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Fun Makes a Comeback as the 2021 Oregon State Fair returns

11 days of food, rides, crafts and competitions begin Friday, August 27

SALEM, Ore. — The [Oregon State Fair](#) is back, live and in-person for its 157th year with traditional family fun and new attractions. The iconic event kicks off Friday, August 27, and runs through Monday, September 6, bringing all the family fun and food that fairgoers have grown to expect.

“We are elated to welcome our guests back to the Fairgrounds this year,” says Kim Grewe-Powell, CEO, Oregon State Fair. “It’s been a long time coming, and I can tell you, everyone on our team has been working really hard, going above and beyond during a very tight timeframe so we can safely celebrate FUN with everyone.”

New Fun at the Fair

The Oregon State Fair will offer many new experiences and performances this year such as Puzzlemania, GASCAR Crazy Animal Races, and Farnyard Follies. For the more adventuresome, nine new [carnival rides](#) will make their debut at the Oregon State Fair including Vertigo, Round Up, Tip Top, and Eruption.

Daredevils and Wheels Moto Stunt Spectacular

Fairgoers will love the Daredevils and Wheels Moto Stunt Spectacular presented by the Nerveless Nocks. The Daredevil Circus combines Amazing Motorcycle Stunts, Extreme Aerial Death-Defying performances along with some of the most talented performers in the world. The show includes the Wheel of Steel, Motorcycle Globe of Death, Aerial Lyra Trapeze and Aerial Fabric.



Farrell Dillon - A Master of Illusion

Farrell Dillon combines hilarious comedy and mind-melting magic in a modern style and is known for regular appearances on six seasons on the CW Network's Masters of Illusion. Farrell has been nominated for Stage Magician of the year by the Magic Castle in Hollywood, and when not headlining in Vegas, Farrell can be seen on tour in some of America's largest performing arts venues. He has been seen on The Today Show, and on various shows on ABC, NBC, FOX, The CW, ESPN, The Food Network, MTV, BBC, Mynetwork TV, and POP TV.



Rundown of Special Events

Columbia Bank Concert Series

The Oregon State Fair is proud to offer nine concerts this year in the L. B. Day Amphitheater. Reserved tickets are available on the [Oregon State Fair website](#) along with the new, [VIPPlus SuiteSeats](#), sponsored by [Spirit Mountain Casino](#). General admission seating is included with a purchase of a Fair admission ticket but is limited and filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Doors open one hour prior to showtime.



Oregon State Fair Concert Lineup

- Friday, August 27 at 7 p.m.: **Chicago**
- Saturday, August 28 at 7 p.m.: **Seether**
- Monday, August 30 at 7 p.m.: **Jon Pardi**
- Tuesday, August 31 at 7 p.m.: **Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo**
- Wednesday, September 1 at 7 p.m.: **Zach Williams**
- Thursday, September 2 at 7 p.m.: **Flo Rida**
- Friday, September 3 at 7 p.m.: **Granger Smith ft. Earl Dubbles Jr.**
- Saturday, September 4 at 7 p.m.: **Collective Soul**
- Monday, September 6 at 4 p.m.: **Ezra Ray Hart**

Día de la Familia

Two Sundays, August 29 & September 5

There are many free activities and entertainment with admission to the Fair. These include Loteria, the Mexican bingo game and Tortilla Art Workshops promoting Latinx culture. Live entertainment will be hosted on the Spirit of Oregon Stage throughout the day.

Carnival and Ongoing Attractions

Carnival

The 2021 Fair offers the incredible rides and games provided and operated by Portland's [Rainier Amusements](#). There will be fun and excitement at every turn, always under the watchful eyes of trained safety inspectors. This year the Fair will have 25 major rides for thrill-seekers with kiddie rides in the centrally located, Cub Country area.

FairLift

The popular FairLift provides a pleasurable ride with a birds-eye view of the fairgrounds. The leisurely 15-minute ride travels at an altitude of about thirty feet. Each chair seats two adults and a young child. Children must be over the age of two.

Nightly fire finale

The nightly finale features the [Sacred Fire Dance Company](#). This troupe of acclaimed, daring performers will perform each night for 20 minutes, with musical fire dance shows. This is a perfect way to end a fun-filled day at the Oregon State Fair. The performances are held nightly at the Spirit of Oregon Stage.

Animal Attractions

DogTown

DogTown returns to the Oregon State Fair, with the popular show, [X-Treme Air Dogs](#). These are high-motor canines specially trained to perform airborne feats on command, flying amazing distances as they test their limits in the long jump and high jump before splashing into a giant swimming pool.



Horse shows and competitions

Multiple performances with various breeds begin Tuesday, August 31 and run through Monday, September 6. Draft horses will be on display beginning Saturday, August 28 with nightly performances at 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 31. The performances take place in the Fair's Historic Horse Stadium.

4-H and FFA animal competitions

The first four days of the 2021 Fair are all about Oregon's youth. Guests will see an impressive exhibition of riding skills and equine instincts. Top competitors from 4-H, FFA and open class will vie for ribbons and respect from their peers.

- 4-H & FFA Horse Show: Horse Show Stadium & warm-up arenas. Wednesday, August 25 – Saturday, August 28
- 4-H Dog Show: Horse Show Stadium, Monday, August 30
- 4-H & FFA Livestock: Forster Livestock Pavilion, 4-H/FFA Barn, and Beef Barn. Thursday, August 26 through Monday, August 30

Livestock competitions

The main categories for livestock competitions are Small Animals, 4-H and FFA Horses and Livestock. Activities begin Wednesday, September 1.

- Small Animals: Poultry Building
 - Poultry & Pigeons – Friday, August 27 through Tuesday, August 31
 - Rabbits & Cavies – Wednesday, September 1 through Monday, September 6
- Livestock: Forster Livestock Pavilion, 4-H/FFA Barn and Beef Barn
 - Sheep – Tuesday, August 31 through Friday, September 3
 - Beef Cattle – Wednesday, September 1 through Monday, September 6
 - Dairy Cattle – Wednesday, September 1 through Monday, September 6
 - Swine – Wednesday, September 1 through Monday, September 6
 - Goats – Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6
 - Llamas – Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6

Creative Living

The Oregon State Fair blends the traditional with the cutting edge with displays, exhibits, demonstrations, and competitions that cover the full spectrum of life in Oregon. The Creative Living team’s goal is to strike a balance between tradition and innovation, all for the benefit of Oregonians. Attractions presented in Columbia Hall include:

- Visual Arts
 - Crafts
 - Agriculture and Horticulture
(located in the Floral Building)
- Textiles
 - Culinary and Entertaining
 - ST[+r]EAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, math)

Fair Admission Tickets

- Adults: \$8 (12 to 64) | Presale \$5 [online](#)
 - Kids: \$6 (6 to 11) | Presale \$5 [online](#)
 - Seniors: \$1 (65 and up) | Presale \$1 [online](#)
 - Carnival ride wristbands: \$55 | Presale \$42.50 [online](#)
 - 125 game/ride tickets | \$50
- Games range from 1-12 tickets; rides from 10-12 tickets
 - Adult FairLift round trip: \$7 | presale tickets \$5 [online](#)

Mattress Firm Day | \$5 admission all day Friday, August 27.

Spirit Mountain Casino Day | Guests over 21 enjoy free treats from Spirit Mountain Casino, Monday, August 30.

Kids Day | Children ages 11 and under get in free Tuesday, August 31.

Bravery Day presented by DirecTV | Free admission for military, first responders, teachers and their families (ID not required); Monday, September 6.

Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				Aug. 27 10 am -11 pm	28 10 am – 11 pm	29 10 am – 10 pm
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About the Oregon State Fair

The Oregon State Fair began in the year 1861 in Oregon City during the American Civil War. Since 1862, the Fair has called the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, home. The grounds host thousands of visitors from all over the world, with premier concerts, art, culture, rides, agricultural exhibits, and livestock. For more information, visit oregonstatefair.org.

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