

2025 McHenry County Fair Schedule

Tuesday, July 29th

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 AM	Open and Junior Crafts and Needlework Judging	Building F
9:00 AM	Junior Photography Judging	Building E
12:00 PM	Gates Open to Public	
12:00 PM	Opening Ceremony Flag Raising	Grandstand
12:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
12:00 PM	Open & Jr Grains, Vegetables, Fruits & Forages Judging	Building E
12:00 – 6:00 pm	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
12:00 – 6:00 pm	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
12:00 – 8:00 pm	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
12:30 PM	K-9 Demonstration	Building C
12:30 PM	Open Poultry and Pigeon Show Judging	Poultry Tent
2:00 – 9:00 pm	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
1:00 PM	Open and Jr Foods Judging	Building E
2:00 PM	4-H Meat Goat Show	Hansen Pavilion
2:00 PM	Jr Open & 4-H Goat Show	Hansen Pavilion
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Atomic BINGO	Building C
3:00 – 8:00 pm	Axe Legends LLC	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
3:00 – 9:00 pm	Beer Garden Open	Midway NEW Pavilion
3:30 PM	4-H Poultry Show	Poultry Tent
3:45 PM	Nick's Kids Show	Midway
4:00 – 10:00 pm	Carnival Opens	Midway
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
5:30 PM	McHenry County Queen Pageant	Grandstands
6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
6:00 PM	Samson the Therapy Dog	Building C
7:00 PM	Pickle Eating Contest	Building C
7:00 PM	Swine Carcass Show – 4H	Swine Barn
8:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Wednesday, July 30th

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Gates Open	
9:00 AM	Open & Jr Beef Show	Hansen Pavilion
9:00 AM	Antique Show Judging	Building F
9:00 AM	Open & Jr Art Show Judging	Building E
9:00 AM	4-H Dairy Show	Hansen Pavilion
9:30 AM	K-9 Demonstration	Building C
9:30 AM	4-H Swine Showmanship, Clinic & Judging	Swine Barn
10:00 AM	Open & Jr Honey Show	Building E
10:00 AM	Open Writing Judging Displayed	Building E
10:00 - 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
10:00 – CLOSE	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
11:00 - 10:00 PM	Beer Garden Open	Midway NEW Pavilion
11:30 AM	Open Photography Show	Building E
12:00 – 6:00 PM	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
12:00 PM	4-H Sheep Breed Show	Hansen Pavilion
1:00 – 10:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
1:00 PM	4-H Sheep Market Show	Hansen Pavilion
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Cookie Decorating sponsored by Blessed Little Kitchen	Building C
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Carnival Ride Wristband Day	Midway
1:45 PM	Nick's Kids show	Midway
2:00 – 9 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
3:00 – 5 PM	Atomic BINGO	Midway NEW Pavilion
3:00 - 6:00 PM	LIVE Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 - 8:00 PM	Axe Legends LLC	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
3:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
6:00 PM	Veteran's Tractor Salute & Draft Horse Pulls	Grandstand
6:00 PM	Nick's Kids Show	Midway
7:00 PM	Applesauce Chug Contest	Building C
8:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Thursday, July 31st

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Gates Open	
8:00 AM	4-H Swine Show	Swine Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Beef Show	Hansen Pavilion
9:30 AM	K-9 Demonstration	Building C
10:00 – 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
10:00 AM – CLOSE	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM	Jr Open Sheep Breed Show	Hansen Pavilion
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Banjo Buddies	Building C
11:00 – 10:00 PM	Beer Garden Open	Midway NEW Pavilion
12:00 – 6:00 PM	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
12:00 PM	Jr Open Flower Show	Building E
12:30 PM	Open Flower Show	Building E
1:00 PM	Jr Open Sheep – Market Lamb	Hansen Pavilion
1:00 – 10:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Carnival Ride Wristband Day	Midway
1:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
2:00 - 9:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
2:00 PM	Open Dairy Goat Show – Dry Stock	Hansen Pavilion
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Atomic BINGO	Midway NEW Pavilion
3:00 - 8:00 PM	Axe Legends LLC	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
3:30 PM	Kindness Rocks with QUEENS	Building C
3:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
4:00 PM	Six Shooters At Dusk	Horse Arena
6:00 PM	Mother Daughter/ Father Son Look Alike Contest	Building C
6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
7:00 PM	QUAD Racing	Grandstands
7:00 PM	Corn Eating Contest – Corn sponsored by Cody's Farm Market and cooked by Jablonski Concessions	Building C
7:00 PM	4-H Awards Ceremony	Hansen Pavilion
8:30 PM	4-H Activities	Hansen Pavilion
9:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Friday, August 1st

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Gates Open	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Open Dairy Goat Show – Milking Stock	Hansen Pavilion
8:00 AM	Open and Jr Swine Show	Swine Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Horse Show	Horse Arena
9:00 AM	Open and Jr Open Dairy Show	Hansen Pavilion
9:30 AM	K-9 Demonstration	Building C
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM – CLOSE	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
10:00 AM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
10:00 – 11:00 PM	Beer Garden Open	Midway NEW Pavilion
11:00 AM	Open Sheep Breed Show	Hansen Pavilion
11:00 – 2:00 PM	Banjo Buddies	Building C
12:00 – 6:00 PM	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
1:00 – 10:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Carnival Ride Wristband Day	Midway
1:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
2:00 - 9:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Atomic BINGO	Midway NEW Pavilion
3:00 - 6:00 PM	LIVE Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 - 9:00 PM	Axe Legends LLC	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
3:00 PM	Pedal Pull Registration	East of Beef Barn
3:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
4:00 PM	Pedal Pull Competition	East of Beef Barn
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
5:30 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
6:00 PM	Mid West Renegades Equestrian Drill team	Horse Arena
6:30 PM	Mutton Busting	Grandstands
7:00 PM	Talent Contest	Hansen Pavilion
7:00 PM	NEXT LEVEL BULL RIDING	Grandstands
7:00 PM	Pizza Eating Contest – Sponsored by Antioch Pizza	Entertainment Tent
7:30 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
10:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 2nd

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Gates Open	
8:30 AM	Open Horse Show	Horse Arena
9:00 AM	Jr Open Rabbit Show	Rabbit Barn
FOLLOWING	Open Rabbit Show	Rabbit Barn
9:30 AM	4-H Auction Sellers Meeting	Hansen Pavilion
10:00 – 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
10:00 – CLOSE	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 – 11:00PM	Beer Garden Open	Midway NEW Pavilion
12:00 PM	4-H Livestock Auction	Hansen Pavilion
12:00 - 10:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Strolling Quartet Show	Building C & Grounds
1:00 – 8:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
1:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Atomic BINGO	Midway NEW Pavilion
3:00 PM	Pedal Pull Registration	EAST Beef Barn
3:00 - 6:00 PM	LIVE Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 - 9:00 PM	Axe Legends LLC	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
3:45 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
4:00 PM	Pedal Pull Competition	EAST Beef Barn
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
5:00 PM	MCFA Pinewood Derby	Building F
5:00 PM	Haybale Throwing Contest	Hansen Pavilion
5:30 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
6:00 PM	Grandstand Gates Open	Grandstands
7:45 PM	Eli Young Band	Grandstands
9:15 PM	Dylan Scott	Grandstands
10:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Sunday, August 3rd

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Gates Open	
10:00 AM	Donut Eating Contest	Building C
10:00 AM	4-H Master Showmanship Contest	Hansen Pavilion
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM	Dairy Pee Wee Showmanship Registration	Hansen Pavilion
10:00 AM	Open Horse Fun Show	Horse Arena
10:00 AM - CLOSE	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
12:00 - 9:00 PM	Beer Garden Open	Midway New Pavilion
10:30 AM	Tractor/Truck Pulls	Grandstand
11:00 AM	Dairy Pee Wee Showmanship	Hansen Pavilion
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
12:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
12:00 – 8:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
12:00 - 5:00 PM	Axe Legends LLC	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
12:30 PM	Pedal Pull Registration	EAST Beef Barn
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1:00-1:30 PM 1:30 PM	Strolling Quartet Pedal Pull Competition	Building C & Grounds EAST Beef Barn
1:00-1:30 PM 1:30 PM 1:45 PM	Strolling Quartet Pedal Pull Competition Nick's Kid Show	Building C & Grounds EAST Beef Barn Midway
1:00-1:30 PM 1:30 PM 1:45 PM 2:30 PM	Strolling Quartet Pedal Pull Competition Nick's Kid Show Chainsaw Woodcarving Auction	Building C & Grounds EAST Beef Barn Midway Hansen Pavilion
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