

Special events and contests are mainstay of State Fair

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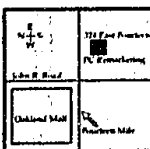
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There will be a number of special events, contests and competitions for kids and adults of all ages at the 1993 Michigan State Fair. The contests are a great way to spend some special family time, while enjoying the 1993 Michigan State Fair. Announcement and registration for all games begins at 4 p.m., with competition beginning at 4:30 p.m. and lasting approximately an hour. Contest ages are 3-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-12 (excluding Twin's Days, Eating Contests and Diaper Derby — check listings).

Spaghetti Eating Contest: Better get your bib out. Age categories also include 13-17 and 18 and over.

Hula Hoop Contest: As if folks don't look goofy enough doing this at home! Age categories also include 13-17 and 18 and over.

Donut Eating Contests: They look harmless enough. But try eating more than the person next to you, and you may leave with a new appreciation for those little "treats." Contest ages include 13-17 and 18 and over.

Twins or Multiples Contests: "Seeing red" about to take on new meaning! Contest ages are children under 3, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18 and up.

Pie Eating Contest: Hands behind your back, pie in front of your face, one, two, three... GO!

Clowning Day: "Clowning around" for kids of all ages by amateur clowns from around the state!

Balloon Blowing: Time to blow a big one!

Longest Ponytail Contest: Horses not allowed!

Most Creative Hairstyle: Come up and come out with the most creative hair design around, and walk away a winner! Contest ages include 13-17 and 18 and over.

Peanut Race: If you're not even sure what peanut racing is, be sure to schedule this "nutty" little race into your planned adventures at this year's Michigan State Fair.

Water Balloon Toss: They're fun to toss, but even more fun to get someone wet with. Even if that someone is your partner for the contest.

Balloon Race: Balloon between the knees (we'll let you use a regular balloon instead of a water balloon for this one)! Ready, set, knees together, feet apart, you're off!

Diaper Derby: What parent hasn't raced around a house trying to keep up with a crawling baby? Make that kid a "star" during this year's Diaper Derby. Age categories for this contest are as follows: Under 9 months and 9-18 months.

Baby Doll Diaper Change Contest: The quicker the better during this contest!

Most Creative Baby Outfit: Time to shamelessly exploit that kid of yours! And don't forget a camera! Same ages as Diaper Derby apply.

Bubble Gum Blowing Contest: Blow away, watch out for wind... and keep a stiff upper lip.

Football Throw: If you've got a powerhouse arm that can make receivers tremble, head on out to the Michigan State Fair, and prove it!

Parent Calling Competition: Mom? Mom? Mom? Mom? MOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Burlap Bag Race: Potatoes aren't the only thing that can fit perfectly into a burlap sack!

Egg Toss Contest: This is the contest that has many folks running "yellow."

Egg & Spoon Race: For those who prefer a little distance between themselves and their egg.

Corn Eating Contest: You don't have to husk it, just eat it! And don't forget your dental floss, either. Age categories include 13-17 and 18 and over.

Crab Walk: The Crab Walk Competition will have one lucky kid "crawling" away a winner!

Lumberjack Show: They're big. They're bad. They're lumberjacks. Come and see a truly remarkable display of skill and agility. The Ogle Lumberjack Show has been organized by Pat and Jim Ogle. The Ogle family has been involved in log rolling shows for more than 40 years. Come and cheer them on as they educate and entertain fairgoers during this performance. Scheduled events include: Spine Tree Act, Wood Chopping, Cross Cut Sawing, Log Rolling, Tree Climbing, Spring Board Chopping, Axe Throwing, Chain Saw Carving, Jousting. Performances are weekdays at 2:30 p.m., 4:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekends at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Spartan Street.

Racing Pigs: A racing pig? You bet a racing pig! This fun spirited event is sure to be an overwhelming crowd pleaser at this year's fair. Pigs will race against one another showcasing speed, agility and grace. Okay, maybe not very much grace, but you may be surprised at how fast those little hooves can move when they get to racing. Bring the kids for a fun and somewhat silly time, but be sure to stay away from the trough when the race is over. There are four different races run daily on the U-shaped track. The racing pig run hourly, every day from 1-8 p.m.

Youth Market Livestock Auction: The sale of grand and reserve champion steers, hogs and lambs. anyone interested in purchasing quality meats should attend the Youth Market Livestock Auction. For more information call (313) 369-8290.

Demolition Derby: Talk about getting out some aggression! Thrill to the metal-ripping, chassis-crunching demolition of autos that will have you cheering. If you thought auto wrecks with Hot Wheels and Tonka trucks were fun, just wait until you get a look at these crashes and smashes!

Detroit Mounted Police Precision Riding: Join the Detroit Mounted Police for an incredible display of agility and precision riding skill as they perform at this year's fair. The Detroit Mounted Police will have everyone in awe with their mastery and ability. The event has been a longtime favorite with both amateur and seasoned equestrians across the state.

Senior's Day: Special contests and exceptional achievement awards all in honor of some of Michigan's most important senior citizens! Free refreshments for Seniors (10 a.m.), the Senior Citizen of the Year Award (noon), Senior Citizen Free Raffle (1 p.m.) and Senior Citizen Contests (1:30 p.m.) are highlights! All senior events are at the Coliseum Grove.

Children's Theatre: As a special treat for the young and the young at heart, the 1993 Michigan State Fair will be featuring live performances of the classic story, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The performances are free with paid admission to the fair, and will be featured every day.

Line Dance Competition: Everyone is doing it... now you can too! Strut your stuff and you might "dance" away a winner!

Daily Parade: Don't miss the daily parade every day at 3:30 p.m. The Michigan State Fair's finest will be making the rounds of the fairgrounds, greeting guests and bringing a little afternoon cheer to everyone in attendance at the 1993 fair! A special attraction to this year's fair are the Budweiser Clydesdales!

Veteran's Day: Honoring the brave men and women who have protected the freedom of our country and others! Join in the festivities all day long including the Veteran's Ceremony.

Husband/Wife/Hog Calling Contest: Get young lungs good and rested, it's time for the annual husband/wife/hog calling contest. The contest will take place in the Coliseum Grove. And onlookers, bring some earplugs. It gets louder than you might think!

Have you ever wanted to fly through the air by the seat of your pants? Are you seeking the ride of your life? Need to jump-start your heart? And hey, if you're weak-kneed, bring your crazy friend along for the ride. Don't just dive off the deep-end, blast off it. In The Ejection Seat! The ultimate in bungee jumping thrill. The Ejection Seat launches two people seated in a chair strapped to two bungee cables over 120 feet into the air, going from 0 to 70 miles per hour in just one second! All the excitement of reverse-bungee jumping but with 10x the safety precautions. The Ejection Seat is mounted in a steel safety cage and connected to two towers that support the bungee cords, which eliminates the risk of hitting the bottom of a suspended platform or getting tangled in excess cord. The Ejection Seat was developed by Bungee Adventures, the leader in bungee jumping attractions and safety. The design and manufacturing meets all stringent requirements on both the state and local levels, as well as all the numerous national codes. The ejection seat provides safety for all these concerned without resorting any of the thrill and adrenaline

line rush accompanied with bungee jumping. The Ejection Seat is 110 percent intensity to the max!

The \$2 Ticket to Everywhere: For a child under the age of 12, life can be a drag. Parents drag their children to the grocery store, to the mall, to the doctor's office and to the classroom. Well now, parents won't be the ones dragging the kids around, it will be the kids dragging the parents — to the Michigan State Fair! Why? Because there is so much for a kid to do at the State Fair, they'll go nuts trying to take it all in. And what's in it for mom and dad? How about all the same fun and money left in your pocket? That's right, it's just \$2, yes \$2, for children 12 and under to be admitted into the 1993 Michigan State Fair. And what is there to do at the State Fair? Well take a look at these attractions:

They can view the farm animals from the numerous kinds of horses and cows down to the furry little bunnies! The entire family can look upon some of nature's most beautiful creatures.

The "Miracle of Life" Birthing Center: is the only opportunity many children will have to see the wonder of a newborn animal coming into the world. Add to that, witnessing how mother animals care for and feed their newborns, and kids will gain an invaluable life experience while they are having fun.

The kids will never forget the hilarity of the racing pigs or the skill and strength of the lumberjacks. You certainly can't see them just anywhere, but at this year's State Fair you can.

For many children, the live show in the Community Arts Auditorium will be their first exposure to a stage performance. This year it will be "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Six of those dwarfs in each performance will be played by children from the audience, which will be fun and a great experience! The characters from the show will sign autographs for all the children after each performance, giving them a wonderful keepsake of a wonderful day.

A tour of the Country Life Historic Park will peak curiosities and raise many questions from children about life in the "good ole days." This gives mom and dad the opportunity to get a little history lesson as well.

The Coliseum Grove will feature hours of local entertainment of all kinds, and the new Chrysler Stage will feature music from a variety of the best local bands. Bring your dancing shoes and get ready to kick up your heels. To wind down a little from all the excitement, there are tons of exhibits from across the state. Be sure to check out all the arts and crafts, and maybe take home something for the kids.

To end a fun filled day, if the kids are still awake, the whole family can attend a great, live concert in the band shell. And not just any concert either, but top name entertainers that will have children and parents alike dancing in their seats.

When That's a lot to handle for a kid. And all of it comes for the price of the \$2 admission fee. For all of us other kids from 11-12, the same entertainment can be had for just \$7.

The midway rides are extra, of course, but an all day bracelet can be purchased for \$12 and is good for all rides except The Ejection Seat on any weekday. The daytime bracelets are good until 5 p.m. Advance ride tickets can also be purchased for evening and weekend use for \$12 (a \$2 value). Last, but far from least, is the wonderful fair food. It's not included in the price of admission, but there is a wide variety of food that is always delicious and reasonably priced.

All in all, the Michigan State Fair is a genuine, traditional value for the entire family to enjoy. For comparison, here is the current price list for other attractions:

Detroit Zoo — Under 2, Free; Age 1-12, \$3; Age 13-62, \$6 and Over \$2, \$4.

Cedar Point — Under 3, free; Under 48 inches, \$4.95; Reg. admission, \$28.95 and Over 60, \$15.95.

Disney World — Under 3, free; Age 3-9, \$31.80 and Over 9, \$39.22 (does not include all parks or Resort Center).

Concerts — \$22.50 and up.

Fox Theatre — Poochontas: \$10-\$25.

Rodeo — \$7.