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Day-by-Day at the 79th annual Marion County Fair

The Basics:

**Thursday, July 23 through Saturday, August 1
(times vary; see individual day listings below)**

**Marion County Fairgrounds
7300 East Troy Avenue, Indianapolis 46239
317.353.2444**

www.marioncountyfair.org

Admission: \$5 per person; kids 5 & under free

Free parking

**(see listings below for discount admission information, or visit
www.marioncountyfair.org to download discount coupon)**

Daily:

- 5:30 pm, **Racing Pigeons release** (Coliseum lawn)

open to close:

- **Church Brothers Collision Repair Vehicle Destruction Zone!** (\$1; all proceeds benefit the Tony Stewart Foundation supporting ill & injured children, abused & endangered animals, and injured drivers; north side of Expo Hall)

- **STAR Academy's MC Corral Petting Zoo** (Livestock Barn) (various dates & times)

- **Expo Hall exhibits**

- **Family Arts Building exhibits**

- **4-H Exhibits**

- **4-H Arts & Crafts exhibits**

- **Livestock Barn, Cattle Barn, Horse Barn, Poultry/Rabbit Building exhibits** (various dates & times)

- **R/C Racing** (Car Racing Arena)

- **Helicopter Rides** (south of Midway)

- **Concessions** (throughout fairgrounds)

- **The Drew Amusements Midway!**

• **Thursday, July 23: Radio NOW Night**

- 5 pm, Gates open
- 5-9 pm, Battle of the Bands (Concert Stage)
- 5-10 pm, Mayor's Night Out at the Marion County Fair (8-9 pm, Q&A with Mayor Greg Ballard & his executive staff) (Coliseum)
- 6 pm, Indiana Starfire Cloggers (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 6-10 pm, Radio NOW Live Broadcast (Midway)
- 6-11 pm, Unlimited Midway rides with \$15 bracelet
- 7 pm, Tri-County Garden Tractor Pull (Grandstand)
- 7 pm, Dazzling Mills Family (Admin Plaza)
- 8 pm, Young Hoosier Singers (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

• **Friday, July 24: Indiana Fever Night**

- 4:30 pm, Gates open
- 5-9 pm, Battle of the Bands (Concert Stage)
- 6-9 pm, Indiana Pacers Fan Van
- 6-10 pm, Radio NOW Live Broadcast (Midway)
- 7 pm, Heavy Weight Horse Pull (Grandstand)
- 7:30 pm, The Knightsmen in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 9:30 pm, No Remorse in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 10 pm-1 am, Midnight Madness on the Midway (unlimited rides with \$20 bracelet)

• **Saturday, July 25: Indiana Live! Casino Day**

- 9 am, Gates open
- 10 am, 4-H English, Jumping & Versatility Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 11 am, 4-H Small Animal Pet Show (4-H Community Youth Building)
- 11 am, Baby Contest (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 1-5 pm, Unlimited Midway Rides with \$15 bracelet
- 2:30 pm, Fynal Episode in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 4 pm, Dance Connection (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 5 pm, 4-H Ewe, Sheep & Wether Show (Livestock Barn)
- 5 pm, Apple Cobbler Contest sponsored by Adrian Orchard (Family Arts Building)
- 5 pm, The Hofbrau Band in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 5-9 pm, Battle of the Bands (Concert Stage)
- 6-11 pm, Unlimited Midway Rides with \$25 bracelet
- 7 pm, Motorcycle Races (Grandstand; *admission \$5 per person; kids 5 & under free*)
- 7:30 pm, The Boys of R in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
- 8 pm, Marion County Fair Queen Pageant sponsored by Natural Concepts Salon & Spa (Coliseum)

• **Sunday, July 26: Ralph Coddington Day and Red Hat Society Day**

- \$1 gate admission discount for all Red Hat Society members (must wear your red hat!)*
- 9 am, Gates open
- 9 am-1 pm, Open Class Car Show (Concert Stage)

9:30 am, Cowboy Church Service featuring Cook & Belle in concert (Horse Barn/ Arena)
12 noon, 4-H Cat Show sponsored by Central Indiana Veterinary Medical Association (4-H Community Youth Building)
12 noon, Junior Talent Show (Coliseum)
1, 3, 5 & 7 pm, Bear Hollow Chain Saw Carving (Coliseum lawn)
1 pm, GT Fabulous 15 in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
1 pm, Red Hats & Purple Chaps Drill Team Performance (Horse Arena)
1 pm, Draft Horse Show (Horse Barn)
2 pm, 4-H Horse & Pony Contesting (Horse Arena)
2 pm, Indiana Starfire Cloggers (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
2:30-4 pm, Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive (Family Arts Building)
3 pm, Yesterday's Tomorrow in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
3 pm, 4-H Fashion Revue (Coliseum)
4 pm, Red Hats & Purple Chaps Drill Team Performance (Horse Arena)
4 pm, Dance Rhythms (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
5 pm, Salsa Contest sponsored by Waterman's Farm Market (Family Arts Building)
6 pm, Cowboy Church Evening Service featuring Deeper Roots in concert (Horse Barn/ Arena)
7 pm, Senior High Talent Show (Coliseum)
7 pm, Indianapolis Municipal Band in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

• **Monday, July 27: Senior Night**

\$1 gate admission discount for seniors age 50+ OR

\$1 gate admission discount for individuals who donate an item for shelter animals at Indianapolis Animal Care & Control

4:30 pm, Gates open

5 pm, Brownie Contest sponsored by Drew Expositions (Family Arts Building)

5 pm, Mannerchor in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

5-11 pm, Unlimited Midway rides with \$18 bracelet

5:30 pm, Bear Hollow Chain Saw Carving (Coliseum lawn)

6 pm, 4-H Gilt & Barrow Show (Livestock Barn)

7 pm, IMPD K-9 Demonstration sponsored by Central Indiana Veterinary Medical Association (Grandstand)

7 pm, Cook & Belle in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

8:30 pm, Bear Hollow Chain Saw Carving (Coliseum lawn)

• **Tuesday, July 28**

\$1 gate admission discount with donation of non-perishable food item for Gleaners Food Bank

4:30 pm, Gates open

5 pm, Meatless Chili Contest (Family Arts Building)

5 pm, Gospel Homecoming (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

5-11 pm, Unlimited Midway rides with \$18 bracelet

7 pm, Open Class Swine & Barrow Show (Livestock Barn)

7 pm, 4-H Members Beef Showmanship (Coliseum)

7 pm, Pro-Stock Hoosier Tractor Pull (*Grandstand; admission \$3 per person; kids 5 & under*)

free)

7 pm, The Wray Brothers in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

8 pm, Gospel Homecoming, con't (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

Wednesday, July 29: Marion County Farm Bureau Ladies Night

\$2 gate admission discount for all women; women ride Midway attractions free when accompanied by paid adult, OR

\$1 gate admission discount with donation of non-perishable food item for Gleaners Food Bank

4:30 pm, Gates open

4:30-8 pm, Llama Display (Livestock Barn)

5 pm, Ethnic Dessert/Grandma's Family Recipe Contest (Family Arts Building)

5 pm, Stonybrook Orchestra in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

7 pm, Hoosier Tractor Pull (*Grandstand; admission \$3 per person; kids 5 & under free*)

7 pm, Llama Demonstration; 4-H Beef Heifer & Steer Show (Coliseum)

7 pm, Calling Contests (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

8:30 pm, Open Class Beef Show (Coliseum)

9 pm, Art Carroll Ladies Night Prize Drawings (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

Thursday, July 30: National City Bank Night

\$1 gate admission discount with donation of school supplies for Teachers' Treasures

4:30 pm, Gates open

4:30-8 pm, Llama Display (Livestock Barn)

5-11 pm, Unlimited Midway Rides with \$15 bracelet

6 pm, 4-H Showmanship, 4 species (Coliseum)

6 pm, Gold Dust Band in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

6-10 pm, Radio NOW Live Broadcast (Midway)

7 pm, Truck Pull (*Grandstand; admission \$3 per person; kids 5 & under free*)

7 pm, Llama Demonstration (Coliseum)

8 pm, Indiana Dancers Association (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

Friday, July 31

4:30 pm, Gates open

6 pm, Indy Jazz Orchestra in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

7 pm, 4-H Livestock Auction (Coliseum)

7 pm, Demolition Derby presented by The Eastside Voice (*Grandstand; admission \$5; kids 5 & under free*)

7-10 pm, Radio NOW Teen Dance Party (4-H Community Youth Building)

8:30 pm, Graffiti Band in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)

10 pm – 1 am, Moonlight Madness, unlimited Midway rides with \$20 bracelet

Saturday, August 1: Church Brothers Collision Repair Kids' Day, presented by Smoke Free Indy

8:30 am, Gates open

10 am, 4-H Dog Show sponsored by Central Indiana Veterinary Medical Association (Livestock Barn)
11 am, Cheerleading Contest sponsored by Smoke Free Indy (Coliseum)
12 noon – 3 pm, Indiana Pacers Fan Van
12 noon – 4 pm, Kids' Day Activities sponsored by Church Brothers Collision Repair; presented by Smoke Free Indy:
- Indianapolis Fire Department Fire Safety House
- Indianapolis Marion County Public Library Bookmobile
- Mascots! – all shapes, all sizes!
- Silly Safari Animal Show (1-2 pm; Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
1–5 pm, Unlimited Midway Rides with \$15 bracelet
2 pm, Pedal Pull (Admin Plaza)
4:30 pm, Scott Greeson & the Trouble with Monday in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
5-8 pm, Battle of the Bands Finals (Concert Stage)
6 pm, Demolition Derby presented by Church Brothers Collision Repair (***Grandstand; admission \$5 per person; kids 5 & under free***)
6-10 pm, Unlimited Midway rides with \$25 bracelet
6 pm, Young Hoosier Singers in Concert (Citizens Energy Group Park Stage)
9 pm, Battle of the Bands winner announced (Concert Stage)
10 pm, ***79th Marion County Fair closes – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!***