



Inside the Dakota County Fairgrounds

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Spring is finally starting to show itself! Check out our newsletter to see what's happening.

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Mopars in the Park Returns to Dakota County Fairgrounds



The rumble of classic engines and the shine of polished chrome will once again fill the Dakota County Fairgrounds as *Midwest Mopars in the Park* returns on May 29-31, 2026, to Farmington for its second year in a row at our fairgrounds. This nationally recognized event has quickly become a highlight of the summer season and continues to draw thousands of visitors, car enthusiasts, and families from across the Midwest.

Hosted by the Midwest Mopars Car Club, the event is the largest all-Mopar car show in the Upper Midwest. The club, founded in 1985, has grown to more than 550 members, including their Duluth chapters, and remains dedicated to celebrating all things Mopar. From classic muscle cars to modern performance vehicles, the organization brings together enthusiasts who share a passion for Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, Jeep, and related automotive history.

The club's activities extend far beyond the annual show. Midwest Mopars members participate in cruises, picnics, club nights at the races, facility tours, and an annual awards banquet. They

also publish a monthly newsletter and maintain an active website to keep members connected throughout the year. Monthly membership meetings are generally held on the second Friday of each month, with summer meetings often adjusted to coordinate with seasonal car events.

The *Mopars in the Park* event has an attendance of about 12,000 spectators, with more than 1,400 vehicles on display and over 300 swap meet and vendor spaces filling the grounds. The event creates an exciting atmosphere for attendees of all ages while bringing substantial economic activity and visibility to the Dakota County Fairgrounds and surrounding community.

In addition to hosting an outstanding automotive event, Midwest Mopars Car Club uses proceeds from the show to support club activities and charitable needs within the community. The organization is also focused on expanding family-friendly activities and encouraging greater involvement from spouses and families in upcoming events.

Dakota County Fairgrounds is proud to continue partnering with Midwest Mopars Car Club and looks forward to welcoming exhibitors, spectators, and families back for another successful year of *Mopars in the Park*.

For additional event details, visit:

www.moparsinthepark.com

MegaJump is a new attraction at the 2026 Dakota County Fair



Get ready for high-flying excitement at the 2026 Dakota County Fair as MegaJump makes its Dakota County Fair debut August 10–16, 2026. This action-packed BMX stunt show promises thrilling entertainment for fairgoers of all ages and is sure to become one of this year’s must-see attractions.

Featuring professional BMX riders performing gravity-defying tricks, flips, and aerial stunts, MegaJump combines extreme sports action with upbeat music and crowd interaction to create an unforgettable experience. Beyond the excitement, the performers also share motivational messages focused on perseverance, confidence, and achieving goals, making the show both entertaining and inspiring.

Each performance runs approximately 25 minutes and is completely free with fair admission. Fairgoers can simply grab a seat at showtime and prepare to be amazed as riders launch high into the air performing jaw-dropping maneuvers right before their eyes.

MegaJump will be located in **Block F** throughout the week of the fair. Show schedules and daily performance times can be found on the Dakota County Fair events calendar at:

[Dakota County Fair Event Calendar](#)

As the Dakota County Fair continues to bring new attractions and experiences to guests each year, MegaJump adds another exciting element to an already packed week of entertainment, agriculture, food, family activities, and community celebration.

Coming Up Next Month



Coming Up Next Month at the Dakota County Fairgrounds

As summer activity ramps up at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, June is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month filled with livestock shows, classic cars, and youth agricultural events. Here’s a look at what’s coming up next month in Farmington.

Dakota County Livestock Jackpot Shows - June 19-20, 2026

Livestock exhibitors from across the region will once again gather at the Dakota County Fairgrounds for the Dakota County Livestock Jackpot Shows. These competitive events provide youth exhibitors an opportunity to showcase their hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication while preparing for the fair season ahead.

The jackpot shows continue to grow in popularity and offer a great experience for participants, families, and spectators alike. Additional information, updates, and event details can be found on the Dakota County Jackpot Shows Facebook page - [Dakota County Jackpot Shows Facebook page](#)

36th Annual Model T Reunion — June 14, 2026

Classic automobile enthusiasts will return to the fairgrounds for the 36th Annual Model T Reunion on June 14, 2026, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, located at 4008 220th Street West in Farmington.

The event features a “T Only” swap meet beginning at 7:00 AM, with swap spaces available for \$10. The reunion draws collectors and admirers of the iconic Ford Model T from throughout the Midwest and offers visitors a chance to step back in time and experience automotive history up close.

For updated event details and scheduling information, visitors can check the Model T Ford Club International calendar or the official Model T Reunion Facebook page closer to the event date.

University of Minnesota Block & Bridle Sheep and Goat Showdown — June 13th, 2026

The Dakota County Fairgrounds will also host the University of Minnesota Block & Bridle Sheep and Goat Showdown on June 20–21, 2026. This major livestock event welcomes exhibitors from across the region and highlights the next generation of agricultural leaders and livestock producers.

Held at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, the showdown includes breeding, market, and showmanship classes for both sheep and goats. Registration for the competition is managed through the Showman App, with schedule updates and announcements available through the official U of MN Block & Bridle Sheep and Goat Showdown and University of Minnesota Block & Bridle Facebook pages. Here is the link for more information: [UofMNBandBSGShowdown](#)

From livestock competition to vintage automobiles, June’s lineup reflects the wide variety of events that make the Dakota County Fairgrounds a year-round gathering place for community, agriculture, and tradition.



Youth Camps Bring Learning and Fun to the Fairgrounds This Summer

The Dakota County Fairgrounds continues to be a destination for youth education and hands-on learning through a variety of summer camp opportunities hosted on the grounds.

This summer, the fairgrounds will once again welcome participants for the **Dakota City Heritage Village Master Camp and Junior Camp**, where campers can step back in time and experience history through interactive activities, crafts, demonstrations, and hands-on learning. These camps provide young people with a unique opportunity to explore pioneer life, develop new skills, and connect with local history in a fun and engaging environment.

For information on the camps held in Dakota City visit this link: [Dakota City Camp Info](#)



In addition, the fairgrounds will host several **4-H Day Camps**, offering educational experiences centered around agriculture, leadership, creativity, and teamwork. These camps allow young people to learn new skills, build friendships, and experience the many opportunities 4-H provides in a supportive and active setting. Some of the upcoming camps are 4-H Goes Under the Big Top, Color Me Crazy Camp, 4-H Explores Nature's Superheros, and 4-H ATV Outdoor Skills.

For more information on the Dakota County 4-H Camps visit here:



Contact Us

Whether you're planning a visit, attending an event, or looking for more information about the Dakota County Fairgrounds, we'd love to hear from you. Our team is here to help and looks forward to connecting with you.

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