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**BENTON COUNTY FAIR ANNOUNCES FREE ADMISSION
AND SCHEDULE**

BENTONVILLE, AR -- Admission to the 115th Annual Benton County Fair August 6-10, 2019 is free thanks to generous sponsors including Walmart and Sam's Club, McKee Foods, Simmons, McLarty Daniel Family of Dealerships, Wheels RV, Heritage Tractor, Sunbelt Rentals, P&K Equipment and Farm Bureau Benton County.

Pride Amusements returns as the carnival provider with a host of fun rides and entertainers including the Hambone Express piglet races. The Carnival will complement the Junior Livestock Shows and Auction, Benton County Fair Pageants, Horse Shows, Antique Tractor Pull as well local food vendors and exhibits. *(Carnival tickets are generally \$1 to \$5 per ride or special passes can be purchased for \$25. Children are limited to rides based on height and weight.)*

"Thanks to our sponsors both returning and new, we are able to make admission to the fair free," said Susan Koehler, Fair and Events Manager. Additional sponsors and supporters of the Benton County Fair include Ashby Street Outdoor, 5News, KURM Radio, Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Big Deal Marketing and Tractor Supply.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE/SUBJECT TO CHANGE/NOT COMPLETE LIST OF ACTIVITIES

August 2,3, and 5, 2018

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Early Exhibitor Registration, Vendor and Exhibitor Set Up, Fair Office Hours

Tuesday August 6, 2018

10 a.m. Dairy Goat Show

1 p.m. All Fair Exhibits Open

3 p.m. Market Goat Show

5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Midway and Carnival open

6 p.m. Beauty Pageant

6 p.m. Benton County Sheriff K-9 Demo Horse Arena

Wednesday August 7, 2019

9 a.m. Fair Gates Open

9 a.m. Rabbit Judging

9 a.m. Dairy Cattle Show

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bike Rodeo, Auditorium Parking Lot

4 p.m. Hog Show
6 p.m. Arena Polo, Horse Arena
5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Midway and Carnival open

Thursday, August 8, 2019 (Senior Citizens Day)

8 a.m. Breeding Beef
9 a.m. All Fair Exhibits Open
10 a.m. Senior Citizens Bingo, Auditorium
2 p.m. All Sheep Shows
5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Midway and Carnival Open
7 p.m. Cloverbud, Beef Showmanship, Commercial Heifers and Steer Shows
7:30 p.m. Rodeo of the Ozarks' Rounders Drill Team Performance, Horse Arena
8 p.m. Team Roping with Nathan Sorrell, Horse Arena

Friday, August 9, 2019

8 a.m. Livestock registration/Judging
9 a.m. All Fair Exhibits Open
9 a.m. Livestock Skills
1 p.m. Super Showman Contest
3 p.m. Goat Costume Contest
5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Midway and Carnival Open
5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live Music
5:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Talent Show
7 p.m. Beautiful Bovine Contest
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Showjumping, Horse Arena

Saturday, August 10, 2019

9 a.m. Fair Gates Open
9 a.m. Open Horse Show, Horse Arena
10 a.m. Awards Ceremony, Auditorium
3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Midway and Carnival Open
4:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull, Sponsored by Heritage Tractor
5 p.m. Buyer's Dinner for Livestock Auction
5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live Music
6:30 p.m. Junior Livestock Auction
7 p.m. Barrel Racing Exhibition and Jackpot, Horse Arena

Visit www.bentoncofairar.org for more information about schedule and exhibitor entries from baby and beauty contests to home goods to art and photography, flowers and vegetables as well as baked goods. 4H and Future Farmers of America membership is NOT required to enter non-livestock Fair Exhibits. **To enter the fair as an exhibitor in any category as well as participate in the special events please visit www.bentonar.fairwire.com.**

ABOUT THE BENTON COUNTY FAIR

BCFA, Inc. is a charitable tax exempt 501(c)3 organization that is dedicated to promoting youth development and respect for cultural diversity. The mission of the Benton County Fair is to provide the best county fair possible. It provides a gathering place for all communities to showcase their products and skills. It creates educational, social, cultural and economic opportunities to preserve and promote agriculture and traditions across the county. The Benton County Fair provides the most valuable, educational and entertaining experience that resources will allow. Supporting 4-H, FFA and Youth of Benton County to showcase project work of crafts, baking, canning, gardening and livestock to the general public. Operations of the fairground's facilities are to serve the community by providing multipurpose use for both generating public and private events fostering economic and tourism development in Northwest Arkansas.

The Benton County Fair Board includes: Ashley Hays, president, Chris Cole, vice president, Charlene Newell, secretary, Carla Martinez, treasurer, Clint Bowen, Tim Craig, Jim Griffin, Chris Graves, Deb Lindsay, Frank Myers, Ken Myers, Jacob Payne, Robert Smith, Dr. Duane Thomas, Charles Coffelt and Anji Peacock.

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