

2023 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, July 26th - Home Arts Entry – Non-perishable

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering: Arts & Crafts - Children/Teens/Adults; Clothing; Fine Arts – Children/Teens/ Adults; Hand Spinning; Hand Weaving; Needle Arts & Quilts; Photography; & Woodworking Home Arts Building

Thursday, July 27th - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering - See July 26 Home Arts Building

Friday, July 28th - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable

3:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering - See July 26 Home Arts Building

Saturday, July 29th - Entry and Judging

9:00 am - Home Arts Judging - (all sections above) Home Arts Building

1:30 - 4:00 pm 4-H & FFA Indoor Non-perishable entry/judging Annex

Sunday, July 30th - 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK ORIENTATION

6:00 pm Show Ring

Monday, July 31st - BICYCLE CONTEST

5:00 pm Show Ring

Thursday, August 3rd – EXHIBIT ENTERING

5:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering (Perishable Entries): Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, 1st Flower Show, & Jr. Flower Show... Home Arts Building

6:00 pm Open Goat Show (Junior Doe Show) Sheep & Goat Barn

Friday, August 4th - EXHIBIT ENTERING

8:30 am Open Goat Show (Senior Doe Show) Sheep & Goat Barn

3:00 - 8:00 pm Open Home Arts Entering (Perishable Entries): Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, 1st Flower Show, & Jr Flower Show Home Arts Building

1:00-4:00 pm Open Christmas Trees Entering: (Judging @ 5:00 pm) Annex

6:00-9:00 pm Open Farm & Garden Depts. Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax, and Wool Fleece Annex

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Saturday, August 5th – OPENING DAY – ARMED FORCES DAY

8:00 am. **GATE OPENS**

8:00 am. 4-H & FFA Canine Show Show Pavilion

8:30-10:00 am. 4-H & FFA Indoor Entering & Judging: Baked Goods, Flowers, Vegetables, Herbs, Honey, Candies, & Food Pres. Annex

9:00 am Open Jumper Schooling Show Horse Rings

9:00-12 Noon Open Farm & Garden Depts.: Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax and Wool Fleece Annex

9:00 am Open Home Arts Judging – Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, First Flower Show, & Jr. Flower Show Home Arts Building

*****Home Arts Building Will Open to the Public on Saturday, August 5th – 1:00 pm *****

10:00 am **Commercial Main Exhibition Hall Opens** Main Exhibition Bldg

12:00 Noon **MIDWAY OPENS**

12:00 Noon Junior Showmanship Show (Howard Co. Farm Bureau) Show Pavilion

1:00 pm Farm & Garden Departments Exhibit Judging Annex

2:00-2:00 pm Best Strawberry Pie/Dessert Contests Entering (Judging @ 2:30pm) Home Arts Bldg

2:00 – 7:00 pm **Equine Exhibit** Horse Education Tent

3:00 pm 12th Annual Mule Jump Contest Arena

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - CONTINUED

Saturday, August 5th - Continued

4:00 pm	4-H & FFA & Open Jersey Cattle Show	Show Pavilion
5:00 pm	Square Dance Demonstration	Entertainment Stage
6:00 pm	45 th Annual Horse Pull	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	Square Dance (Sponsored by Tom Thumb Dance Club).	4-H Activities Hall
7:30/9:00 pm	Michael Christopher	Entertainment

Sunday, August 6th

8:30 am	Draft Horse and Mule Show	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H/FFA & Open Poultry Show	Poultry Barn
9:00 am	All Breeds ARBA Open Rabbit Show	Poultry Barn
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Bred By Exhibitor Contest	Rabbit Pavilion
11:00 am	Pretty Animal Contest	Show Pavilion
12:00 Noon	MIDWAY OPENS	
12:00 - 5:00 pm	MD Farriers Association Demo "Building Horse Shoes"	Horse Education Tent
12:30 pm	Pie Eating Contest	Show Pavilion
1:00 pm	Tour a Live Honey Bee Colony with a Beekeeper	Annex
2:00 - 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
2:00 pm	Howard County Farm Bureau Ambassador Contest	Show Pavilion
	Jr. Ambassador/Future Farmer/Little Miss Contests	Show Pavilion
	4-H Mini Fashion Revue (held during Farm Bureau Ambassador Contest)	
3:00 pm	Tour a Live Honey Bee Colony with a Beekeeper	Annex
4:00 pm	4-H Champion Baked Goods Auction	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	Billy Harrison & Haywire	Entertainment Stage
5:30 pm	"Farmer Wars" (Stackwagon/Hay Stacking Contest)	Contest Arena
5:30 pm	4-H & FFA Breeding Meat Goat Show	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Goat & Showmanship Show	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	4-H Horsemanship Contest	4-H Activities Hall
7:30/9:00pm	The Fabulous Hubcaps	Main Exhibition Hall Outdoor Stage

Monday, August 7th

8:30 am	4-H & FFA & Open Beef Cattle Show	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	Cleveland Bay Hunter Horse Show	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show then 4-H & FFA Pygmy Goat Show...	Sheep & Goat Barn
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the Day	Home Arts Building
10:00am-4:00pm	4-H Day! Activities (Closed Noon to 1:00 pm)	4-H Activities Hall
1:00 - 4:00pm	4-H Day! Activities	Annex
2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
5:00 & 7:00 pm	Sheep Dog Herding Performance	Horse Ring
5:00 pm	4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship & Steer Show	Show Pavilion
6:30 pm	Lawn Mower Contest	Contest Arena
7:30/9:00 pm	New Censation Band	Entertainment Stage

Tuesday, August 8th – SENIOR DAY (Seniors 62 & Older Admitted FREE – ALL DAY)

8:00 am	BRAHA Arabian, Part-bred Arabian & Open Show	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Show	Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship	Show Pavilion
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the Day	Home Arts Building

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - CONTINUED

Tuesday, August 8th – SENIOR DAY – Continued

2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS	
2:00 – 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Swine Breeding Show	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Swine Show.....	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	18 th Annual Mule Pulling Contest	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	4-H Dog Bowl	Annex
7:00 pm	Food & Nutrition Bowl (held after 4-H Dog Bowl)	Annex
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11).....	Home Arts Building
7:30/9:00 pm	The Brown Brothers Band	Entertainment Stage

Wednesday, August 9th

8:00 - 10:00 am	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11)	Home Arts Building
8:30 am	4-H & FFA Open Hand Spinners Sheep Show.....	Show Pavilion
8:30 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Agility Contest	Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am	English/Western Play Day Horse Show	Horse Rings
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Showmanship	Rabbit Pavilion
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the Day	Home Arts Building
11:30 am	Ag Leaders Luncheon - BY INVITATION ONLY	4-H Activities Hall
11:30 am	4-H & Open Commercial Sheep Show	Show Pavilion
12:00 Noon	Unbridled Blessings Mounted Drill Team	Horse Show Ring
2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS	
2:00 – 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship Contest & Market Lamb Show.....	Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Rabbit Bowl Contest.....	Rabbit Pavilion
5:30-6:45 pm	King Arthur Flour Baking Contest Entering - Judging @ 7:00 pm....	Home Arts Building
6:00 pm	Skid Steer Contest	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	4-H Small Pet & Wildlife Judging – Entering by 6:30 pm	Annex
7:00 pm	Doug Phoebus / Karaoke Contest – Entering begins @ 5 pm	Entertainment Stage

Thursday, August 10th

8:00 am	4-H & FFA Horse and Pony Show	Horse Rings
8:30 am	4-H & FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show.....	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Judging Contest.....	Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am.	4-H & FFA Broiler Contest	Poultry Barn
10:00am-4:00pm	Hands on History	4-H Activities Building
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the Day	Home Arts Building
2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
2:30 pm	4-H & FFA Dairy Showmanship	Show Pavilion
2:30 pm	4-H & FFA Dog Agility Trial	Horse Ring – Grass Area
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Dog Rally Obedience	Horse Ring – Grass Area
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA & Open Dairy Cattle Show (Guernsey, Brown Swiss, and Milking Shorthorns).....	Show Pavilion
5:00 & 7:00 pm	Sheep Dog Herding Performance	Horse Ring
6:00 pm	4-H & FFA & Open Dairy Cattle Show (Ayrshire & Holstein) ...	Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	Antique Tractor Pull	Contest Arena
7:00 pm	Talent & Variety Show	Entertainment Stage
7:00 pm	The Browningsville Band	4-H Activities Hall Patio

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Friday, August 11th

8:30 am	4-H & FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	Obstacle Challenge Horse Show	Horse Rings
9:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Class Youth Horse Photography Contest ..	4-H Activities Hall
10:00 am	4-H/FFA & Open Class Youth Model Horse Show	4-H Activities Hall
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the Day	Home Arts Building
2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS	
2:00 - 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
5:45 pm	4-H & FFA Livestock Sale	Show Pavilion
7:30/9:00 pm	Jay Henley & the Stonebroke Band	Entertainment Stage

Saturday, August 12th

8:30 am	MWHA Horse Show	Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H Livestock Judging Contest.....	Show Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H Rocketry Contest.....	Upper Parking Lot
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the Day	Home Arts Building
10:00 am	4-H Clover Livestock Skillathon.....	4-H Activities Hall
10:30 am	Baby Contest and Miniature Parade (Entries by 10:00 am)	Entertainment Stage
11:00 am	4-H Junior Livestock Skillathon	4-H Activities Hall
12:00 Noon	4-H Intermediate Livestock Skillathon	4-H Activities Hall
12:00 Noon	MIDWAY OPENS	
12:30 pm	New Zoo Revue.....	Show Pavilion
1:00 pm	Senior 4-H Livestock Skillathon	4- H Activities Hall
1:30 pm	4-H Worm Race	Show Pavilion
2:00 – 7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit	Horse Education Tent
2:30 pm	4-H Sheep Lead Contest	Show Pavilion
5:00 pm	Parade of Floats	Midway Boulevard
4-6 pm & 8-10 pm	Mini Modified Tractor Pull	Contest Arena
6:15 pm	4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony.....	Show Pavilion
6:45 pm	4-H All Star Livestock Showmanship Contest.....	Show Pavilion
7:30/9:00 pm	Cody Clayton Eagle	Entertainment Stage

PREMIUM PAYOUT

Saturday, August 12th: 8 pm – 9 pm Show Ring

Sunday, August 13th: 10 am to 2:00 pm Fair Office

SPECIAL NOTICE

Exhibit Halls Will Be Closed During Entry and Judging on Saturday, August 5th.

Home Arts Building will open at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 5th.

Annex opening TBD

**** ARMED FORCES DAY – Saturday (8/5) ****

Valid Military ID get you in FREE all day (Includes spouse & children under 18)

ADMISSION TO THE FAIR IS OPEN FROM 8 am til 10 pm

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Check our website at www.howardcountyfairmd.com for
Up-To-Date Info on Fair Events and Nightly Entertainment

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AMUSEMENT RIDES – Daily Specials!

Both Saturdays and Sunday - 12 Noon til 11 pm

Monday thru Friday - 2 pm til 11 pm

PETER WOOD: COLLECTOR OF THE IMPOSSIBLE! (Magic Shows)

Sat.(8/5),Mon.,Wed.,Fri.: 11am,12:30pm & 2pm

Sat.(8/12): 1,2,& 3pm

PIG RACES – Daily – Race Times TBD

PONY RIDES - Daily 10am – 10pm

KIDS & CRITTERS BARN (Barn 6)

Daily 9:30 am - 2 pm and 5 pm – 8:30 pm

LITTLE FARMER'S BUILDING

Daily 10 am – 7 pm

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION DISPLAYS (in Annex)

Saturday (8/5) TBD – Opens after Judging

Sun., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. (8/12) - Open 10 am – 10 pm

Monday thru Wednesday - Open Noon – 10 pm

ANTIQUÉ FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY – Daily

HOME ARTS BUILDING

Sat. (8/5) Open 1 pm – 10 pm

Sun. – Sat. (8/12) Open 10 am – 10 pm

ANNEX (4-H, Farm & Garden, & Ag. Ed. Exhibits)

Sat. (8/5) Opens after Exhibit Judging is completed.

Sun., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. (8/12) Open 10 am – 10 pm

Monday thru Wednesday Open Noon – 10 am

MAIN EXHIBITION HALL

Both Saturdays, Sun., Thurs., & Fri. Open 10 am – 10 pm

Monday thru Wednesday Open Noon to 10 pm

BEER & WINE GARDEN (in Main Exhibition Hall)

Both Saturdays & Sunday Open Noon – 10 pm

Monday – Friday Open 4 pm – 10 pm

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