# State Fair \*GUIDE\*



f you haven't enjoyed the Fair after dark, you're missing out! Use this itinerary as your guide to evening fun at the Fair and experience signature events that are only available once the sun goes down. Don't forget to bring an empty Dr Pepper can to receive half off your admission to the Fair after 5 PM!

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







# ITINERARY

- 12 PM CLOSE 1 See the view from Top o' Texas Tower
  - 6:00 PM 2 Team Big Air!
- 10 AM CLOSE 3 Relax at the State Fair of Texas
  Wine Garden
  - 7:15 PM 4 Watch the Starlight Parade at the Hall of State
  - 8:00 PM 5 See the Mattress Firm Illumination Sensation
- 10 AM CLOSE 6 Enjoy the Exhilarating Thrill Rides
- 10 AM CLOSE 7 Check out the 2019 models at the Texas Auto Show
- 10 AM CLOSE 8 Take a stroll through the Leonhardt Lagoon
- 10 AM CLOSE 9 Snap a nighttime photo with Neon Big Tex
- 10 AM CLOSE 10 Enjoy Texas Craft Beer at the Magnolia Beer Garden



### SEE THE VIEW FROM TOP O' TEXAS TOWER

Sit back, relax and enjoy the view from the Top o' Texas Tower. At 500 feet, it remains the tallest tower ride in the United States and adds a new flair to the Dallas skyline. The view from the observation deck offers a one-of-a-kind look at downtown Dallas.

### 2 TEAM BIG AIR!

The Team BIG AIR! Basketball Slam Dunk Show joins the list as one of the Fair's new daily shows for 2018. Team BIG AIR! has taken basketball to new heights performing acrobatic slam dunks all over the world for more than a decade. Each high-energy show brings jaw-dropping hoop skills and high-flying acrobatics to the court. The talented troupe will be performing daily in Chevrolet Park Plaza.

### 3 RELAX AT THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS WINE GARDEN

Exclusively offering wines crafted in the Lone Star State, the State Fair of Texas Wine Garden features three different wineries each day and offers guests the choice of buying a small taste, a glass or a bottle. Serving as a scenic destination for fairgoers, the venue is centered around a massive oak tree.

filled with beautiful flowers and mood lighting.

On weekends visitors can experience the musical talents of local jazz and blues bands. As a special treat, winemakers have been known to hang out and chat with fairgoers from time to time, sharing their expertise on refining the palate.

### **4** WATCH THE STARLIGHT PARADE AT THE HALL OF STATE

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. The bold and bright procession glides through the park nightly at 7:15 p.m. You won't want to leave the Fair without seeing this amazing spectacle!

## SEE THE MATTRESS FIRM ILLUMINATION SENSATION

Set along a scenic reflecting pool, Mattress Firm Illumination Sensation combines fireworks and highenergy pop music with engaging performances from dancers and acrobats. This sensational production of synchronized pyrotechnics and special effects begins nightly at 8 p.m. Show up early to stake out the best vantage points along the Esplanade!

### 6 ENJOY THE EXHILARATING MIDWAY RIDES

Ride lovers can add some new rides to their list for the 2018 State Fair of Texas: The Orbiter, Haunted Castle, and Airmaxx. The Orbiter is a new spinning attraction guaranteed to satisfy thrill seekers, while still being fun for the whole family. The Haunted Castle is another family favorite – it's spooky, a little scary, and also tons of fun. Finally, the Airmaxx ride sequence begins with a gentle sweeping motion that increases to 55 mph at the bottom of the swing to send the riders over 360 degrees.

### O CHECK OUT THE 2018 MODELS AT THE TEXAS AUTO SHOW

This event showcases approximately 400 of the latest models from the world's leading manufacturers. Bring your family and check out the hottest new rides, while also enjoying fun interactive exhibits and live entertainment. Whether you're a die-hard car fanatic or you just like to look around at the latest new models, this show is the ultimate destination for all things auto. Ideal for fairgoers looking to purchase a new car, or simply learn more about today's available options, the Texas Auto Show is full of experts from each of the manufacturing companies, ready to help you with any questions you may have.

## TAKE A STROLL THROUGH LEONHARDT LAGOON

This is definitely a must-see attraction at the State Fair of Texas! Be dazzled by tens of thousands of multicolored lights illuminating the trees along the lagoon while the Texas Star shines in the background. This spectacle is sure to be one of the best photo opportunities here at the Fair this year!

### SNAP A NIGHTTIME PHOTO WITH NEON BIG TEX

With a neon smile that "lights the night," Neon Big Tex's is best appreciated after the sun goes down and his lights come up. Head over to Cotton Bowl Plaza – you just might spot a two-for-one Big Tex special. Make sure that a nighttime photo with Neon Big Tex is on your to-do list this year.

# © ENJOY TEXAS CRAFT BEER AT THE MAGNOLIA BEER GARDEN

A hidden gem at the State Fair of Texas, the Magnolia Beer Garden is the ideal destination for beer connoisseurs, as well as all fairgoers looking for a nice place to sit down and unwind. Patrons love this relaxing environment, located in the outdoor courtyard of the historic Magnolia Lounge, complete with a canopy of trees and a shaded balcony.