

Nashville Fair Guide



HOURS, TICKETS, PARKING

- **HOURS** Gates open daily Monday-Friday from 5:00-9:30pm, and Saturday-Sunday from 11am-9:30pm on both weekends.
- **LOCATION** The Fairgrounds Nashville at 320 Wedgewood Ave.
- **TICKETS** Purchase at [Nashfair.fun](https://nashfair.fun) to save money and time! Prices range from \$7-10.
- **PARKING** Available on- and off-site. On-site parking is \$10 cash in lots along Craighead St. Fair shuttles provide free rides to and from parking lots and the main entrance.
- RideShare and Accessibility address: 174 Rains Ave.

ENTERTAINMENT

- **LIVE MUSIC** See 60+ acts over 3 stages with live music every day at our Courtyard Stage (main stage), 615 Stage (local acts) & Skyliner Stage (bluegrass).
- **ARENA EVENTS** Experience dinner shows, aerialist shows, comedy, line dancing, lucha libre shows, pro wrestling, and more!
- **MIDWAY FUN** Watch racing pigs, play Chicken Bingo at the Tumbleweed Comedy Show, win carnival games, jump on thrilling rides, admire the view of Nashville from our ferris wheel, and down some fair food favorites or local eats.
- **OVER 21 FUN** Sample beer from several breweries at our [BuckShee BrewFest](#) in the Courtyard on Wednesday night and take a load off in our Skyliner Lounge and Bar with comfy chairs and sofas throughout all 10 days of the fair.
- **KID ZONE** Our new Kid Zone corrals all the kid rides into one area along with a new Bounce Zone with 3 bounce attractions including an obstacle course and wrecking ball.

COMPETITIONS

- During the fair we have a variety of competitions from ice cream, pie, and hot chicken eating for trophies!. Go to [Nashfair.fun](https://nashfair.fun) for details and times for specific competitions.
- Enter our [Cosplay Contest!](#) Whether you are a hero from a blockbuster movie, a character from your favorite comic, an icon from anime, or a legendary figure from video games, this is the stage for you! Cash prizes for both adult and child contestants.
- [A Celebrity Cow Milking competition](#) takes place each year on Thursday night! You can meet Nashville sports mascots cheering on their favorite TV personalities.

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THE FAIR EXPOSITIONS

- **THE AG-TIVITY HALL** (Expo 1) houses the free Milk Bar, livestock show arena, corn crib, rabbits, poultry, duck race, petting zoo, goat gym, Tiny Acres, Nora the milking cow, the Ham Cooking Show, live milking demos, and all things agricultural.
- **CREATIVE ARTS** (Expo 2) features all the art & garden entries from our competitive events, the Live Butterflies exhibit, the Living Zaltar, our bluegrass music stage, the Skyliner Grill, craft stations, and bee & honey education.
- **THE MARKETPLACE** (Expo 3) is home to our STEAM stage featuring science shows and ventriloquism, punctuated by aerial entertainment, our 10 day balloon build, LEGO® tables, a Mothers' Tent, a Sensory Space, community booths, and vendor booths.

SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS

- **THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIONS** This incredible festival brings performers of various talents and nationalities to dance, sing, celebrate, and present special performances from their respective cultures in the courtyard for **both weekends of the fair!**
- **EL JEFE DAY** The Hispanic community comes together with fairgoers for an early celebration of Mexican Independence Day to celebrate with mechanical games, snacks, exhibitions, face painting, Aztec dance, animals, and folklore with many musical guests all day on **Sunday, September 8!**

PARENT PRO TIPS

- Children under 5 are free. Metro students should get a ticket at school for free entry Monday thru Thursday of the fair. The best wristband deals are online before Sept. 6.
- Water fountains and milk from the Milk Bar are available in the AGtivity Hall. Water fountains in all expo halls include water bottle refill stations. There are restrooms in all 3 halls and port-a-potties on The Midway.
- The Mothers' Tent, located in the Marketplace, is great for private changes and feeding.
- Our Sensory Space in the Marketplace is available for a calming space if needed and includes with fidget toys and sensory headphones.
- * Don't miss the corn crib in the AGtivity Hall, complete with benches for tired feet while watching your kids play.

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SUITABLE FOR 0-3+ years

- AGtivity Farm - Tiny Acres
- Barnyard Animals
- Balloon O-Rama
- Small bounce house in Bounce Zone
- Chicks & Chicken Exhibit
- Corn Crib sand box
- King of the Mountain Goat Gym
- Milk 'Nora' the Cow
- Mother's Tent (private feeding & changing)
- Rabbit Exhibit

- Racing Pigs
- Sensory Space
- Sliding Ducks
- Kid Zone Rides: *You can ride the carousel with littles if you are holding them. There are a few rides that start at 30", 32" or 34" tall, but most start at 36" and 42". Say you have a 2 1/2 year old that's 34" tall, they can ride about 5-6 rides if you ride with them in some cases, depending on the ride.*

SUITABLE FOR 4-5+ years

Everything above plus:

- 4-H Live Butterflies exhibit
- Aerialists aftershow kiddie time
- Boot Scootin-Barn Dance in Events Arena
- Creative Arts exhibits
(Kids can enter creative arts at 5 yrs old)

- Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Weigh-off
- LEGO® Brick Building booth
- Livestock shows and petting zoo
- Mr. Bond Science Guys
- Obstacle Course bounce house
- Turnip Green crafts table

SUITABLE FOR 6-10+ years

Everything above plus:

- Celebrity Cow Milking Competition with Sports Mascots Gnash, T-Rac, & Tempo
- Cosplay Contest
- Milking Demonstrations

- Ice cream eating competitions
- The Amazing Zultar (fun & positive "fortunes")
- Tumbleweed Western Comedy Show
- Water pump Duck Race
- Wrecking Ball bounce house

SUITABLE FOR 10-12+ years

Everything above plus:

- Arena wrestling shows
- Clean Comedy show in Events Arena
- El Jefe Hispanic Heritage performances
- Festival of Nations performances

- Hot Chicken Eating Contest
- Live music performances on three stages
- Midway wrestling shows
- Selfie Scavenger Hunt
- All Midway Rides