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MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR OFFERS FAMILY FUN



FREEHOLD --- Whether you're looking for an unforgettable family outing, to take part in a local tradition, or just to have a good time, be sure to check out the **Monmouth County Fair**. Held from Wednesday-Sunday, July 22-26, at East Freehold Showgrounds, Kozloski Road, Freehold, this annual event is presented by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners in cooperation with the Monmouth County Park System and the Monmouth County 4-H Association.

This year promises to be better than ever with the **MonmouthNJ 250 Celebration** and fireworks (weather permitting) on opening night and an amazing daily entertainment lineup! Topping that list is **The Soaring Buccaneers in High Seas Hullabaloo!** This high-energy swashbuckler show features aerial feats, gravity-defying ground acrobatics, and nonstop laughs. **DAWG Pro Wrestling** is returning with its family-friendly matches featuring top **DAWG** stars. The fun continues with **Andrew's Big Show**. This one-of-a-kind show mixes comedy, juggling and circus tricks for a combination that's sure to delight all ages.

Those looking for their longtime favorite acts won't be disappointed! Also returning this year are **Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show**, **Robinson's Racing Pigs**, and **Tommie Turvey's Stunt Horses & Dogs** (Thursday-Sunday). Each day also features **Fam Jam -DJ Dance Parties**, **John Higby the Yo-Yo Guy**, and the **WonderZone Dinosaur Zoo**.

Live music is always one of the best parts of the Fair and the tradition continues with amazing performances on the Main Stage! **Red Dirt Revolution** kicks things off on Wednesday, followed by **THE FUMOS** on Thursday night; **Mushmouth** on Friday night; **Dark City Strings** on Saturday afternoon and **The Ultimate Queen Celebration** on Saturday night; and **Rock It Academy** and **Ocean Avenue Stompers** on Sunday.

If that's not enough, this year's Fair also features rides provided by Reithoffer Shows. Enjoy classics such as Tilt-a-World, the Himalaya, the Grand Carousel, and many more! Rides require wristbands; one-day unlimited ride wristbands are available for \$30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; and \$35 on Friday and Saturday. Please note that rides are weather permitting and may have height requirements.

And it just wouldn't be the **Monmouth County Fair** without the Home & Garden Tent! Be sure to stop in and see award-winning entries of crafts, baked goods, flowers and more. Other not-to-miss spots include the Park System Tent with its **From Field to Forest** theme and the Living History Tent with demonstrations, music, and more.

With so much to see and do, fairgoers might need all five days to experience everything the **Monmouth County Fair** has to offer. The Fair is open 4-11 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, July 22-24; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 25; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

General admission to the **Monmouth County Fair** is \$10 per adult; children 12 and under are admitted free. Half price admission will be offered during the first two hours of each day; 4-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Veterans and active military with ID enter for free. On Sunday, seniors 65 and older and students with ID are free.

Be sure to follow the Monmouth County Park System on social media. Upcoming Fair contests will be announced on its Facebook and Instagram pages, offering an opportunity to win admission tickets and more. For the most current information about the Monmouth County Fair, visit www.MonmouthCountyFair.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711.

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