

State Fair
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Experience the flavor of Texas at the State Fair. Use this itinerary as your guide to find fun-filled activities that are sure to satisfy your taste buds. After all, what's the Fair without food?

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



SEPT 28 THRU **OCT 21**



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ITINERARY

- 10:30 AM** **1** Check out the judging in the Competition Kitchen
- 10 AM – 7 PM** **2** Learn how to grow your own produce at the Innovations in Agriculture exhibit
- 12:30 PM** **3** Watch a Cooking Demo in the Celebrity Chef Kitchen
- 10 AM – CLOSE** **4** Get free samples at the GO TEXAN Pavilion
- 10 AM – 7 PM** **5** Pick up your copy of the 2018 State Fair of Texas Cookbook
- 10 AM – CLOSE** **6** Treat yourself to steak and pizza at Backyard Steak-out and Pizzeria
- 10 AM – CLOSE** **7** Browse the Coliseum Marketplace
- 10 AM – CLOSE** **8** Grab a Fletcher's Corny Dog and take a picture in Big Tex Circle
- 7:15 PM** **9** Watch the parade from the Magnolia Beer Garden
- 10 AM – CLOSE** **10** Relax at the State Fair of Texas Wine Garden



1 CHECK OUT THE JUDGING IN THE COMPETITION KITCHEN

Do you want to experience some good old-fashioned cooking competitions? Well, look no further than the Competition Kitchen in the Creative Arts building! In this kitchen you will find competitors of all ages, from children to professional chefs, cooking up savory dishes of their own creation to win over the judges.

2 INNOVATIONS IN AGRICULTURE EXHIBIT

Showcasing the State Fair's Big Tex Urban Farms indoor growing facility, the Innovations in Agriculture exhibit sponsored by Bank of America displays unique ways to grow high-yield, healthy produce indoors. The exhibit also includes DIY growing systems that can be built in your home and how they are utilized in the Fair's Big Tex Urban Farms initiative. Check it out for yourself any day of the Fair in the Errol McKoy Greenhouse on the Midway.

3 WATCH A COOKING DEMO IN THE CELEBRITY CHEF KITCHEN

For those of you looking for a true culinary experience, be sure to attend one of the Fair's daily Celebrity Chef Demos, where popular chefs from some of Texas's most prominent restaurants show off their skills. Chefs prepare a signature dish, share

tips and answer audience questions, also giving audience members a chance to sample their culinary creations at the end of each demonstration. With four to five demonstrations from different chefs every day, fairgoers get to explore the diverse culinary establishments available in our local landscape.

4 GO TEXAN PAVILION

Known to fairgoers as the ultimate food destination for all things Texan, the GO TEXAN Pavilion is a daily showcase of Lone Star cuisine. Provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the GO TEXAN Pavilion offers 25,000 square feet of space, which houses dozens of exhibitors on a daily basis. Features include a range of exhibitors such as Texas honey and live bees, Texas toffee sampling, Kitchen Craft cooking demos, indoor garden displays, interactive agriculture shows, shopping at the Pioneer Brand GO TEXAN Store, Texas forestry games and crafts, live music and dancing on the Gazebo Stage, and much, much more.

5 PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE 2018 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS COOKBOOK

A must for every State Fair food fan, the State Fair Cookbook is filled with a collection of Prize Winning Recipes from the 2017 Creative Arts Competition. Featuring recipes from 24 different competitions, from cookies to one pot meals, there is something for

everyone to enjoy in the SFT Cookbook. If you can't wait until you get home, each week, the State Fair of Texas features a recipe from previous Creative Arts Winners. Grab your SFT Cookbook today and start enjoying the taste of the Fair!

6 TREAT YOURSELF TO STEAK AND PIZZA AT BACKYARD STEAK-OUT AND PIZZERIA

State Fair foodies can look forward to this new food locale featuring steaks, brick oven pizzas, and much more to hit the grounds this fall. Backyard Steak-Out and Pizzeria brings another destination to relax between activities or grab a bite to eat, located on Nimitz Avenue near the Livestock Barns. This oasis rounds out the Fair's restaurant lineup with plenty of shade and weekly live music.

7 BROWSE THE COLISEUM MARKETPLACE

The ideal destination for shoppers, the Coliseum Marketplace offers more than 60 exhibits featuring crafts, clothing, accessories, jewelry, food, health and beauty, home décor, household goods, pet products, tools and travel merchandise.

8 GRAB A FLETCHER'S CORNY DOG AND TAKE A PICTURE IN BIG TEX CIRCLE

Make sure to stop by a Fletcher's Corny Dog stand

and experience a true State Fair of Texas icon, the Corny Dog. While you're enjoying that delicious golden delicacy-on-a-stick, mosey on over to Big Tex and take a picture with Texas's friendliest cowboy.

9 WATCH THE PARADE FROM 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, this is guaranteed to be one of the best places to experience the sights and sounds of the nightly Starlight Parade.

10 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.