 66. By day, it's a laid-back social hub to enjoy a cold drink and live entertainment with family and friends. As the sun sets, the energy turns up--neon lights glow, live music hits, and the Beer Garden comes alive. From easy daytime hangs to vibrant nights under the neon, this is one stop you won't want to miss!

TREASURER'S OFFICE TENT ...10am-6pm
Located Brian Raney Avenue
Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs' tent highlights several office programs during the Fair. Stop by to search the I-Cash database for any possible unclaimed property and also find information about the many great programs the Treasurer's Office offers. On Saturday, August 22, a live Unclaimed Property Auction will return to the Lincoln Stage. The public can view auction items from 9am-11am. The live auction will begin at 11am.

VIDEO GAMING LOUNGE
presented by J&J Gaming
Located in South end of Grandstand
Thursday, August 13.....12pm-11pm
Friday, August 1412pm-11:30pm
Saturday, August 15.....11am-11:30pm
Sunday, August 16.....12pm-11pm
Monday, August 1712pm-11pm
Tuesday, August 1812pm-11pm
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Thursday, August 2012pm-11pm
Friday, August 2112pm-11:30pm
Saturday, August 2211am-11:30pm
Sunday, August 2312pm-8pm

VILLAGE OF CULTURES
Entrance off Main St., Brian Raney Ave, or Gate 2

Ethnic Food Concessions.....10:30am-10pm
Cajun, Cuban, Filipino, German, Greek, Korean, Italian, Jamaican, Mediterranean, Mexican, German, & Southern Comfort Booths

**IL Wine Booth
& 2 International Beer Booths**
.....12noon-9pm

Village of Cultures Entertainment
.....12noon-10pm

ZOO LADY AND HER ZOO CREW FACE PAINTING.....Daily: 12noon-6pm
Located on the Adventure Village Stage
Providing FREE face painting

CONSERVATION WORLD ATTRACTIONS
Conservation World Gateway
.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Just inside the main entrance to Conservation World, stop by the Illinois Conservation Foundation welcome tent to shop for commemorative vintage-style Illinois state park posters and collectible enamel pins. Visitors can learn more about the foundation and discovery ways to support conservation efforts across the state.

Raptor Basics
Daily: Watch for signs with program times
Stop by the Conservation World amphitheater for the World Bird Sanctuary's raptor basics program. What is a raptor? How is a raptor different from other birds? How do they hunt and where do they live? Learn all of this and more. Program times and meet-and-greet opportunities will be posted near the amphitheater.

Route 66 Ranger Passport
.....Daily: 10am-1pm while supplies last
Pick up a Route 66 Ranger Passport to begin your Conservation World adventure! Stop by the IDNR tent at the main entrance to pick up an activity passport to guide your exploration. Children can stop by IDNR tents in Conservation World to earn passport stamps. Complete all activities to win a special prize.

Eagle Nest Photo Opportunity
.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Children can get their photo taken in a replica eagle nest at the Migration Station.

Sunflower Hours in Conservation World
.....Aug. 15 & 18: 8:30am-10am
Fairgoers are invited to explore the great outdoors through the peaceful and serene setting inside Conservation World. On these two days, programming and exhibit adjustments will offer a quieter, more calming environment for children and adults with sensory processing sensitivities.

Small Actions, Big Impacts
.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Discover how small changes in our daily routines can add up to big wins for Illinois' environment. Hosted by the IDNR Climate Action Team, fairgoers will explore interactive displays and participate in games centered on native plants, electric outdoor tools, smart energy use, and reducing waste at campsites. Pin your small action to our state and regional map and see firsthand how our collective daily choices add up to powerful changes for Illinois!

Fishing Clinics at the Pond
Daily: 10:30am, noon, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm.
Children can learn about different species of fish and try to catch some at the upper pond just inside the Conservation World main entrance.

Archery Range.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Youth can explore the fun of using a bow and arrow at IDNR's popular archery range. Three archery lanes with a mix of Olympic and three-dimensional targets.

Youth BB Gun Range.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Youth can test their shooting skills at the supervised BB gun range inside the CPO check station hosted by the Illinois Conservation Police.

Fly Fishing Clinics
Aug. 14-16 and Aug. 21-23, check in at the Fisheries tent for times
Participants will gain hands-on experience fly casting, learn the essentials of fly casting for a variety of species, and find out about appropriate tackle to use. Meet at the pond behind the IDNR building.

Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show
Monday through Thursday, noon, 3pm, 6pm.
Friday through Sunday, noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm.
Bring the family to watch lumberjacks race to see who can chop, saw, and cut the fastest. Laughter, thrills and

chills guaranteed. Multiple shows daily.
Northwest corner of Conservation World behind the IDNR building.

Chris Camp, "The Whip Guy"
.....Aug. 14-16 and Aug. 21-23, 12:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:45pm.

Check out Chris Camp, "The Whip Guy," and his show featuring daring, high-energy stunts, history, physics, light-hearted humor, and fun. Perfect for all ages.

Rock Climbing Wall.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Kids can challenge themselves to climb the great rock wall.

Smokey Bear.....Daily: 11:15am and 4:15pm
Meet Smokey Bear and get your photo taken with this iconic mascot at the Timber Backroads tent

EXHIBITS AND ACTIVITIES
Mother Road Wildlife Outpost
.....Daily: 10am-7pm

IDNR wildlife staff present the Mother Road Wildlife Center, offering visitors a chance to learn about Illinois wildlife by exploring taxidermy, including full-body mountain lion and gray wolf mounds, wildlife research, hunting and trapping data, and lots of information about migratory birds, large carnivores, deer and furbearers. Games and activities for children.

Riverbanks and Road Trips
.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Visit the IDNR Fisheries tent to view Illinois sportfish – catfish, bass, bluegill and alligator gar – in a 2,800-gallon aquarium. Fisheries biologists will be on hand to answer questions about your local pond and fishing destinations in Illinois. Learn fishing basics from IDNR's talented urban and community fishing staff and talk with Illinois Department of Public Health officials about the benefits and concerns of eating locally caught fish. Sign up in the tent for on-site fishing activities for children, adults and people with disabilities.

State Parks Basecamp
.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Discover the Illinois outdoors like never before! Explore adventures above and below, on the trail, at the beach, and in the water through hands-on games, interactive activities, and fun challenges. Try something new, connect with nature

through your senses and discover outdoor activities you can enjoy in Illinois' state parks long after the fair ends.

Illinois Summer Nights

.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Explore the animals and plants that are active during Illinois summer nights. Learn about the summer evening weather, moon phases, and much more. Children can engage with interactive activities, learn frog calls, explore the summer night book nook, do a search for nighttime animals, enjoy photo opportunities, and check out owl pellets!

Migration Station.....Daily: 10am-7pm

Learn about animal and plant migration across the Illinois landscape. View live butterflies in the butterfly house. Explore a plant migration touch-and-feel display and learn about migratory birds and monarch butterflies. Discover Illinois nature preserves along and near historic Route 66. Hands-on activities for children and an eagle's nest photo opportunity for children.

Timber Backroads.....Daily: 10am-7pm

The IDNR Forestry Division invites fairgoers to explore wood and forest products in Illinois. View a turbo sawmill and displays about Biochar and cooperage (the craft of making wooden barrels). Learn about planting desired tree species in Illinois and keeping invasive exotic plants at bay. Ask a state forester how to manage a forest, plant and trim trees, control forest pests, and be a good land steward. Pick up seed samples from the Mason State Tree Nursery and visit with staff from the Morton Arboretum. Smokey Bear will greet fairgoers at 11:15am and 4:15pm daily.

Lakeside Pavilion.....Daily: 10am-7pm

Begin your Route 66 journey at the Illinois coast to learn about Lake Michigan. Explore what critters and fossils live on the shore with our sand dig bin, take photos at our beach photobooth, and make some waves at our interactive wave tank. Families can take a break from the heat and explore our popular water tables, including the original water table, a sediment table, a wave table, and the "Make it Rain" table.

Route 66 Rock House.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Beneath the surface of Route 66 and other Illinois highways is a geological world bursting with minerals, rocks, fossils, oil and gas. Children can have fun in our rock dig, play the mineral matching game, and visit the Rock Box trailer with displays. Explore the blasting and explosives display, Illinois underground mine maps, a model coal car and pump jack, and various minerals and fossils. Kid-friendly exhibits provide examples of conventional oil and gas practices and show how roads are built.

Conservation Police Check Station

.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Visit the Illinois Conservation Police at Conservation World. Stop by their tent to ask conservation officers questions about hunting and fishing regulations, purchase hunting and fishing licenses, and more. Check out a snowmobile and an ATV and view a display of deer mounts. Youth can test their shooting skills at the supervised BB gun range inside the tent.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Hands-on educational activities and recycling games.

Illinois State Archaeological Society and Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology

.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Learn more about archaeology in the Parks and Rec Basecamp tent featuring Illinois state parks and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Sportsmen Tent and Outdoor News

.....Daily: 10am-7pm
Visit with representatives of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Friends of NRA, Quail Unlimited, and the Illinois State Rifle Association. Pick up free samples of Outdoor News.

Dogs That Help.....Daily: 10am-7pm

Visit with professional trainers, veterans, volunteers, and other dog lovers who know the immense improvements in quality of life a trained canine can provide.

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Thursday, August 13th

Beef Cattle - Heifers Show	7:30am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Meat Goat Show	8am	Goat Barn
Cooking Contest - Pork	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Meat Goat Show (cont.)	10am	Goat Barn
Ag & Equine Careers	10am-6pm	Community College of Illinois Tent
Harness Racing	11am	Grandstand
Beef Cattle - Heifers Show	11am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Amateur Talent Contest	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12-6pm	Adventure Village Stage
Aidan Burke	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Black Horse Run	12pm	The Apex Stage
Society Horse Show	12pm	Coliseum
Craft Beer Competition	12-9pm	The Shed
Kevin Lucas Experience	12pm	Village of Cultures Bandstand
Kardenni (Magician)	12pm	Roaming Grounds
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Cooking Contest - Pork	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Grounds
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Beef Cattle - Heifers Show	2pm	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Society Horse Show	2pm	Coliseum
Black Velvet	2pm	Village of Cultures Bandstand
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kev & Mal	2pm	The Apex Stage
Kardenni (Magician)	2pm	Roaming Grounds
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Six Gun Sally	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
High Dive Show Performance	3pm	Central & Main Street
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Blue Stone Phoenix Band	3pm	Lincoln Stage
Meat Goat Show (cont.)	3pm	Goat Barn
Ryan Leggott	3pm	Expo Building Stage
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Grounds
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (Magician)	4pm	Roaming Grounds
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Brat Pack	5pm	Coors Tent
Sheep - Illinois Market Club	5pm	Sheep Barn
Lamb Assoc. Show	5pm	
State Fair Parade Run	5pm	Main Street
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Swine - Showmanship	5pm	Swine Barn
Stormfront	5pm	Busch Light Tent
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Grounds
Andrew Duncanson & Michael Pelouquin	5pm	Surfside Social Club on Route 66
Twilight Parade	5:30pm	Main Street
High Dive Show Performance	5:30pm	Central & Main Street
Captain Geesh & The Shrimp	5:30pm	Miller Tent
Shack Shooters		
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
State Fair Parade Run Awards Ceremony	6pm	Village of Cultures Bandstand
Society Horse Show	6:30pm	Coliseum
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Grounds
Character Fleadh	7pm	Village of Cultures Bandstand
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show Performance	7:30pm	Central & Main Street
To Be Announced	7:30pm	Grand Central
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Grounds
Captain Quirk	8:30pm	Coors Tent
Brushville	8:30pm	Miller Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Friday, August 14th

Swine - Gilt Show	7am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Beef Cattle Show	7:30am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Beef Cattle - Heifers Show	8am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Meat Goat Show	8am	Goat Barn
Beef Cattle Show	8:30am	Livestock Center
Painting 101 - Linda Evoy	9am	Illinois Building
Society Horse Show	9am	Coliseum
Cooking Contest - Bake-a-Cake	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Poultry Show	9:30am	Building 105
Meat Goat Show (cont.)	10am	Goat Barn
Future of Agriculture	10am-6pm	Community College of Illinois Tent
Swine - Gilt Show (cont.)	10am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Golden Abe's Food Contest	10am	The Shed (Tent)
(Preliminary Round)		
Marshall-Putnam-Stark Show Choir	10:30am	Illinois Building Auditorium
Craft Beer Competition	11am-9pm	The Shed
Beef Cattle Show (cont.)	11am	Livestock Center
Harness Racing	11am	Grandstand
Rooster Crowing Contest	11am	Building 105
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Cutest Little Farmer Contest	11am	Expo Building Stage
Beef Cattle - Heifers Show	11am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (Magician)	12pm	Roaming Grounds
Dallas Da Drummer	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Conner Loveless	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Cooking Contest - Bake-a-Cake	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
High Dive Show Performance	12:30pm	Central & Main
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Swine - Gilt Show (cont.)	1pm	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Kelli Bonomo	1pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Roger Whitsell & Andy Spiro	1pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Poultry Show (cont.)	1pm	Building 105
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Kardenni (Magician)	2pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures (Circus)	2pm	Happy Hollow
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Golden Abe's Food Contest (Final Round)	3pm	Lincoln Stage
Brian Elder	3pm	Expo Building Stage
Sheep - Showmanship	3pm	North Sheep Barn
High Dive Show Performance	3pm	Happy Hollow
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Grounds
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Bernie Lutchman	3pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Grounds
Kardenni (Magician)	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures (Circus)	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Branded	5pm	Busch Light Tent
R&B Live Ladies Edition	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Grounds
Captain Geesh & The Shrimp	5pm	Miller Tent
Shack Shooters		
New Twang City	5pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
The Collective	5pm	Coors Tent
High Dive Show Performance	5:30pm	Central & Main
Logan Allen	6pm	Expo Building Stage
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
Master Showmanship Contest	6pm	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Master Showmanship Contest	6pm	Swine Barn
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Grounds

Friday, August 14th

Kardenni (Magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
Big Top Adventures (Circus)	7pm	Happy Hollow
High Dive Show Performance	7:30pm	Central & Main
Mike Tramp of White Lion	7:30pm	Grand Central Stage
Bailey Zimmermann	8pm	Grandstand
Jesse Williams Band	8pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
Strolling DJ	8:30pm	Roaming Grounds
Kapitol Sound	9pm	Busch Light Tent
Foreplay	9pm	Coors Tent
Lick Creek	9pm	Miller Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Saturday, August 15th

Swine - Barrow Show	7am	Swine Barn
Beef Cattle Show	8:30am	Livestock Center
Sheep - Market Lamb Show	8am	North Sheep Barn
Meat Goat Show	8am	Goat Barn
Beef Cattle - Steer Show	8:30am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Woodward Media Radio	9am	Expo Stage
Broadcasting		
Poultry Show	9am	Building 105
Rabbit Show	9:30am	Sale Barn 26
Sunflower Showmanship	10am	Coliseum
Swine - Barrow Show (cont.)	10am	Swine Barn
The Fleming Academy of Performing Arts	10am	Illinois Building
STEM Exploration (10am-6pm)	10am	Community College of Illinois Tent
Sheep - Market Lamb Show	10:30am	North Sheep Barn
Craft Beer Competition	11am-9pm	The Shed
Poultry Show (cont.)	11am	Building 105
Troupe Zahava (Belly Dance)	11am	Illinois Building
Fiddle & Banjo Contest	11am	Lincoln Stage
Rabbit Show (cont.)	11am	Sale Barn 26
Beef Cattle - Steer Show	11am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Mezzanine Area: Bingo (sponsored by Molina)	11am	Illinois Building
Pepper Brooks	12pm	Expo Stage
Springfield Municipal Band	12pm	Village of Cultures
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Lotus Fire (Belly Dance)	12pm	Illinois Building
Garrett Jacobs	12pm	Apex Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12pm-6pm	Adventure Village Stage
High Dive Show	12:30pm	Central & Main
Sky High Balloons	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Swine - Barrow Show (cont.)	1pm	Swine Barn
Jan's Dance Studio	1pm	Illinois Building
Sheep - Market Lamb Show	1pm	North Sheep Barn
Will Clark	1pm	Coors Tent
Poultry Show (cont.)	1pm	Building 105
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Rabbit Show (cont.)	1pm	Sale Barn 26
Springfield International Folk Dancers	1pm	Village of Cultures
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Cody Lee	1pm	Busch Light Tent
Joel Honey	1pm	Miller Tent
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Marshall-Putnam-Stark Show Choir	2pm	Illinois Building
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Marina V	2pm	Village of Cultures
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Roaming Entertainment
Subseed	2pm	Apex Stage
Alannah McCready	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Sky High Balloons	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Ponytail Contest	2:30pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Central Illinois Irish Dance	3:30pm	Illinois Building
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow

Saturday, August 15th

Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Isaac Biver	3:30pm	Expo Stage
Decorated Diaper Contest	3:30pm	Lincoln Stage
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Chris Roberts	4pm	Apex Stage
St Andrews Dancers, Pipes & Drums	4pm	Village of Cultures
Diaper Derby Contest	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Catholic Church Service	4:30pm	Illinois Building
Sky High Balloons	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Land of Lincoln Chorus	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Captain Geesh & The Shrimp	5pm	Miller Tent
Shack Shooters		
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Brushville	5pm	Coors Tent
Taylor Steele & The Love Preachers	5pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
Midwest Revival	5pm	Busch Light Tent
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Mark Taylor	5:30pm	Expo Stage
Jr Livestock Grand Drive	6pm	Coliseum
Parade of Champions		
Dinosaur Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
Raelynn Alyse	6pm	Apex Stage
Prairie Land Dance Club	6pm	Village of Cultures
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sky High Balloons	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
SamaSama Project	7:30pm	Village of Cultures
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
To Be Announced	7:30pm	Grand Central
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Lainey Wilson	8pm	Grandstand
Tyson Schulte	9pm	Busch Light Tent
Foreplay	9pm	Coors Tent
Lick Creek	9pm	Miller Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Sunday, August 16th

Beef Cattle Show	8am	Livestock Center
Swine - Barrow Show	8am	Swine Barn
Sheep - Market Lamb Show	8am	North Sheep Barn
Beef Cattle - Steer Show	9am	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Dairy Goat Show	9am	Goat Barn
Draft Horse & Pony Show	9am	Coliseum
Lutheran Church Services	9am	Illinois Building Auditorium
Rabbit Show	9:30am	Sale Barn 26
Sheep - Market Lamb Show	10am	North Sheep Barn
Apprenticeship & Skilled Trades	10am-6pm	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Swine - Barrow Show (cont.)	10am	Swine Barn
Veterans Benefit Expo	10am	The Shed
JROTC Competition	10am	Lincoln Stage
Churches of Christ	10:30am	Illinois Building Auditorium
Beef Cattle Show (cont.)	11am	Livestock Center
Dairy Goats Show (cont.)	11am	Goat Barn
Mezzanine Area: Bingo (sponsored by Molina)	11am	Illinois Building
Rabbit Show	11am	Sale Barn 26
Draft Horse & Pony Show	11am	Coliseum
Veterans Day Day Program	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Beef Cattle - IBA Jackpot Show	12pm	Jr Livestock Barn/Bldg 30
Subseed	12pm	Apex Stage
Marshall-Putnam-Stark Show Choir	12pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Pepper Brooks	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12pm	Adventure Village Stage

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Ballet Folklorico Tonantzin	12pm	Village of Cultures
High Dive Show	12:30pm	Central & Main
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Bustin Loose	1pm	Busch Light Tent
Tim Hart	1pm	Coors Tent
Dino Encounters	1pm	Happy Hollow
Rabbit Show	1pm	Sale Barn 26
Draft Horse & Pony Show	1pm	Coliseum
Elvis Himself	1pm	Miller Tent
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Happy Hollow
Veterans' Day Entertainment	1:30pm	Lincoln Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Paul Niehaus IV	2pm	Apex Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
144th Army Band	2pm	Village of Cultures
Circus	2pm	Happy Hollow
John Eason & Ramblin Sons	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Roaming Entertainment
IATP - Aging in Home - An Overview of the ICC Program	2pm	Illinois Building
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30 AM	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
JROTC Awards	3pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Pee-Wee Lamb Show	3pm	North Sheep Barn
Brother John	3pm	Expo Building Stage
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment
Springfield Dance	3pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dino Encounters	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Sheep Costume Show	3:30pm	North Sheep Barn
Smokestacks	4pm	Apex Stage
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Jason Zhang Group	4pm	Village of Cultures
Sheep Leadline Show	4pm	North Sheep Barn
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Veteran's Day Parade	4pm	Central Avenue
Dance Creation Dance Studio	4pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Circus	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Brushville	4:30pm	Miller Tent
Catfish Willie Band	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sheep - Showmanship	5pm	North Sheep Barn
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Grand Teft Audio	5pm	Busch Light Tent
Folsom Prison 5 - A Tribute to Johnny Cash	5pm	Coors Tent
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Springfield International Folk Dancers	6pm	Village of Cultures
A Brighter Side	6pm	Apex Stage
Dino Encounters	6pm	Happy Hollow
Draft Horse & Pony Show	6pm	Coliseum
Tanner Romine	6pm	Expo Building Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
Circus	7pm	Happy Hollow
The Happy Wanderers	7pm	Village of Cultures
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Lakeview	7:30pm	Grand Central
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
B3stie Boiz	8pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
Sushi Roll	8:30pm	Coors Tent
Matchbox Twenty	8pm	Grandstand
Johnny Vodka	9pm	Busch Light Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Monday, August 17th

Beef Cattle Show	8am	Livestock Center
Sheep Show	8am	North & South Sheep Barns
Dairy Goat Show	8:30am	Goat Barn
Draft Horse & Pony Show	9am	Coliseum
Cooking Contest - Baked Desserts	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
YMCA Senior Activities	9am	The Shed
Tip Top Tappers	9:45am	Illinois Building Auditorium
Best Bagger Competition	10am	Grand Central Stage
Sheep Show (cont.)	10am	North & South Sheep Barn
Lifelong Learning & Community Impact	10am	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Dairy Goat Show (cont.)	10:30am	Goat Barn
Senior Day Opening Ceremonies	10:30am	Illinois Building
Beef Cattle Show (cont.)	11am	Livestock Center
Multi Sector Planning	11am	Illinois Building
Mezzanine Area: Bingo (sponsored by Molina)	11am	Illinois Building
The Not So Newlywed Game (sponsored Central IL Senior Celebration)	12pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Riley Holtz	12pm	Apex Stage
Maverick Moon Dance Troupe	12pm	Village of Cultures
Joey Figgiani	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Silverstrings	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Cooking Contest - Baked Desserts	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Sheep Show (cont.)	1pm	North & South Sheep Barns
Draft Horse & Pony Show	1pm	Coliseum
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Jeopardy Medicare Contest (sponsored Springfield Supportive Living)	2pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Lincoln Stage
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Big Shake Daddies	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Waterloo German Band	2pm	Village of Cultures
Westend Junction	2pm	Apex Stage
Movie "My Momma Joe"	3pm	Illinois Building Auditorium
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment
Stay Tuned Tap Project	3pm	Lincoln Stage
Nick Sanzeri	3pm	Expo Building Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Hunter Peebles	4pm	Apex Stage
Hippies of the Heartland	4pm	Village of Cultures
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Captain Quirk	5pm	Coors Tent
Suns of Beaches	5pm	Miller Tent
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Whiskey Weekend	5pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Rick Mari	5:30pm	Busch Light Tent
FOURsquared Multiple Woodwind Quartet	5:30pm	Village of Cultures
Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
PTUCK	6pm	Expo Building Stage
Draft Horse & Pony Show	6pm	Coliseum
Kevin Gruen	6pm	Apex Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
Mike Burnett & The Suns of Circumstance	7pm	Coors Tent
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
Samba Llamas	7pm	Village of Cultures
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Shake Baby Shake	7:30pm	Grand Central
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
38 Special	8pm	Grandstand
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Tuesday, August 18th

Swine Show	8am	Swine Barn
Dairy Goat Show	8:30am	Goat Barn
Sheep Show	9am	North Sheep Barn
Attorney General's Office - Scams & Identity Theft	9am	Illinois Building
Cooking Contest - Beef Transfer & Career Pathways	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Georgia Allison's Silver Fox Fitness, Senior Fitness Group	10am	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Swine Show (cont.)	10am	Swine Barn
Dairy Goat Show (cont.)	10:30am	Goat Barn
Free Haircuts	10am	Illinois Building
Sheep Show (cont.)	11am	North Sheep Barn
Draft Horse & Pony Show	11am	Coliseum
Cooking with Confidence	11am	Illinois Building
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Riley Holtz	12pm	Apex Stage
Jackson Price & Daughter	12pm	Illinois Building
Cramer & Horn	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Elissa Sun	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Free Haircuts	12pm	Illinois Building
Waterloo German Band	12pm	Village of Cultures
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Cooking Contest - Beef Assistance with Cell Phone Issues	1pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Sheep Show (cont.)	1pm	Illinois Building
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	North Sheep Barn
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Happy Hollow
Free Haircuts	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Illinois Building
Dolly Days	2pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Sensory Station
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Happy Hollow
Mariachi Solista Gabriel y Ayelen Gabriel	2pm	Lincoln Stage
Line Dancing	2pm	Village of Cultures
Claudey Blue	2pm	Illinois Building
Lara Bell	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Apex Stage
Strolling Piano	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Roaming Entertainment
AP	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Thomas Guest	3pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Expo Building Stage
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Central & Main
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Kev & Mal	4pm	Happy Hollow
Def Leprechaun	4pm	Apex Stage
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Village of Cultures
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Strolling Piano	5pm	Happy Hollow
Hugo's Elvis Tribute	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Suns of Beaches	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Mike Burnett & Friends	5pm	Coors Tent
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Miller Tent
AP	6pm	Central & Main
Central Illinois Irish Dance	6pm	Expo Building Stage
Tracy Inman Band	6pm	Village of Cultures
Draft Horse & Pony Show	6pm	Apex Stage
Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Coliseum
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Happy Hollow
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Happy Hollow
	7pm	Lincoln Stage

Tuesday, August 18th

High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Chicha Roots	7:30pm	Village of Cultures
The Creekers	7:30pm	Grand Central
Dance Monkey	8pm	Miller Tent
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Ziggy Marley	8pm	Grandstand
Harmony Grits	8:30am	Coors Tent
Chris Durate	9pm	Busch Light Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Wednesday, August 19th

Wednesday, August 18	Time	Location
Dairy Cattle Show	8am	Livestock Center
Swine Show	8am	Swine Barn
Sheep Show	9am	North Sheep Barn
Kinder Goats Show	9am	Goat Barn
Governor's Hometown Awards	9am-5pm	Illinois Building
Cooking Contest - Yeast Bread	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Swine Show (cont.)	10am	Swine Barn
Auctioneers' Bid Calling Contest	10am	Lincoln Stage
Workforce Empowerment Initiative (10:00 - 6:00)	10am	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Naturalization Ceremony	11am	Orr Building
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Sheep Show (cont.)	11am	North Sheep Barn
Dairy Cattle Show	11:30am	Livestock Center
Sinead Fahey	12pm	Apex Stage
Def Leprechaun	12pm	Village of Cultures
Cody Galloway	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Cooking Contest - Yeast Bread	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Sheep Show (cont.)	1pm	North Sheep Barn
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Lincoln Stage
LotusFire Dance	2pm	Village of Cultures
Westend Junction	2pm	Apex Stage
Sushi Roll	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
TyJohn Charlie	3pm	Lincoln Stage
Noelle Toland	3pm	Expo Building Stage
The Nevery Brothers	3pm	Village of Cultures
Dairy Cattle - Showmanship	3pm	Livestock Center
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Raelynn Alyse	4pm	Apex Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sale of Champions	4:30pm	Coliseum
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Prairie Winds Flute Ensemble	5pm	Village of Cultures
Square of the Roots	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Stereo Typical	5pm	Coors Tent
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
High School Fall Football Preview	6pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
TyJohn Charlie	6pm	Expo Building Stage
Kevin Lucas Experience	6pm	Village of Cultures
Smokestacks	6pm	Apex Stage
Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow

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Wednesday, August 19th

Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
The Band Perry	7:30pm	Grand Central
Wiz Khalifa	8pm	Grandstand
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sushi Roll	8:30pm	Miller Tent
Voodoo Exile	9pm	Busch Light Tent
Dance Monkey	9pm	Coors Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Thursday, August 20th

Dairy Cattle Show	8am	Livestock Center
Sheep Show	9am	North Sheep Barn
Society Horse Show	9am	Coliseum
Cooking Contest - Chicken	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Georgia Allison's Silver Fox	10am	Illinois Building
Fitness, Senior Fitness Group		
Construction & Building Trades (10:00-6:00)	10am	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Free Haircuts (10:00 - 3:00)	10am	Illinois Building
Diary Cattle Show (cont.)	10:30am	Livestock Center
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Sheep Show (cont.)	11am	North Sheep Barn
The Tangents	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Noah Hutton	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
The Tangents	12pm	Lincoln Stage
The Neverly Brothers	12pm	Village of Cultures
Dan Hubbard	12pm	Apex Stage
Society Horse Show	12pm	Coliseum
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Cooking Contest - Chicken	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Lincoln Stage
Eric Case Band	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Tom & Geoff	2pm	Apex Stage
Dairy Cattle Show	2pm	Livestock Center
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Lew Jetton	3pm	Expo Building Stage
Terran's Greek Band	3pm	Village of Cultures
Micah Walk	3pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Tracy Inman Band	4pm	Apex Stage
Dairy Cattle Show (cont.)	4pm	Livestock Center
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Sushi Roll	4:30pm	Miller Tent
Celtic Whistle	5pm	Village of Cultures
Pity The Neighbor	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Crane Alley Cats	5pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
RiverCity Eagles - Eagles Tribute Band	5pm	Coors Tent
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Micah Walk	6pm	Expo Building Stage

Thursday, August 20th

Hearts & Boots	6pm	Apex Stage
Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Society Horse Show	6:30pm	Coliseum
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
Good Vibes	7pm	Village of Cultures
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Rumours	7:30pm	Grand Central
The Avett Brothers	8pm	Grandstand
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Friday, August 21st

Dairy Cattle Show	8am	Livestock Center
Swine Show	8am	Swine Barn
Sheep Show	9am	North Sheep Barn
Society Horse Show	9am	Coliseum
Cooking Contest - Pie	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
The Mary Bryan Singers	10am	Illinois Building
Construction & Building Trades	10am-6pm	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Dairy Cattle Show (cont.)	10:30am	Livestock Center
Sheep Show (cont.)	11am	North Sheep Barn
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Hearts & Boots	12pm	Apex Stage
John Jarrett	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Nordland Band	12pm	Village of Cultures
Society Horse Show	12pm	Coliseum
Illinois 250 Trivia	12-5pm	Illinois Building
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Double Identity	12pm	Lincoln Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12-6pm	Adventure Village Stage
Young Person's Entrepreneurship	12-5pm	Illinois Building
Shark Tank Pitch Competition		
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Cooking Contest - Pie	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
High Dive Show	12:30pm	Central & Main
Sheep Show (cont.)	1pm	North Sheep Barn
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Lincoln Stage
The Houseshakers	2pm	Village of Cultures
Eric Case Band	2pm	Grand Central Stage
Paul Niehaus IV	2pm	Apex Stage
Dairy Cattle Show	2pm	Livestock Center
Pygmy Goat Show	2:30pm	Goat Barn
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Golden Abe Peoples Choice Awards	3pm	Expo Building Stage
Jason Michael Launer	3pm	Lincoln Stage
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Dairy Cattle Show (cont.)	4pm	Livestock Center
Sam Morgan	4pm	Apex Stage
Brandon Maddox	4pm	Expo Building Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Matt Carter Band	5pm	Lincoln Stage
Longmeyer Band	5pm	Coors Tent
Kamokunani Hula Hulau	5pm	Village of Cultures
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage

Friday, August 21st

Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Captain Geech & The Shrimp	5pm	Miller Tent
Shack Shooters		
Andrew Duncanson & Michael Pelouin	5pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Jason Michael Launer	6pm	Expo Building Stage
Avery Kern	6pm	Apex Stage
Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
Society Horse Show	6:30pm	Coliseum
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Lincoln Stage
Orquesta SaSoul Del Mad	7pm	Village of Cultures
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Kobanova	7:30pm	Grand Central
Ella Langley	8pm	Grandstand
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Pink'D (Pink Tribute)	9pm	Miller Tent
Lick Creek	9pm	Coors Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Saturday, August 22nd

Invitational 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging	8am	Livestock Center
Swine Show	8am	Swine Barn
Pygmy Goat Show	8:30am	Goat Barn
Jess & Krongo	9am	Illinois Building
Unclaimed Property Auction - Public Viewing	9am	Lincoln Stage
Sheep Show	9am	North Sheep Barn
Society Horse Show	9am	Coliseum
Baton Twirling Contest	9am	Sale Barn 26
Cooking Contest - Champion	9am	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Push-Pull Competition	9am	The Shed
Energy, EV & Sustainability (10:00-6:00)	10am	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Pickleball Showdown	10am	Orr Building
IL State Treasurer Unclaimed Property Auction	11am	Lincoln Stage
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Supreme Champion Dairy Cattle Park Play Station	11am	Livestock Center
Tremont Park District Nitsch Theater Arts	11am	Village of Cultures Pavilion
Rae	12pm	Expo Building Stage
Illinois 250 Trivia (12:00-5:00)	12pm	Illinois Building
Society Horse Show	12pm	Coliseum
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12-6pm	Adventure Village Stage
Kardenni (magician)	12pm	Roaming Entertainment
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
High Dive Show	12:30pm	Central & Main
Cooking Contest - Champion	12:30pm	Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Sheep Show (cont.)	1pm	North Sheep Barn
Woodridge Park District Dancers	1pm	Village of Cultures
Joel Honey	1pm	Miller Tent
Pygmy Goat Show	1pm	Goat Barn
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Park District Pentathlon	1:45pm	Livestock Center
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Rockford Park District Young Eagle Success Club	2pm	Village of Cultures
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Roaming Entertainment
Anna Scott	2:30pm	Expo Building Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment

Saturday, August 22nd

Drew Cagle & The Reputation	3pm	Grand Central Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Roaming Entertainment
Peaches and Bacon	4pm	Lincoln Stage
Michael Blakey	4pm	Apex Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow
Catholic Mass	4:30pm	Illinois Building
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Captain Geech & The Shrimp	5pm	Miller Tent
Shack Shooters		
Stormfront	5pm	Busch Light Tent
Brushville	5pm	Coors Tent
Briley	5:30pm	Expo Building Stage
High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
Sinead Fahey	6pm	Apex Stage
Square Dance For Fun	6pm	Lincoln Stage
Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Society Horse Show	6:30pm	Coliseum
Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
The Chicks	7pm	Grandstand
Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Roaming Entertainment
Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Vertical Horizon	7:30pm	Grand Central
Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Decade of Decadence	8:30pm	Miller Tent
Sunshine Daydream	9pm	Busch Light Tent
Lick Creek	9pm	Coors Tent
Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage

Sunday, August 23rd

Abe's Amble 10K/5K Race	7:30am	Grandstand
Miniature Horse Show	9am	Livestock Center
Chili Cook-off (9:00 - 3:00)	9am	The Shed
Lutheran Church Services	9am	Illinois Building
Lego Competition	10am-2pm	Expo Building Stage
Student Life & Athletics	10am-6pm	Community Colleges of Illinois Tent
Churches of Christ Church Services	10:30am	Illinois Building
Miniature Horse Show	11:00am	Livestock Center
Bingo	11am	Illinois Building
Illinois Prairie Clogging Association	11am	Village of Cultures
Pee-Wee Pig Show	12pm	Swine Barn
Zoo Lady Face Painting	12pm	Adventure Village Stage
Sky High Balloon Guy	12:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
High Dive Show	12:30pm	Central & Main
Dino Encounters Stage Show	1pm	Happy Hollow
Zoo Lady Face Painting	1pm	Adventure Village Stage
Damned Torpedoes	1pm	Busch Light Tent
Elvis Himselfis	1pm	Miller Tent
Ballet Folklorico de Chicago	1:30pm	Village of Cultures
Draft Horse Pull	1:30pm	Coliseum
Street Drum Corp	1:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Kardenni (magician)	2pm	Roaming Entertainment
Dolly Days	2pm	Sensory Station
Zoo Lady Face Painting	2pm	Adventure Village Stage
Powerlight Fest - Praise & Worship with BYO Church	2pm	Lincoln Stage
Cheer & Dance Showcase	2pm	Orr Building
Big Top Adventures	2pm	Happy Hollow
Sky High Balloon Guy	2:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Zoo Lady Face Painting	3pm	Adventure Village Stage
High Dive Show	3pm	Central & Main
Strolling Piano	3pm	Roaming Entertainment

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Sunday, August 23rd

Kapital Sound	3pm	Grand Central Stage	Zoo Lady Face Painting	5pm	Adventure Village Stage
Dino Encounters Stage Show	3:30pm	Happy Hollow	Central Illinois Irish Dance	5pm	Village of Cultures
Fleming Academy of Performing Arts	3:30pm	Village of Cultures	High Dive Show	5:30pm	Central & Main
Street Drum Corp	3:30pm	Roaming Entertainment	Dino Encounters Stage Show	6pm	Happy Hollow
Powerlight Fest - Radiant	3:30pm	Lincoln Stage	DJ J Taylor	6pm	Apex Stage
Church Youth Band			Mariachi Libertad	6pm	Village of Cultures
Liam Sheridan	3:30pm	Expo Building Stage	Powerlight Fest - Sean Rodriguez	6:30pm	Lincoln Stage
Draft Horse Pull	4pm	Coliseum	Sky High Balloon Guy	6:30pm	Adventure Village Stage
Michael Blakey	4pm	Apex Stage	Street Drum Corp	6:30pm	Roaming Entertainment
Zoo Lady Face Painting	4pm	Adventure Village Stage	Kardenni (magician)	7pm	Roaming Entertainment
Kardenni (magician)	4pm	Roaming Entertainment	Big Top Adventures	7pm	Happy Hollow
Sky High Balloon Guy	4:30pm	Adventure Village Stage	High Dive Show	7:30pm	Central & Main
Big Top Adventures	4:30pm	Happy Hollow	Slater Nalley	7:30pm	Grand Central
X-Krush	4:30pm	Coors Tent	Powerlight Fest - Jordan Felix	8pm	Lincoln Stage
Blue Sky Revival	5pm	Busch Light Tent	Strolling DJ	8pm	Roaming Entertainment
Decade of Decadence	5pm	Miller Tent	Shinedown	8pm	Grandstand
Strolling Piano	5pm	Roaming Entertainment	Dance Party with DJ JAMZ	9:30pm	Grand Central Stage
Sass Sliders	5pm	Surfside Social Club-Route 66			
Powerlight Fest - Igniscent Band	5pm	Lincoln Stage			



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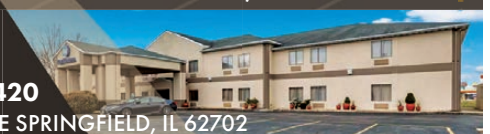
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REGISTRATION: 10:00 AM
LEGO BUILDING: 10:30 AM
JUDGING: 11:00 am



LOCATION

Exposition Building
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AGE CATEGORIES

Group 1: 5-8 Group 2: 9-12
Group 3: 13 - 17



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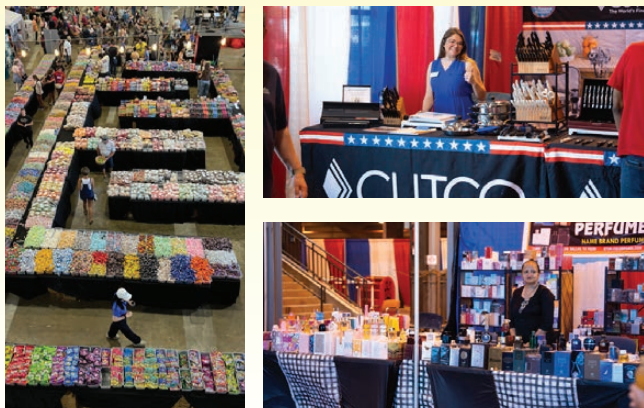
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Friday, August 14
EXPO BUILDING



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Saturday, August 15
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PONYTAIL CONTEST

Saturday, August 15
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FIDDLE & BANJO CONTEST

Saturday, August 15
LINCOLN STAGE



AUCTIONEER CONTEST

Wednesday, August 19
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BATON TWIRLING

Saturday, August 22
BARN 26



PICKLEBALL SHOWDOWN

Saturday, August 22
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CHILI COOKOFF

Sunday, August 23
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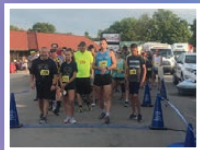
CHEER & DANCE SHOWCASE

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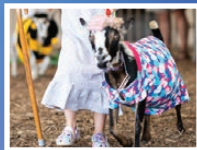
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Sunday, August 23
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Sunday, August 23
GRANDSTAND



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SENSORY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

SUNFLOWER HOURS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
9AM - 12PM

CARNIVAL HOURS
10AM - 12PM

A sensory-friendly morning designed to be more inclusive for children and adults with autism and/or sensory processing sensitivities. Join us for a calmer fair environment, with fewer lights and sounds to accommodate those with special needs.

THE SENSORY STATION

AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026
10AM - 7PM DAILY

*Emmerson Building Annex
(Located at Brian Raney Avenue
& Main Street)*

Children and adults with autism and/or sensory processing sensitivities can come inside to refocus, recharge and destress. Trained staff and helpful tools will be available to assist fairgoers during their Illinois State Fair experience.

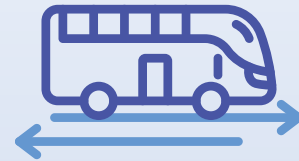


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has to offer!***

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AUTO RACING



AUGUST 22

Race Start: 2:00pm



AUGUST 23

Race Start: 1:00pm

 **GRANDSTAND**

*Get Your
Tickets
Today!*



Don't miss this year's

Governor's SALE OF CHAMPIONS



PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

SAT, AUG 15, 2026

COLISEUM OF CHAMPIONS

Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions from the Junior Division and Land of Lincoln will be selected, including Steers, Barrows, Wethers and Meat Goats.

GOVERNOR'S SALE OF CHAMPIONS AUCTION

WED, AUG 19, 2026 | 4:30PM

COLISEUM OF CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion livestock and agricultural products will be auctioned off with livestock proceeds benefiting the exhibitors, Illinois FFA and Illinois 4-H programs.



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VETERANS & GOLD STAR Families Day

SUNDAY, AUG 16, 2026
LINCOLN STAGE AREA

Please join the State of Illinois and the State Fair on this special day honoring the men and women who have courageously served our Nations' Armed Forces.



Schedule of Events

- 12PM – 1PM** Veterans Day Program
- 1:30PM – 2:30PM** Entertainment
- 3PM – 3:30PM** JROTC Drill Competition Awards Ceremony
LINCOLN STAGE
- 4PM** Veterans Day Parade
CENTRAL AVENUE



Activities

- 10AM – 2PM** Benefits Expo
THE SHED
- 10AM – 3PM**AMVETS Kids Corner
LINCOLN STAGE AREA
- 10AM – 2:30PM**JROTC Drill Team Competition
CENTRAL AVENUE



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026



2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

SHOW DATE & TIME

BEEF CATTLE

Showmanship	8/12 at 1:00 PM
Heifers: Red Angus	8/13 at 7:30 AM
AOB,	8/13 after Red Angus
Maine Anjou/Mainetainer	8/13 after AOB
Charolais	8/13 after Maines
Hereford/Polled Hereford	8/13 after Charolais
Chianina	8/13 after Herefords
Limousin	8/13 after Chianina
Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus	8/13 after Limousin
Performance Cow/Calf	8/14 at 7:30 AM
Heifers: Angus	8/14 at 8:00 AM
Simmental/Low Percent	8/14 after Angus
Supreme Champion Female	8/14 after Simmental
Steers: Composite Charolais	8/15 at 8:30 AM
Maine Anjou/Mainetainer	8/15 after Charolais
Hereford	8/15 after Maines
Angus	8/15 after Hereford
Shorthorn	8/15 after Angus
Simmental	8/15 after Shorthorn
AOB	8/15 after Simmental
Shorthorn Plus	8/15 after AOB
Chianina	8/15 after Shorthorn Plus
Crossbred	8/15 after Chianina
Grand Champion Steer	8/15 at 5:30 PM

DAIRY CATTLE

Jersey	8/19 at 8:00 AM
Ayrshire/Guernsey	8/19 at 8:00 AM
Holstein	8/19 at 11:30 AM
Brown Swiss Milking Shorthorn	8/19 at 11:30 AM
Showmanship	8/19 at 3:00 PM
4-H Dairy Judging	8/22 at 8:00 AM
Supreme Champions	8/22 at 11:00 AM

SHOW DATE & TIME

SWINE

Showmanship	8/13 at 5:00 PM
Gilts	8/14 at 7:00 AM
Barrows	8/15 at 7:00 AM
Grand Champion Barrow	8/15 at 5:30 PM

SHEEP

Market Lamb Showmanship	8/14 at 3:00 PM
Market Lambs	8/15 at 8:00 AM
Grand Champion Market Lamb	8/15 at 5:30 PM
Pee Wee Lamb Show	8/16 at 3:00 PM
Costume Show	8/16 after Pee Wee
Leadline Show	8/16 after Costume Show
Breeding Sheep Showmanship	8/16 at 5:00 PM
Breeding Sheep	8/17 at 8:00 AM

DAIRY GOATS

8/16 at 9:00 AM

PYGMY GOATS

8/22 at 8:30 AM

MEAT GOATS

Breeding Animals	8/14 at 8:00 AM
Wether Dams	8/14 after Breeding
Wethers	8/14 after Wether Dams
Grand Champion Weather	8/15 at 5:30 PM

POULTRY

8/15 at 9:00 AM

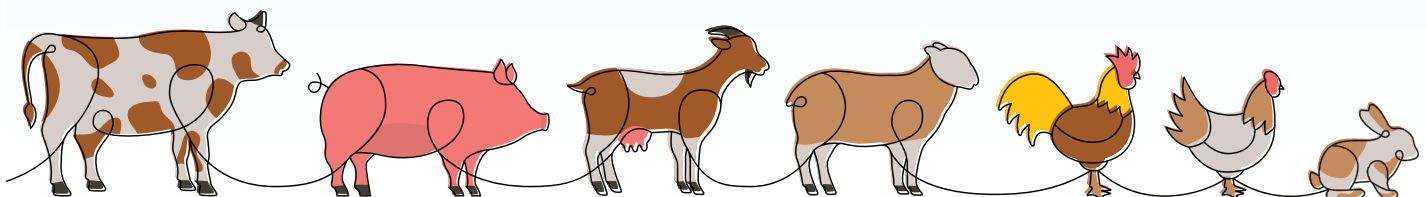
RABBITS

8/15 at 9:30 AM

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

8/15 at 5:30 PM

8/14 at 6:00 PM





2026 OPEN LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

SHOW DATE & TIME

BEEF CATTLE

Maine Anjou/Mainetainer	8/14 at 8:30 AM
Charolais	8/14 at 11:00 AM
Polled Hereford/Hereford	8/15 at 8:00 AM
Limousin	8/16 at 8:00 AM
Percent Simmental/Simmental	8/16 after Limousin
Open Steers	8/16 at 9:00 AM
Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus	8/17 at 8:00 AM
Angus	8/17 after Shorthorn

DAIRY CATTLE

Jersey	8/20 at 8:00 AM
Ayrshire/Guernsey	8/20 at 2:00 PM
Holstein	8/21 at 8:00 AM
Brown Swiss / Milking Shorthorn	8/21 at 2:00 PM
Pee Wee Show	8/22 at 9:00 AM
Supreme Champions	8/22 at 11:00 AM

SWINE

Barrows	8/16 at 8:00 AM
Yorkshire	8/18 at 8:00 AM
Duroc	8/18 after Yorkshire
Hampshire	8/18 after Duroc
Crossbred	8/18 after Hampshire
Hereford	8/19 at 8:00 AM
Poland China	8/19 after Hereford
Chester White	8/19 after Poland China
Spotted Swine	8/19 after Chester White
Tamworth	8/21 at 8:00 AM
Berkshire	8/22 at 8:00 AM
Pee Wee Show	8/23 at 12:00 PM

SHEEP

Market Lambs	8/16 at 8:00 AM
Pee Wee	8/16 at 3:00 PM
Costume Show	8/16 after Pee Wee
Leadline Show	8/16 after Costume Show
Southdown	8/18 at 9:00 AM
Suffolk	8/18 after Southdown
AOB Meat (Slicked)	8/18 after Suffolk
Dorset	8/19 at 9:00 AM
Hampshire	8/19 after Dorset
Oxford	8/19 after Hampshire
Montadale	8/20 at 9:00 AM
AOB Meat (Fitted)	8/20 after Montadale
AOB Wool	8/21 at 9:00 AM
Border Leicester	8/21 after AOB Wool
Cotswold	8/21 after Border Leicester
Lincoln	8/21 after Cotswold
Tunis	8/22 at 9:00 AM
Dorper	8/22 at 1:00 PM

DAIRY GOATS

Junior/Dry Animals	8/17 at 8:30 AM
Senior/Milking Animals	8/18 at 8:30 AM

PYGMY GOATS

8/22 at 1:00 PM

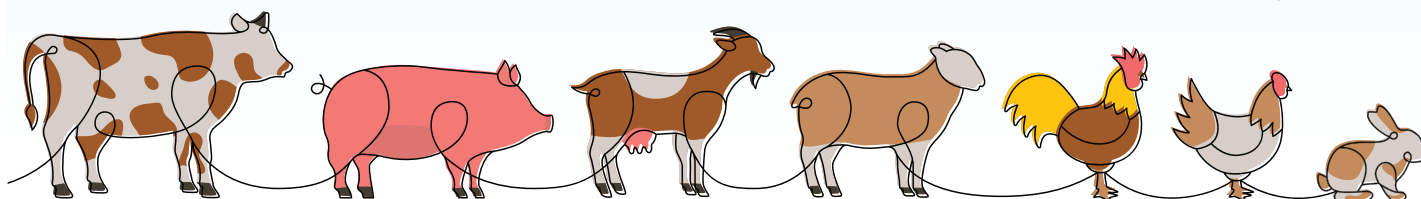
MEAT GOATS

Breeding Animals	8/13 at 8:00 AM
Wether Dams Slick	8/15 at 8:00 AM
Wether Dams Hair	8/15 after Slick
Weathers	8/15 after Hair

POULTRY

Rooster Crowing Contest	8/14 at 9:30 AM
	8/14 at 11:00 AM
	8/16 at 9:30 AM

RABBITS





HORSE SCHEDULE

COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING

June 27-28, 2026

WESTERN HORSE SHOW

June 29-July 4, 2026

JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

July 21-26, 2026

DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW

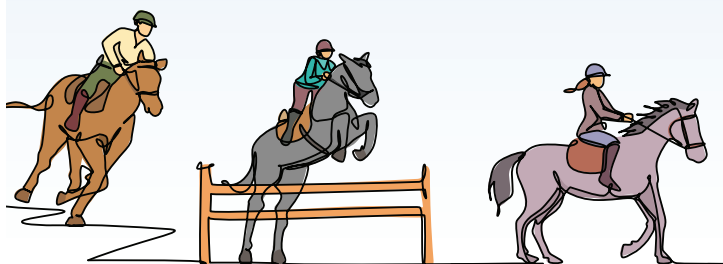
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MINIATURE HORSE SHOW

August 23, 2026





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