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MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR IS ALMOST HERE!



FREEHOLD --- The best part of summer is almost here! The **Monmouth County Fair** opens at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 at East Freehold Showgrounds, Kozloski Road, Freehold. Opening night brings the **Monmouth County Firefighters Association's Hose & Ladder Competition** at 7 p.m., performances by the **Moroccan Shepherders** at 8:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and fireworks at 9:15 p.m., weather-permitting.

Organized and presented by the Monmouth County Park System in cooperation with the Monmouth County 4-H, this five-day event runs Wednesday-Sunday, July 25-29. Each day offers

rides, family entertainment, 4-H shows and exhibits, Home & Garden competitions and demonstrations, touch-a-truck, a NJ Fire Museum exhibit, and so much more!

Live musical performances also include ***The Chuck Lambert Band*** on Thursday; ***Musicians on a Mission*** on Friday; ***Jimmy Buffet and Friends Tribute Band*** on Saturday; and ***ViRAGO Music Celtic Trio*** on Sunday. Other entertainment highlights are ***Hell on Wheels BMX Stunt Show***, ***Wheel of Destiny***, ***Mutts Gone Nuts***, ***Robinson's Racing Pigs*** and ***Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show***.

Fair rides are once again provided by Reithoffer Shows and will feature a separate ***Kids Zone Ride Area*** designed for younger children. Be sure to get your fill of rides by taking advantage of ride wristbands. Now available daily, these wristbands allow fairgoers to enjoy unlimited rides on any one day. Wristbands will be available for purchase at the Fair for \$25 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; and \$30 on Friday and Saturday. Single ride tickets will also be available daily. Please note that rides are weather permitting.

In all the excitement of the Fair, be sure to get a bite to eat. There will be plenty to choose from including Empanada Guy, Sweet Treats, Try Vegan, and Gourmet Barbeque. Fair vendors from Brocks Farms, Little House Candles, Paws Pet Boutique, and Puppets 'N' Strings & Things will be selling their goods among many others! Stop by the Made in Monmouth tent and discover a variety of goods available from local businesses. Then purchase some of the freshest, local produce in the area at the FFA Farm Stand.

Filled with fun and excitement, the Fair is open 5-11 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, July 25-27; 3-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 28; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 29. Admission is \$8 per person. Children age 12 and under are free. Sunday offers free admission for seniors and active duty military. Parking is free.

For more information about the Fair, visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks and Recreation agency.