



ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

With hundreds of entertaining activities to choose from, the State Fair of Texas is the ultimate family playground. To help make the most of your visit, use this itinerary as a guide. All of these activities are included with your admission to the State Fair of Texas. For an exciting day of animal encounters, we suggest arriving at the Fair

at 11 AM. Activities on this itinerary start near the livestock area of the fairgrounds, so entering the park at either Gate 10, 11 or the Pan Am Gate is recommended.

For a complete list of daily activities, visit bigtex.com/schedule.

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11:45 AM	1 Children's Health Barnyard
12:30 PM*	2 Kids' Pedal Tractor Pulls
1:00 PM*	3 Backyard Circus
1:45 PM	4 Visit the Livestock Barns
2:15 PM	5 Little Hands on the Farm
3:30 PM*	6 Midway Barker
4:30 PM*	7 Wild West Pet Palooza
5:30 PM*	8 Ronald McDonald Show
6:30 PM	9 Family Picture with Big Tex
7:15 PM*	10 Starlight Parade (Parkwide)
8:00 PM*	11 Mattress Firm Illumination Sensation

*Performance or activity showtime



1 CHILDREN'S HEALTH BARNYARD

Get up close and personal with a variety of farm friends, from giraffes and zebras to pigs and goats. While you're there, make sure to visit the nursery where sows, ewes, nanny goats and their young are on display. Fun for the whole family, this petting zoo allows fairgoers to interact with and feed all their furry friends! Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2 KIDS' PEDAL TRACTOR PULLS

Kiddos can join the fun and test their tractor skills at Kids' Pedal Tractor Pulls. Children ages 4 to 12 can compete to win prizes while the crowd cheers them on. Each vintage pedal tractor is weighted so the farther one pedals, the harder it is to reach the finish line.

3 BACKYARD CIRCUS

The Backyard Circus offers little ones the chance to dress up in costumes and take part in a show that features lion tamers, tight-rope walkers, ballerinas and a host of circus favorites.

4 VISIT THE LIVESTOCK BARN

Each day, you will see something new in the barns at the State Fair. Students from across the state bring their animals to compete for scholarships and bragging rights. Take a walk through the barns, visit the animals and talk to the students who are raising them. Just be sure to watch where you walk and be mindful of animal safety.

5 LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM

Kids of all ages love this fun and interactive exhibit where they learn how food gets from farm to table. Activities on this miniature farm include planting seeds, gathering eggs and driving a tiny tractor before harvesting crops and taking them to market. With the earnings from sold crops, snacks can be purchased in the General Store. Suitable for toddlers to 8-year-olds.

6 MIDWAY BARKER

Don't miss this hoot of a performance! The Barker entertains State Fair Midway crowds with his antics and jabs – all in good fun. A funny-bone tickler!

7 WILD WEST PET PALOOZA

Joel Slaven's Wild West Pet Palooza includes an array of comical skits starring animals that have been rescued from shelters across the nation. Boasting an impressive cast of critters ranging from cats and dogs to pigs and porcupines, this show is full of family fun. Nationally acclaimed animal trainer Joel Slaven has been working with animals for more than 40 years, training animals for major films such as *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* and *That Darn Cat*. Slaven and his staff have adopted hundreds of homeless pets and brought them back to star in shows all around the country.

8 RONALD MCDONALD SHOW

Ronald McDonald puts on a comical show the whole family can enjoy, filled with magic, juggling, jokes and music. A few lucky fans will be chosen from the audience and get the chance to join Ronald onstage as guest stars.

9 FAMILY PICTURE WITH BIG TEX

No trip to the Fair is complete without a selfie in front of Big Tex. Taking a photo with Tex has been a

tradition for more than 60 years. Be sure to share your family photo with the Fair using the hashtags #bigtex and #StateFairofTX.

10 STARLIGHT PARADE

This after-dark extravaganza is a fan favorite, featuring a colorful assortment of illuminated floats, life-size puppets, stilt-walking performers and animated characters in ornate costumes. Don't leave the Fair without seeing this amazing spectacle! Every night at 7:15 p.m.

11 MATTRESS FIRM ILLUMINATION SENSATION

Experience the nightly celebration – completely remastered! Set along the scenic reflecting pool, Mattress Firm Illumination Sensation wows the crowd with dancing waters and twice the pyro than ever before. A unique and breathtaking show that combines fireworks and high-energy pop music with engaging performances by dancers and acrobats. This sensational 16-minute production begins nightly at 8 p.m. Show up early to grab the best vantage points along the Esplanade!