

❖ STATE FAIR ❖ SENSORY-FRIENDLY ★ MORNINGS ★

➡ EACH WEDNESDAY ⬅
➡ 10 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. ⬅

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 2026 exhibition from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dates are as follows: September 30, October 7, and 14. These activities are in no particular order, to avoid overcrowding. We recommend selecting two to three activities on this list to do

from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., then head on over to enjoy rides and games on the Midway. The Fair has also mapped out Quiet Zones, should any guest need a moment to depressurize. You can find these Quiet Zones on the map on the following page.

For a complete list of daily activities, visit [BIGTEX.COM/SCHEDULE](https://www.bigtex.com/schedule)



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HIDDEN DISABILITIES SUNFLOWER PROGRAM

The State Fair of Texas is proud to participate in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, an internationally recognized program that provides a discreet way for individuals with non-visible disabilities to indicate that they may need additional assistance, patience, or understanding.

Guests who choose to participate can pick up a Sunflower wristband at:

- Hospitality Centers
- Guest Relations locations
- Safe Kids Corral

Participation in the program is completely voluntary.



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★ ITINERARY ★

1 10 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Oak Farms Dairy Petting Zoo

2 10 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Big Tex's Discovery Farm

3 10 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Big Tex Urban Farms

4 11 A.M.
¡Fiestas de Marionetas!

5 11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Explore the Midway

6 1:30 P.M.
Dinosaurs at the Lagoon

7 1:30 P.M.
Texas Discovery Gardens

8 1:30 P.M.
Wander the Creative Arts building

9 1:30 P.M.
Take a selfie with Big Tex

Find them on the map below!

1 CHECK OUT THE OAK FARMS DAIRY PETTING ZOO

Get up close and personal with a variety of farm friends, from emus and zebras to pigs and goats. You can pet some of the animals and even feed them! Head over to the Oak Farms Dairy Petting Zoo any time.

2 BIG TEX'S DISCOVERY FARM

Located next to the Leonhardt Lagoon, Big Tex's Discovery Farm provides an educational experience through interactive exhibits as well as live animal displays, including calves, piglets, and hatching chicks. Learn all about agriculture and its impact on the state of Texas, from the importance of farming and ranching to the process of raising and caring for animals.

3 BIG TEX URBAN FARMS

For fairgoers who want to learn more about agriculture, the Errol McKoy Greenhouse on the Midway is a perfect destination. Home to Big Tex Urban Farms, the State Fair's horticulture-based community initiative, the site extends the Fair's mission of agriculture, education, and community beyond the 24-day annual Fair. Inspired by the Fair's 140-year agricultural heritage, Big Tex Urban Farms operates year-round, growing fresh produce donated to local nonprofit partners serving the South Dallas and Fair Park communities.

4 ¡FIESTAS DE MARIONETAS!

Watch 85 handmade marionettes come to life to celebrate a fiesta of color, culture, and creativity. Stick around after the show for a backstage tour and craft activity from 11 – 11:30 a.m.

5 EXPLORE THE MIDWAY

Starting at 11 a.m., enjoy all the fun of the Midway without the usual sights and sounds. There are over 70 rides, including the iconic 212-foot Texas Star® Ferris wheel, the 500-foot Top o' Texas Tower, and the 1914 Dentzel Carousel – not to mention all of your favorite Midway games and Fair foods.

6 DINOSAURS AT THE LAGOON

Head on over to experience Dinosaurs at the Lagoon presented by Oncor. Featuring 10 life-sized dinosaurs found in Texas, a kids' play area, and plenty of seating and dining options, the Dinosaurs at the Lagoon exhibit brings together Fair fun with bilingual educational entertainment for the whole family. Be sure to get your photo with a 57-foot-tall Alamosaurus!

7 TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDENS

A perfect spot to stop for a little rest and relaxation, the Texas Discovery Gardens offers entertainment the whole family will enjoy! Explore organic gardens,

a Children's Playscape, ponds, fountains, Garden Trains, and the Alamo model, plus the two-story Sammons Butterfly House, insectarium, axolotl tank, and unique critter exhibits. Daily events include butterfly releases and monarch tagging demos. State Fair of Texas season pass holders receive free admission, and children under three enter free. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

8 WANDER THE CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING

To celebrate the 2026 State Fair of Texas theme, Stars, Stripes, and Howdies, the Creative Arts team used that for their inspiration for their brand new exhibit "United We Can," a display of hundreds of canned goods in the shape of the American flag. While you're there, check out the hundreds of award-winning Creative Arts contest entries on display throughout the building.

9 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 promptly at 1:30 p.m., so we recommend starting to make your way off the Midway around 1:20 p.m.*
- *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 Hospitality Center 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, inside the Children's Aquarium, and the Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center Heritage Hall of Honor (upstairs) each Wednesday.*
- *Each person who brings five canned food items on Wednesday to donate to North Texas Food Bank will receive \$7 admission to the Fair.*

For questions regarding Sensory-Friendly Mornings, please contact:

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