



2018 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR FACT SHEET

DATES

Thursday, August 16 – Sunday, August 26, 2018

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Gates open at 7 a.m. and exhibits open at 9 a.m.
- Exhibit halls close at 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Some areas close earlier on Sunday, August 26.
- Thrill Ville opens at 2 p.m. or noon depending on the day and closes at approximately midnight.

PARKING

- Advance parking is \$5 per vehicle June 1 thru August 15 online and at the KEC Box Office. Parking tickets will be sold at participating Kroger locations beginning July 6 thru August 15.
- During the Fair, August 16 thru August 26, parking tickets will be available online only for \$8.
- Parking is \$10 per vehicle at the gate, with parking available for over 19,000 cars on hard surface and grass.
- Bus parking is \$20 per vehicle and only available at the gate. Buses will park as directed upon arrival.
- Overnight RV parking is first come, first served in Lot F behind Cardinal Stadium ONLY. Electric and water hookups not available. Parking is \$20 per night.
- Bike racks are located at every gate.

EXPRESS LANES

Fairgoers must pre-purchase both parking and admission tickets in order to use the express lanes, which are located at Gates 1, 3, 4 and 6.

TRAMS

The free State Fair Trams sponsored by Grant County run daily every 15 to 30 minutes from 9 a.m. to midnight.

ADMISSION AND TICKETS

- Advance admission is \$7 per person June 1 thru August 15 online and at the KEC Box Office. Admission tickets will be sold at participating Kroger locations beginning July 6 thru August 15.
- During the Fair, August 16 thru August 26, admission tickets will be available online only for \$8.
- Admission tickets at the gate are \$10 per person, children 5 and under are free.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

Thursday, August 16 – County Fair Days

Friday, August 17 - Alumni Day

Saturday August 18 –811 Day sponsored by Marathon Pipe Line LLC

Marathon Pipe Line LLC proudly sponsors 811 Day on August 18. The first 811 fairgoers will receive a free lunch box.

Sunday, August 19 – Military Sunday Salute

Military Sunday Salute returns August 19 to celebrate all who serve or have served our country. Free admission is available for military members, veterans and their families (up to 4 people). Details are available on www.govx.com. Parking not included.

Tuesday, August 21 - Senior Day

All seniors 55 and over receive free gate admission. Parking not included.

Thursday, August 23– Carload Day and Kentucky Farm Bureau Day

\$20 per vehicle, \$100 for vehicles with 12+ passengers. Parking included.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE CONCERT SERIES – FREE

All Free Concerts begin at 8 p.m., with the exception of Sunday, August 26 which is at 3 p.m. and are held in Lot L. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is first come, first served. Accessible seating is available.

(Note: Free concerts take place rain or shine. A show may be delayed if there is lightning.

Announcements will be made accordingly and updates will be posted on the Kentucky State Fair app.)

Thursday August 16

Gary Allan with special guest Walker Montgomery

Friday August 17

112 with special guest Midnight Star

Saturday August 18

Great White with special guests Vixen and GoldylockS

Sunday August 19

The Oak Ridge Boys with special guests Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers

Monday August 20

Casting Crowns with special guests Bonray

Tuesday August 21

Happy Together Tour

Wednesday August 22

Chris Janson with special guest Cary Pearce

Thursday August 23

Chevelle with special guest The Cunning

Friday August 24

Josh Turner with special guest Dillon Carmichael

Saturday August 25

The Commodores

Sunday August 26

Mercy Me with special guest Stars Go Dim

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW

Freedom Hall, August 18-25

Evening performances are held August 18 at 7 p.m., August 19 through August 24, at 6:30 p.m. and August 25 at 7 p.m. Tickets for evening performances August 18 – August 23 are \$8 and for August 24 – August 25 are \$11. Tickets include a facility fee but do not include KSF Gate Admission. Tickets go on sale June 20 at 10 a.m.

FREE performances are held August 19 at noon and August 20 through August 25 at 9 a.m. Seating is available in the upper level of Freedom Hall. There are no free performances on August 23.