



2026 McHenry County Fair Schedule

Tuesday, August 4th

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 AM	Open and Junior Crafts and Needlework Judging	Building F
10:00 AM	4-H Poultry Show	Poultry Tent
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
12:00 – 8:00 PM	Midway Beer Garden Open	Midway Pavilion
12:30 PM	Open Poultry and Pigeon Show Judging	Poultry Tent
1:00 PM	4-H Meat Goat Show	Hansen Pavilion
1:00 PM	Jr Open & 4-H Goat Show	Hansen Pavilion
2:00 – 9:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
2:00 PM	Open and Jr Foods Judging	Building E
3:00, 6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Nick's Stage - Midway
3:30, 6:30 PM	Matthew the Magical Entertainer & Balloon Art	Nick's Stage - Midway
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Atomic BINGO	Midway Pavilion
3:00 - 6:00 PM	Live Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 – 8:00 PM	Axe Legends	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
4:00 – 9:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
5:30 PM	McHenry County Queen Pageant	Grandstands
6:00 PM	Samson the Therapy Dog	Building C
7:00 PM	Milk Chugging Contest Sponsored by McHenry County Farm Bureau	Building C
8:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Wednesday, August 5th

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
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM	Midwest Rails Demo & Display	Building F
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
11:30 AM	K-9 Demonstration	Building C
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
12:00 – 9:00 PM	Midway Beer Garden Open	Midway Pavilion
1:00 – 10:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Carnival Ride Wristband Day	Midway
1:00 PM	Cookie Decorating sponsored by Blessed Little Kitchen	Building E
1:00 PM	4-H Sheep Market Show	Hansen Pavilion
1:00, 3:00, 6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show - Daily Shows	Midway
1:30, 3:30, 6:30 PM	Matthew the Magical Entertainer & Balloon Art	Midway
2:00 – 9:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
2:30 PM	Junior Photography Judging	Building E
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Atomic Bingo	Midway Pavilion
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Live Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 – 8:00 PM	Axe Legends	Axe Legend Stage/Midway
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
5:00 PM	4-H Swine Showmanship, Clinic & Judging	Swine Barn
6:00 PM	Veteran's Tractor Salute & Draft Horse Pulls	Grandstand
7:00 PM	Pizza Eating Contest Sponsored by Antioch Pizza	Building C
8:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Thursday, August 6th

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
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM	Midwest Rails Demo & Display	Building F
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	Jr Open Sheep Breed Show	Hansen Pavilion
11:00 AM	Banjo Buddies	Midway Pavilion
11:30 AM	K-9 Demonstration	Building C
12:00 – 6:00 PM	Joe Stebbing Wood Carver	Wood Carver Tent
12:00 PM	Jr Open Flower Show	Building E
12:00 – 10:00 PM	Midway Beer Garden Open	Midway Pavilion
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
1:00, 3:00, 6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show - Daily Shows	Midway
1:30, 3:30, 6:30 PM	Matthew the Magical Entertainer & Balloon Art	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 Pavilion
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Live Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 – 8:00 PM	Axe Legends	Axe Legend Stage/Midway
3:30 PM	Kindness Rocks with QUEENS	Building C
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
4:00 PM	Sign up for Quad Races	Grandstand Pits
6:00 PM	Mother Daughter/ Father Son Look Alike Contest	Building C
6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show	Midway
6:30 PM	QUAD Racing presented By Ralphs Lawn & Power and Bad Boy Mowers	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
8:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Friday, August 7th

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Gates Open	
7:00 AM	Open Dairy Goat Show – Milking Stock	Hansen Pavilion
8:00 AM	Open and Jr Swine Show	Swine Barn
9:00 AM	Open and Jr Open Dairy Show	Hansen Pavilion
10:00 AM	4-H Horse Show	Horse Arena
10:00 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
10:00 AM – Close	Clayworkers Guild Demo and Painting	Building F
10:00 AM	Midwest Rails Demo & Display	Building F
10:00 – 11:00 PM	Midway Beer Garden Open	Midway Pavilion
11:00 AM	Open Sheep Breed Show	Hansen Pavilion
11:00 – 2:00 PM	Banjo Buddies	Midway Pavilion
11:30 AM	K-9 Demonstration	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
1:00, 3:00, 6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show - Daily Shows	Midway
1:30, 3:30, 6:30 PM	Matthew the Magical Entertainer & Balloon Art	Midway
2:00 – 9:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Atomic Bingo	Midway Pavilion
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Live Raptor Presentation	Building C
3:00 – 9:00 PM	Axe Legends	Axe Legend Stage/Midway
3:00 PM	Pedal Pull Registration	East of Beef Barn
4:00 PM	Pedal Pull Competition	East of Beef Barn
4:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
4:00 PM	Northern Illinois Outlaws - Six Shooters at Dusk	Horse Arena
7:00 PM	Talent Contest	Hansen Pavilion
7:00 PM	Mutton Busting	Grandstands
7:00 PM	NEXT LEVEL BULL RIDING Presented by Lima Contractors	Grandstands
9:00 PM	Alex Miller - Young Country Artist	Grandstand Beer Garden
10:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 8th

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 AM	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
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	Midwest Rails Demo & Display	Building F
10:00 – 11:00PM	Midway Beer Garden Open	Midway Pavilion
12:00 PM	4-H Livestock Auction	Hansen Pavilion
12:00 PM	Farm Tractor & Truck Pulls Presented by Rock Solid	Grandstands
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	Midway Pavilion & Grounds
1:00 – 8:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
1:00, 3:00, 6:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show - Daily Shows	Midway
1:30, 3:30, 6:30 PM	Matthew the Magical Entertainer & Balloon Art	Midway
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Atomic BINGO	Midway 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	Axe Legend Stage/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
5:00 PM	ISP Tractor & Truck Pulls Presented by Rock Solid	Grandstands
6:00 PM	Midwest Renegades Equestrian Drill Team	Horse Arena
9:00 PM	Feudin' Hillbillies - High Energy Country Rock Band	Grandstands Beer Garden
10:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds

Sunday, August 9th

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	Commercial Exhibits Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	FARM Simulator sponsored by ConservFS	Building D
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
11:00 AM	Dairy Pee Wee Showmanship	Hansen Pavilion
11:00 AM	Funny Bunny Contest	Rabbit Barn
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Prime Time Racing	Checkered Tent/East Beef Barn
11:00, 1:00, 3:00 PM	Nick's Kid Show - Daily Shows	Midway
11:30, 1:30, 3:30 PM	Matthew the Magical Entertainer & Balloon Art	Midway
12:00 - 9:00 PM	Midway Beer Garden Open	Midway Pavilion
12:00 PM	Tractor Parade	Livestock Barns
12:00 – 8:00 PM	Carnival Opens	Midway
12:00 - 5:00 PM	Axe Legends	Axe Legend Stage/East Beef Barn
12:30 PM	Pedal Pull Registration	EAST Beef Barn
1:00-1:30 PM	Strolling Quartet	Midway Pavilion & Grounds
1:30 PM	Pedal Pull Competition	EAST Beef Barn
2:30 PM	Chainsaw Woodcarving Auction	Hansen Pavilion
3:00PM - 6:00PM	Live Raptor Presentation	Building C
4:00 PM	Auction Animal Load out	Animal Barns
6:00 PM	Premium Check Pick up	Building D - Office
6:00 PM	Demo Derby - 4WD Promotions Sponsored by Expert Roofing & J Blanton Plumbing	Grandstands
6:00 PM	Livestock Barns Close	Livestock Barns
7:00 PM	Commercial Exhibits Close	Fairgrounds