

State Fair
**SENSORY-FRIENDLY
MORNINGS
★ GUIDE ★**

EACH WEDNESDAY 10 AM - 1 PM

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On any given day, there are hundreds of activities for fairgoers of all ages to enjoy. Using this itinerary as your guide, you can get a preview of the family fun activities we've modified and recommend for Sensory-Friendly Mornings at the Fair. Sensory-Friendly Mornings at the Fair will take place each Wednesday of the 2018 exhibition from 10 AM to 1 PM. Dates are as follows: October 3, 10, and 17. These activities are in no particular order, to avoid overcrowding. We recommend selecting two to three activities on this list to do from 10 AM till noon, then to head on over to enjoy the Midway for an hour of rides and games.

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



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| 10 AM – 1 PM | 1 Discover Home on the Range |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 2 Big Tex's Farmyard |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 3 Get Creative with Recycled Arts & Crafts |
| 11:30 AM | 4 Visit Shorty McKoy, the Tiniest Texas Cowboy |
| NOON – 12:55 PM | 5 Explore the Midway |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 6 Check out the Hall of State |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 7 Experience the Children's Aquarium |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 8 Stop by the Texas Discovery Gardens |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 9 Wander the Creative Arts building |
| 10 AM – 1 PM | 10 Take a selfie with Big Tex |



1 DISCOVER HOME ON THE RANGE

This all-new exhibit combines the popular petting zoo with the Little Hands on the Farm activity. This fun and interactive exhibit teaches 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.

2 BIG TEX'S FARMYARD

Old McDonald himself would be impressed by what is happening over on Big Tex's Farmyard. The Farmyard provides an educational experience through interactive exhibits, as well as live animal displays. This area of the Fair is an excellent way for fairgoers of all ages to learn about the impact agriculture and livestock has on our daily lives.

3 GET CREATIVE WITH RECYCLED ARTS & CRAFTS

Be Picasso for the day with the variety of free arts & crafts activities on the Kids' Boardwalk! Kids of all ages will learn the importance of recycling and using natural resources in a creative way when they work with recycled materials to create a masterpiece.

4 VISIT SHORTY MCKOY, THE TINIEST TEXAS COWBOY

This 17-inch cowboy puppet interacts with visitors, entertaining by singing, dancing, and joke-telling.

5 EXPLORE THE MIDWAY

Enjoy all the fun of the Midway without the usual sights and sounds. There are over 70 rides, including the iconic 212-ft. Texas Star® Ferris wheel, the 500-ft. Top o' Texas Tower, and the 1914 Dentzel Carousel – not to mention all of your favorite Midway games and Fair foods.

6 CHECK OUT THE HALL OF STATE

The Hall of State houses a new exhibit called Celebrating Texas Innovation. This exhibit offers a first-hand look into some of the best Texan inventions and innovations of all time. Many common items used worldwide got their start right here in the heart of Texas, and we couldn't imagine life without them. Bring the whole family to get inspired and learn more about the Lone Star State's contributions to food, medicine, agriculture, art, industry, and science. In addition to the Celebrating Texas Innovation Exhibit, the Hall of State also hosts the Dallas in the Time of MLK exhibit.

7 EXPERIENCE THE CHILDREN'S AQUARIUM

Come learn something new about your favorite aquatic friends from around the world! From stingrays to sea turtles, the Children's Aquarium offers a fun look into marine life with interactive zones and exhibits. The Children's Aquarium is also offering a Quiet Zone for Sensory-Friendly Mornings at the Fair.

8 TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDENS

With over 7.5 acres of beautiful gardens, you can experience nature's finest plants, flowers, and wildlife, including butterflies, bugs, and birds. Be sure to check out the Canopy Room, which is a designated Quiet Zone, with rugs and pillows to give guests time and space to decompress. This room also allows guests to see the Butterfly Conservatory before going in. And don't forget to stop by and see the Snakes of Texas exhibit – over 20 different species are on display!

9 WANDER THE CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING

A must-see attraction every year at the State Fair of Texas – the butter sculpture, of course! This thousand-pound-plus work of art depicts the Fair's 2018 theme, Celebrating Texas Innovation. While you're there, check out the hundreds of award-winning Creative Arts contest entries on display throughout the building.

10 TAKE A SELFIE WITH BIG TEX

A trip to the State Fair of Texas is not complete without a commemorative picture with the famous 55-foot cowboy. Stop by Big Tex Circle to snap a photo with Big Tex to remember your visit for years to come.

- *Big Tex speaks at every quarter hour (i.e. 10:15 a.m.)*
- *The usual sights and sounds of the Midway will return on promptly at 1 p.m., so we recommend starting to make your way off the Midway around 12:50.*
- *The State Fair of Texas offers a program called Safe Kids as a precaution for parents if they're to get separated from their child during their visit. If you'd like to utilize this program, take your child to the nearest information booth to get a Safe Kids wristband that will help identify them if they get lost.*
- *If you have noise cancelling headphones for your child or student, we recommend bringing them as an additional precaution if needed.*
- *If you need to take "sensory breaks" throughout the morning to depressurize, quiet zones are located at: Safe Kids Corral in the Guest Relations complex near the Top o'Texas Tower, Texas Discovery Gardens, and the Children's Aquarium.*
- *Each person who brings four canned food items on Wednesday to donate to North Texas Food Bank will receive \$4 admission to the Fair.*

For more helpful tips to plan your visit, check out: autismspeaks.org/blog/2015/05/19/visiting-theme-park-summer-read-these-tips-autism-dad