

McHenry County Fair Association News

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Tickets for Sale!

The 2015 McHenry County Fair is just around the corner! Skip the lines and plan ahead by purchasing pre-sale tickets!

Now through Friday, July 31st stop by the Fair Office to buy pre-sale tickets for the fair! We are offering one day adult admission tickets at \$5 each and week long season passes at \$15 each.

New this year! Come in to buy a wristband for Skinners Amusement Carnival. The wristbands are for unlimited rides from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on one day, either Wednesday, Thursday OR Friday of fair week. The presale price for the wristband is \$15 and can be purchased at the Fair Office during office hours; Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. If you miss the presale tickets no worries! You can still take part in the unlimited rides by purchasing the wristband straight from Skinners Amusement's ticket booth for \$20.

If you have any questions please contact the office at (815)338-5315.

Volunteers Needed!!!

In order for the fair to flow correctly we depend on other non-profit organizations who would like to fund raise through us by volunteering their time. In our ticket booths we have a couple groups that come in and volunteer their time and in return their groups get a donation from the McHenry County Fair Association. We currently have 4 spots still available for the ticket takers. Each shift requires 10 volunteers from the organization and will receive \$7 per hour per person for the donation.

The shifts that are still available are **Saturday, August 8 from 7:30am to noon and from 4:30pm to 9:00pm and on Sunday, August 9 from 7:30am to noon and from 4:30pm to 9:00pm.** Everyone who works the ticket booth also receives free entry to the fair for the day. If you or an organization you know is interested in this opportunity please contact the office to save a space today!

Since this partnership has worked so well in the past with the gates we have decided that we would like to start a program to help with keeping the grounds clean and beautiful during the fair. In exchange for your help, the association will make a donation to your group as a fundraiser. Each member you bring in to work will be paid \$6.50 an hour and each shift is three hours long. The amount that each volunteer makes will all be added together and make up your donation. You may bring in a maximum of ten volunteers per shift. You will also receive free admission to the Fair for that entire day. If you are interested in volunteering, the grounds cleanup shift times are as follows:

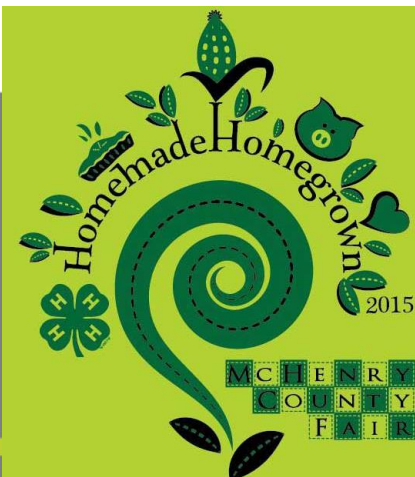
Wednesday 11am, 3pm, and 7pm; **Thursday** 8am, 1pm, and 7pm; **Friday** 8am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, and 9pm; **Saturday** 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, and 9pm; **Sunday** 8am, 12pm, and 4pm

We hope that your organization will be interested in this partnership. We appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our fairgrounds beautiful and we look forward in supporting your organization. If you have any further questions, or would like to sign up for a shift please feel free to contact the office at 815-338-5315.

Hope to see you at the fair!

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 5 th 2015		
7:30am	Swine Barn	4-H Swine Carcass Show
8:00am	Hansen Pavilion	Open Beef Show
9:00am	Rabbit Barn	4-H Rabbit Show
9:00am	Poultry Tent	Open Poultry Show
9:00am	Building D	Open Antiques Show
9:00am	Building F	Open & Jr Art Show
9:00am	Goat Tent	Open Dairy Goat Show
9:30am	Hansen Pavilion	4-H Dairy Cattle Show
10:00am	Commercial Tents & Buildings	Buildings Open!
10:00am	Sheep Barn	4-H Sheep Show
11:30am	Building F	Open & Jr Photo Show
12:00pm	Building E	Open & Jr Veggie Show
1:00pm	Carnival & Rides	Open! Midway
1:00pm	Sheep Barn	4-H Sheep Market Lamb Show
2-4pm	4-H Building	4-H Cloverbud Activities
5:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Beef Junior Judging Contest
5:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Sheriff K-9 Demonstration
5:00pm	Entertainment Tent	Sponsor and Chamber Dinner
6:30pm	4-H Building	4-H Cloverbud Judging
7:00pm	Grandstands	McHenry Co. Queen Pageant



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Thursday August 6 th , 2015			Friday, August 7 th , 2015		
8:00am	Goat Tent	4-H Dairy Goat Show	8:00am	Swine Barn	Open Swine Show
8:00am	Swine Barn	4-H & Jr Swine Show	9:30am	Hansen Pavilion	Open & Jr Dairy Show
9:00am	Hansen Pavilion	4-H Beef Show	9:30am	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
9:00am	Rabbit Barn	Jr Open Rabbit Show	10:00am	Sheep Barn	Open Sheep Show
9:30am	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	10am-8pm	Barnyard Buddies	Barnyard Buddies
10am-8pm	Barnyard Buddies	Barnyard Buddies	10:00am	Commercial Tents & Buildings	Buildings Open!
10:00am	Commercial Tents & Buildings	Buildings Open!	10:30am	The Main Stage	Blend
10:00am	Sheep Barn	Jr Open Sheep Show	11:30am	The Main Stage	Magic Show
11:00am	Goat Tent	Jr Open Goat Show	12:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
11:30am	The Main Stage	Magic Show	12:00pm	Pedal Pull Ally	Pedal Pull Check In
12:00pm	Building F	Jr Open Flower Show	12:00pm	Horse Arena	4-H Horse Fun Show
12:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	1:00pm	Carnival & Rides Open	Midway
12:30pm	Building F	Open Flower Show	2-4pm	4-H Building	4-H Cloverbud Activities
1:00pm	Carnival & Rides Open!	Midway	2:00pm	The Main Stage	Magic Show
1:30pm	Building D	Learn About Stone Fruit	3:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
2:00pm	The Main Stage	Magic Show	3:30pm	Building D	Talk About Old Time Scrap Dolls
3:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	3:45pm	The Main Stage	Lip Sync Battle (K2 DJ & Blend)
5:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Sheriff K-9 Demonstration	4:30pm	Building D	Making Yarn Dolls for Kids of all ages
5:00pm	Goat Tent	Goat Junior Judging Contest	5:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Sheriff K-9 Demonstration
5:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	5:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
6:00pm	The Main Stage	Mother Daughter Look A Like	5:30pm	Swine Barn	Swine Junior Judging Contest
6:00pm	Grandstands	Broken Horn Rodeo	6:00pm	The Main Stage	Blend
7:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	4-H Awards Ceremony	6:00pm	Grandstands	KTM Motocross Racing
7:30pm	The Main Stage	Magic Show	7:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Talent Contest
9:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	4-H Dance	7:30pm	The Main Stage	Hypnotist Show
			9:00pm	Entertainment Tent	Clutch Cargo
Saturday August 8 th , 2015			Sunday August 9 th , 2015		
8:00am	Grandstands	Antique Tractor Pulls	8:00am	Horse Arena	Open Horse Show
9:00am	Horse Arena	Open Horse Speed Show	9:00am	Horse Arena	Horse Junior Judging
9:00am	Rabbit Barn	Open Rabbit Show	9:00am	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
9:30am	Hansen Pavilion	Auction Sellers Meeting	10am-5pm	Barnyard Buddies	Barnyard Buddies
9:30am	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	10:00am	Commercial Tents & Buildings	Buildings Open!
10am-8pm	Barnyard Buddies	Barnyard Buddies	10:00am	The Main Stage	Blend
10:00am	Commercial Tents & Buildings	Buildings Open!	10:30am	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
10:30am	The Main Stage	Blend	11:30am	The Main Stage	Magic Show
11:30am	The Main Stage	Magic Show	12:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
12:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	4-H Auction	12:00pm	Carnival & Rides Open	Midway
12:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	1:00pm	The Main Stage	Blend
12:00pm	Grandstands	Truck and Tractor Pulls	1:00pm	Building D	Making Yarn Dolls for Kids of all ages
12:00pm	Pedal Pull Ally	Pedal Pull Check In	1:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Dairy Junior Judging
12:00pm	Carnival & Rides Open	Midway	1:30pm	Grandstands	Demolition Derby
2-4pm	4-H Building	4-H Cloverbud Activities	1:30pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers
2:00pm	The Main Stage	Magic Show	2:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Sheep Junior Judging Contest
3:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	2:30pm	The Main Stage	Magic Show
4:00pm	The Main Stage	Blend	3:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Wood Sculpture Auction
5:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Sheriff K-9 Demonstration	4:00pm	The Main Stage	Blend
5:00pm	Conservation World	Log Hogggers	5:00pm	The Main Stage	Magic Show
5:00pm	Grandstands	Truck and Tractor Pulls	6:00pm	Grandstands	Demolition Derby
5:30pm	Building D	Show & tell on your family jewelry			
6:00pm	The Main Stage	Blend			
6:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Dansperation			
6:00pm	Horse Arena	Drill Team Demonstration			
7:00pm	Building D	Making Yarn Dolls for Kids of all ages			
7:00pm	Hansen Pavilion	Celebrity Look A Like Contest			
7:30pm	The Main Stage	Hypnotist Show			
9:00pm	Entertainment Tent	Suburban Cowboys			

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Be sure to check out...

Loghoppers will be on the grounds from Thursday through Sunday. They use their chainsaws to create works of art out of logs. All of their statues will be up for auction on Sunday at 3pm. All proceeds from the auction will go to the McHenry County Fair Association. Be sure to watch them at work!

Magic Show Come be amazed by one of the best magicians around! Join Lance three times daily Thursday through Sunday for a Family Fun Magic Show! Lance will also have a Hypnotists Show on Friday and Saturday nights! Stop by with your family and friends to be amazed!

Pedal Pulls How far can you pedal? Pedal pulls are available for all ages to participate in! Check them out and join in the fun in Pedal Pull Ally on Friday and Saturday at noon!

Blend is an A Capella singing group that sings hits from the 50's to today. They will have three shows daily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to catch a show and enjoy the musical fun!

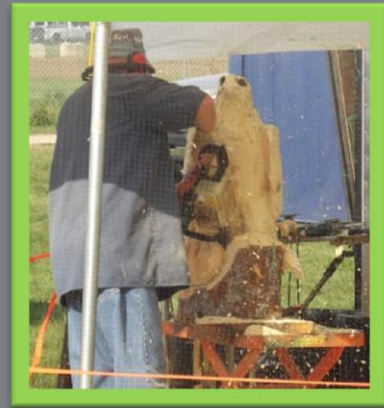
Other free events include Lip Sync Battles, Mother Daughter Look A Like Contest and Celebrity Look A Like Contest. Stop by the office to register a head of time and to find out more information.

NEW EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

The 2015 McHenry County Fair will feature two new exhibits; one that has been expanded and one new one. Both were previously a part of the Ag Education that you may have seen in Building E. This year, in addition to the Vegetable and Grain Show in Building E, you will still be able to visit the McHenry County Historical Society, but you will also be able to visit one of the many vendors now located in that building. New roof vents, to draw off the heat, and a well working AC system will make that a cool place to visit on a hot day.

Barnyard Buddies This year you will find a 40X50 tent between Goats and Bovine housing AGRICULTURE OF THE PRESENT. If you visit the tent, you will not only see live animals such as rabbits, chickens, calves and sheep. An incubator with eggs will be set and on display where chicks will be hatching throughout the fair. Other exhibits in that tent include several displays from Farm Bureau, U. of I. Extension Master Gardeners, "Farmer for a Day", "Milk a Cow" and so much more. Stop in and see where your food comes from!

Conservation World In the tent at the north end of the Beef Barn, you will be able to learn all about conservation, McHenry County style. Exhibitors at the time of this writing will include the McHenry County Conservation District, the McHenry County Defenders, a 4-H club dedicated to conservation, McHenry County Health Department (recycling, composting and much more), and a host of other exhibitors. Being planned for next year in Conservation World: A live prairie and a butterfly garden, plus lots of other conservation related exhibits. We welcome this important aspect of all of our lives: Conservation World.



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TICKET INFORMATION

Season Pass (good all week)	\$20
Adult one day pass (Wed-Thur)	\$6
Adult one day pass (Fri-Sun)	\$8
Child(8-13) and Senior one day pass (Wed-Thur)	\$3
Military (with ID) (Wed-Thur)	Free
Child(8-13), Sr., Military (with ID) one day pass (Fri-Sun)	\$4
Child 8 and under (Wed-Sun)	Free
Family pack (Admission for 4 family members-any age)	\$25
Coupon available: \$2 off Adult Tickets for Fri, Sat and Sun	
Public Parking in main lots	Free
Reserve Parking (between camping and 4-H building)	\$35
Exhibitor parking (one pass per exhibiting family)	Free

INFORMATION BOOTH

Our information booth will be open again this year during the fair. We will have some fantastic 4-H clubs helping us man the booth that will be able to hand out schedules and answer questions about the location of different events. In this building, we will also be selling the 2015 Fair T-Shirts and Pins. We have a limited supply so be sure to stop by early in the week pick up your 2015 McHenry County Fair souvenirs! We cannot wait to see you then!



If there are any 4-H clubs or groups that are interested in volunteering in the information booth during fair, there are still a few shifts available. If you are interested please contact the Fair Office to sign up.
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If you are a volunteer or a superintendent and you have information you would like published or an article you would like to have included please let the office know.