



Maryland State Fair
The 117th Maryland State Fair is a sure bet for summer food, fun, and celebration. This 10-day festival complete with home arts exhibits, livestock and horse shows, midway rides and games, live entertainment and thoroughbred horse racing, will open Saturday, Aug. 29 and run through Monday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. at the Timonium Fairgrounds in Baltimore County.

Early risers are welcome to attend livestock and horse shows at 9 a.m. Exhibit halls open at 10 a.m. and the Midway opens at 10 a.m. on weekends and noon on weekdays. Admission is only \$4 for adults and children under 12 are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Admission to the race track is included in the admission price of the fair. No other event provides so much food, fun and family entertainment for so

little.

The Maryland State Fair is an educational resource complete with daily exhibits and presentations which are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. Fairgoers are invited to explore the Farm & Garden, 4-H and Home Arts Buildings, the Cow Palace, Horse Show Ring, and other agricultural buildings and displays as well as the Exhibition Hall. For wildlife lovers, the State Fair Park will not only provide picnickers plenty of tables and shade, but a chance to see owls, snakes, turtles and other wildlife at the expanded "Scales and Tales" exhibit provided by the Department of Natural Resources.

The State Fair is the culmination of over a year's worth of hard work for 4-H members who will compete in shows and demonstrations throughout the 10 days of the

fair. The 4-H Livestock Show will begin Saturday, Aug. 29 and run through Wednesday, Sept. 2. The 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale will begin Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. The Open Class Livestock Show will open Thursday, Sept. 3 and run through Labor Day.

The Midway will provide thrills and chills for the entire family with more than 30 rides. "Kiddie Land" will offer tame but exciting rides and the Midway promises to thrill even the bravest fairgoers. "Entertainment Row" on the south side of the Exhibition Hall will be the site for a variety of local bands, children's entertainment, and contests.

A wide selection of food will

satisfy the spirit as well as the palate. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to enjoy the delightful taste of corn dogs and cotton candy on the Midway, or the traditional flavor of crab cakes, mouth-watering rib-eye steak sandwiches, corn-on-the-cob, fruit, ice cream and many other products fresh from Maryland farms at the Maryland Foods Pavilion.

The Race Track will offer daily thoroughbred horse racing with additional races simulcast from Saratoga, Monmouth Park, Delaware, and other tracks. Post time is 1 p.m.

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