

2016 Media Kit

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates / Times	September 8 – 18, 2016 Sunday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Location	EXPO New Mexico 300 San Pedro NE Albuquerque, NM 87111
Gates Open	 Gate 8 (located on Louisiana) Gate 1 (located on Central) Gate 4 (located on San Pedro, open to pedestrians and patrons using Bike Valet service. Parking inside Gate 4 is prohibited without an official Gate 4 Parking Pass)
Gate Prices - General	 Adults (age 12 – 64) \$10 Seniors (age 65 & up) \$7 Children (age 6 – 11) \$7 Children 5 & under FREE
Gate Prices – Advanced Purchase Discount at Walgreens	 Adults (age 12 – 64)\$7 Seniors (age 64 & up)\$6 Children (age 6 – 11)\$5
Midway Hours	Monday – Friday Open at 2 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays Open at 10 a.m. Kiddie Land Rides Monday – Friday Open at 12 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays Open at 10 a.m.
Rides	The Mega Pass - The Mega Pass can be purchased August 11 — September 9 at all Walgreens locations statewide. Each Mega Pass one gate admission and one unlimited ride wristband. The Mega Pass is good any one day of the Fair. ONLY \$28 per pass at all statewide Walgreens locations. All Day Ride Wristbands — All Day Ride Wristbands can be purchased at the Midway ticket office located at the entrance of the Midway. All Day Ride Wristbands will be available for purchase every day of the Fair, except for Wednesday, September 14 th . \$1 Carnival Rides — On Wednesday, September 14 th fairgoers can ride for just a buck per ride. \$10 minimum purchase, some restrictions apply. Prepaid Ride Cards — Less enthusiastic riders can purchase ride

	cards at kiosks located throughout the Midway. Perfect for
	wrapping up your day at the Fair with a ferris wheel ride at
	sunset, or for parents with tiny tots who might only want to
	ride a few rides. Prepaid cards are a great way to keep your Fair
	budget in check.
	Wristband Prices – Good all day
	Thursday, 9/8 \$12.00
	Friday 9/9, Saturday 9/10, Sunday 9/11 \$35.00
	Monday, 9/12
	Tuesday, 9/13
	Wednesday 9/14 DOLLAR DAY – NO WRISTBANDS WILL BE
	SOLD, ALL RIDES WILL BE \$1, MINIMUM TICKET PURCHASE \$10;
	WALGREENS WRISTBANDS WILL BE HONORED ON 9/14
	Thursday, 9/15 \$20.00
	Friday 9/16, Saturday 9/17, Sunday 9/18 \$35.00
	Ride Card Credits –Rides take between 6 and 12 credits
	\$2.00 2 credits
	\$11.00 20 credits
	\$21.00 40 credits
	\$51.00 100 credits
	\$101.00 200 credits
Parking	There is plenty of free parking inside Gate 8 available.
	Premium Parking will also be available inside Gate 8 and Gate 1
	\$10 / \$20 day of arrival.
	<u>Uber – Bypass the traffic and UBER to the Fair! First time Uber</u>
	users will receive a ride discount to the Fair when they
	download the UBER app and use the State Fair promo code
	Bike Valet – Ride your bike to the Fair! Bike Valet is available
	inside Gate 4. Bikes can be parked and monitored by our valet
	staff. There is no charge for Bike Valet service.
	Stail. There is no charge for blue valet service.
ATM Machines	There are ATM machines located throughout the fairgrounds
	for the convenience of our guests.
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Nursing Mom & Diaper Changing	There are two locations where nursing moms can take a break
Centers	from the heat, and hustle and bustle of the Fair to tend to the
centers	needs of our newest Fair guests. Nursing mom and diaper
	changing centers are located inside Gate 4, near the Kids'
	Pavilion, and inside the Manuel Lujan Building.
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Wheelchair and Stroller Rentals	Equipment is available for rent inside Gates 1, 4, & 8. All rentals
	require a valid driver's license and a fee. Rental location hours
	are 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Contact Information	www.exponm.com @NMStateFair #MeetMeAtThe Fair
	Office (505) 222-9700
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WHAT'S NEW

Navy Week @ the Fair	America's Navy protects and defends America on the world's
Sept. 12 – Sept. 18	oceans. Earlier this year, Albuquerque was chosen as one of 15
	U.S. cities to host a Navy Week, one of the Navy's signature
	outreach programs. The New Mexico State Fair is honored to
	host some of the events concentrating on a variety of Sailors,
	special events and exhibits, sharing the Navy story first-hand
	with as many people as possible. The program is designed to give
	area residents an opportunity to learn about the Navy, its people
	and its importance to national security and prosperity.
Ma'Ceo Circus by Cavallo	An international cast of horses and artists provide the highest
	level of live entertainment in this high-energy, gypsy themed
	acrobatic equestrian event. Truly a unique experience and
	nothing that even seasoned Fairgoers have ever seen at the New
	Mexico State Fair. The show features ground tumbling, dressage,
	classic bareback riding, and trick riding. This show features six
	beautiful and exotic breeds of horses and presented to the
	captivating sound of Spanish gypsy music and costumes. Cavallo
	Equestrian Arts are the last performers in the world that perform
	many of the stunts in this show. Shows will take place under the
	giant Big Top located in the Creative Arts lot, west of Tingley
	Coliseum. FREE
Aussie Kingdom	Are you ready to take a magical journey through the Australian
	outback? Aussie Kingdom is a fun, interactive animal show
	featuring some of the world's most unique animals native to
	Australia. Expert and professional animal handlers will present
	interesting facts about kangaroos and wallabies, along with
	native Australian birds like the kookaburra and rainbow lorikeet.
	This exhibit features several types of marsupials (pouched
	animals) and a walk-in Bird Aviary. Aussie Experts will also
	present information about their native land and the people of
	Australia. Animals will be on display between shows and
	throughout the day for fairgoers to enjoy. FREE
Xpogo	The Xpogo Stunt Team is the most talented and experienced
	extreme pogo performance team in the world. Jumping over 9
	feet in the air on next-generation pogo sticks while throwing
	down flips and incredible tricks. This Stunt Team holds 13
	Guinness World Records and is sure to keep Fairgoers engaged
	until the final bounce. <u>FREE</u>
DockDogs	DockDogs features dogs gunning down a 40 – foot canine runway
	and jumping headlong into a 27,000 gallon pool of water. This
	National Dog Jumping Competition features some of the area's
	most talented dogs. Local dog owners wishing to compete in this
	fun event should visit exponm.com for more information.

Great American Cowboy	Great American has done it again, with this truly unique and
Boot Camp	interactive and educational western lifestyle exhibit. Featuring cowboy
	themed kid's activities and crafts throughout the space. There are
	stations filled with colorful tents and activities for the kiddos including
	saddling a pony. Qualified staff will get you through this great cowboy
	adventure zone! <u>FREE</u>
Magician Sheldon	Casavant is thrilling crowds nationwide! Come see the light-hearted,
Casavant	high energy interactive show for all ages. Become part of the action as
	borrowed items vanish and reappear, objects are brought to life, minds
	are read, and people get called on stage to perform impossible feats. 4
	Daily Shows located throughout the grounds. FREE
Uber to the Fair	The New Mexico State Fair and UBER have partnered to offer our
	guests the Fair experiencewithout the lines! Simply download the
	UBER app, sit back, and enjoy the ride. First time UBER riders receive a
	credit when they enter the State Fair promo code. No traffic. No long
	gate lines. No problem!

POPULAR FAVORITES

New Mexico State Fair	IT'S BACK! In 2015, the New Mexico State Fair and the New Mexico
Cream Ale	Brewer's Guild partnered to develop a unique and new, tradition – our very own seasonal New Mexico State Fair Craft Beer. The return of the New Mexico State Fair Cream Ale is a result of our continued support of the state's booming craft brew industry. Our State Fair Cream Ale is available at retailers and restaurants throughout the state and will be available to Fairgoers at designated areas throughout the grounds during the Fair.
Great American Pig Races	Head over to the north end for the Great American Pig Races inside the Dairy Barn. Each exciting educational show includes four heats featuring audience participation, pig trivia, and prizes for the winning cheerleaders. Pick out your favorite porcine pacer and cheer them on to the finish line! FREE
Great American Duck Races	New Mexico's own Champion Duck Racer, Robert Duck (yes, that's his real name) and his fast-flapping water fowl return to this year's State Fair. The 12-time winner of the Great American Duck Race of Deming, NM shares his extensive knowledge of duck racing and interesting facts about Mallards in this fun and interactive show. The competition is fierce as each crowd participant selects their potential winged winner and competes for prizes in one of five races during each show. FREE
Great American Petting Zoo	Fun for all ages, The Great American Petting Zoo allows kids and adults alike to get up close and personal with some of the cutest animals around. The barrier-free exhibit puts Fairgoers and sheep, goats, ducks, and other animals in touch with each other in this unique and friendly animal exhibit. Open daily at 10 a.m. FREE
Rio Grande Canine Barrel Racers	Watch these amazing rescue canines run around cones and head for the finish line, only for a treat of course! This animal rescue group spends their days loving, caring, and training these dogs. FREE
The Pee Wee Stampede	Located inside Gate 4, the smallest of cowboys and cowgirls can get in on a little bit of rodeo action themselves. Hats, chaps, stick horses, and rodeo numbers are supplied as boys and girls participate in rodeo events such as the grand entry, barrel racing, bull riding, and steer wrestling. FREE
Great American Pony Rides	Photo ops abound when you've got kids on ponies. Great American Pony Rides is located inside Gate 4. Open daily at 10 a.m. Small fee for rides and photo
Zip Line Sling Shot Thrill Ride	Whether it's your first time, or your annual "Fair Thing," the Zip Line and Sling Shot Thrill Ride offer unique perspectives on the Fair.
Street Drum Corps	World Famous "Street Drum Corps" will be drumming up high energy acts daily at the 2016 New Mexico State Fair. This unique industrial percussion act will bang on anything to create rhythm and music to get you moving. FREE

New Mexico Country Store	2016 marks the 25 th year that New Mexico foodie fans and proprietors
Turns 25!	meet at The New Mexico Country Store. The State Fair and NMDA have
	a long tradition of showcasing one-of-kind, New Mexico original chile
	products, jerkies, salsas, jams, nuts, candies, and more! This Fairgoer
	favorite is a one-stop-shop for picking up all of those elusive gifts for
	out of town friends and family, while supporting some of New Mexico's
	best agriculture-based retailers.
2016 Battle of the Salsas	The public is invited to taste and vote on over 30 New Mexico original
	salsas on Saturday, September 10 th from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the
	courtyard of the the Agriculture Building. Hundreds of Fairgoers lineup
	to taste and vote for the Best Salsa in the State. Grab your pencils, a
	ballot, and your tortilla chips, and get ready to cast your vote!
Live Racing – The Downs at	Race fans can take in live horse racing at the Downs at Albuquerque's
Albuquerque	newly remodeled Grandstand. New to this year's schedule: Live night
	racing!
	Night Racing Post Times:
	September 8, 9, 10, 12 6:05 p.m.
	Afternoon Post Times:
	September 11, 13 – 18 1:30 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS / CAN'T MISS

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Karaoke Competition	Fair Karaoke Competition began preliminary qualifications for the 2016
	event in the late Spring. The karaoke competition, among the biggest
	in the state of New Mexico, is hosted at various local bars and
	restaurants with aspiring singers qualifying for the option to compete
	in the final rounds held at the New Mexico State Fair. This year's grand
	finale will be held on Saturday, September 17.
New Mexico State Fair	Every year, tens of thousands of people line Central Avenue to watch
Parade	this time honored event. The theme for this year's parade is "Parade of
	Champions" and leaves the Fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. on September
	10 th . Parade route heads east on Central Ave. and disbands at Eubank
	Blvd.
PRCA Roughstock Rodeo	On September 11 th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. some of ProRodeo's best will
Camp	be on hand at the PRCA Roughstock Rodeo Camp. This free day camp
	provides a fun, educational and positive rodeo experience to kids age 8
	and older. Registration is free and includes Fair admission for
	participants and one chaperone.
Phil & Phyllis are BACK!	The New Mexico State Fair Mascots are back for some Fairtime fun!
Kick-Off Hispanic Heritage	Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Villa Hispana. On Thursday,
Month @ The New Mexico	September 15 th with a naturalization ceremony in the evening,
State Fair	coordinated through the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee.
Northern New Mexico Day	Featuring Darren Cordova y Calor on September 17 th . The New Mexico
	music superstar will play to a packed house in the Villa Hispana. This
	all-day event gets under way at 11 a.m., and will feature Northern New
	Mexico Music acts.
Unique Foods Contest	Every year a select few food concessionaires step out of the norm and
	take Fair food to a whole new level. The Unique Foods Contest pits
	some of the newest and most creative dishes on the Fair food circuit in
	a head-to-head challenge for the year's Most Unique Food title.
	Participants will feature their entries on their menus throughout the
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	10. Starr Brothers Brewing - Albuquerque
Disc-It Chicharron	The Chicharron Challenge will take place in the Agriculture Building
Challenge	Courtyard on Tuesday, September 13 th , beginning at 12:00 p.m.
	Restaurants from around the state will go head-to-head in this contest
	for bragging rights to the title of "Best Chicharrones in the State."
FFA & 4-H	The state's long tradition of raising livestock and deep agriculture roots
	take center stage on the North End. The state's hardest working kids
	spend months preparing, caring, raising their prize livestock to compete for the coveted title of "Grand Champion." Juniors Week
	comes to a head at the Junior Livestock Sale on September 16 th .
Creative Arts and Home	Everything from amateur photography to intricate quilts is on display
Arts Competitions	in the Creative Arts and Home Arts buildings. Come for the Chile
	Contest on September 13 th and the SPAM contest on September 15 th .
Shopping @ the Fair	A shopper's haven awaits fairgoers inside the Manuel Lujan Building.
11 00	Everything from caramel apples to spa units can be found inside.
NMDA Reds, Whites, and	Back for a second year and promoting New Mexico's craft beer and
Brews	wine industries, NMDA is hosting a series of happy hours featuring
	some of New Mexico's award winning libations. Head over to the
	Agriculture Building Courtyard September 8-10, and September 15-17
	from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to sample beers, wines, cheeses, and a
	variety of other New Mexico grown snacks.
New Mexico State Fair	On Saturday, September 17 th tribes from all over the state will
Pow-Wow	participate in one of the largest gatherings of the year. Events and
	native dances will take place throughout the day at Indian Village.
Totonac Pole Flyers	Pow-Wow gets under way at 1:00 p.m. The Valadores will perform their beautiful and awe inspiring flights for
Totoliac Pole Flyers	the third year, inside the Indian Village. Watch as the Valadores
	jump/fly, their descent is a symbolic spin to the Recreation of the
	World and Regeneration of Life.
Horses Helping People	On Friday, September 9 th various organizations that use horses for
	therapeutic purposes will be at the Indoor Horse arena demonstrating
	the highly regarded effects of horses. Everything from speech therapy
	to the effects of PTSD, horses help people from all walks of life through
	difficult challenges. Learn more about some of our local equine
	therapy facilities. Indoor Horse Arena – 9 a.m.
2016 New Mexico State	From the backyard to Main Street, this year's Horseshoe Tournament
Fair Horseshoes	will once again be held inside the Palomino Stalls located on the north
Tournament	end of Main Street. Folks interested in participating can enter at
	www.shoesnbrewsnm.com/
	The tournament schedule is as follows:
	Thursday, Sept 8 th – Saturday, Sept 17 th – Horseshoe
	Challenge / Corn Hole Challenge
	Shoes 'n' Brews Beer Garden
	 Friday, Sept 16th – Singles Tournament with
	Single Elimination
	Single Emiliation

9 a.m Shoes n' Brews Beer Garden
 Saturday, Sept 17th – Team Tournament with
Double Elimination
9 a.m. Outdoor Horse Arena
 Saturday, Sept 17th – Horseshoe Challenge / Corn Hole
Challenge Finals – 10 a.m Shoes n' Brews Beer Garden
 Sun Sept 18th – Team Tournament Finals
10 a.m Shoes n' Brews Beer Garden

RODEOS & CONCERTS

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Friday, September 9	Tracy Lawrence and Rank Lil Buckers Rodeo
7 p.m.	For over 20 years, this multi-platinum CMA and ACM winning artist has
	helped shape the country music genre. The country singer has enjoyed
Ticket Prices:	twenty-two songs on the Billboard top ten charts with eighteen
\$15.00 Bench	number one singles, selling over 13 million albums.
\$20.00 Chair Back	Transer one singles, seming over 15 million distants.
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\$35.00 Box	Rank Lil Buckers Rodeo features some of the toughest and youngest
	rodeo athletes in this national qualifying event. Participants, ages 6-18
	compete in events such as saddle bronc and bareback on smaller
	rodeo stock.
Saturday, September 10	PRCA Xtreme Bulls with Neal McCoy and hONEyhoUSe
7 p.m.	Neal McCoy continues to be one of country music's beloved artists.
	With three platinum albums, and 10 top ten hits, the two-time
Ticket Prices:	Entertainer of the Year continues to captivate audiences.
\$15.00 Bench	, i
\$25.00 Chair Back	Local band, "hONEyhoUSe" is a unique acoustic trio combining the
\$35.00 Box	talents of three very diverse and seasoned artists into one unexpected
\$33.00 BOX	powerhouse force. Consisting of award winning R&B/Gospel soulstress
	Hillary Smith, earthy Blues/Folk singer-songwriter Yvonne Perea, and
	sweet voiced Mandy Buchanan, "hONEyhoUSe" seamlessly melds the
	lines of musical genres with their original creations embracing blues,
	soul, folk and Americana.
Tuesday, September 13	Wrangler Patriot Rodeo
6:45 p.m.	The PRCA kicks off six nights of rodeo on this very special evening
	honoring our men and women in uniform. Rodeo tickets are only \$10
Ticket Prices:	for this special night of rodeo. Pyrotechnics will be part of the grand
\$10.00 Bench & Chair Back	entry.
\$30.00 Box	<i></i>
Wednesday, September 14	PRCA Rodeo with Chase Bryant
6:45 p.m.	Music defines Chase Bryant. At every level and in often unexpected
6.45 p.iii.	
	ways, his truths are expressed in melody, lyrics, hooks and sounds
Ticket Prices:	but his reality goes even deeper than that. Bryant's heritage is defined
\$10.00 Bench & Chair Back	by music. His upbringing, his craft, his inspiration and his obsessions
\$30.00 Box	are all centered in the same -which is good -because there's no other
	way to explain how a 23-year-old Texan could already be a top-flight
	guitar player, head-turning songwriter.
	The always popular Calf Scramble and Mutton Bustin' will be featured
	during the rodeo. New Mexico's 2016 Farm and Ranch Families will
	also be honored.
Thursday, September 15	PRCA Rodeo with LOCASH – Tough Enough to Wear Pink
6:45 p.m.	According to many music industry insiders, LOCASH is shaping up to be
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9	one of country music's hottest new duos. They have built their brand
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Ticket Prices: \$15.00 Bench	through live performances, as well – with appearances on some of the
Ticket Prices:	

	million view on YouTube, and they are known as one of the hardest working acts in the music business today. Their current single "I Know Somebody" is climbing the Billboard charts. Kids with special needs participate in the Exceptional Rodeo starting at 5:45 p.m. The PRCA supports Breast Cancer Awareness through its Tough Enough to Wear Pink initiative. Showing support for individuals affected by breast cancer. 4-H livestock shows winners will show their prized animals in the Parade of Champions. This quick jaunt through Tingley Coliseum is a
	long standing tradition at the New Mexico State Fair.
Friday, September 16	PRCA Rodeo with 38 Special
6:45 p.m.	After more than three decades together, 38 SPECIAL continue to bring their signature blast of Southern Rock to over 100 cities a year. With
Ticket Prices:	sales in excess of 20 million, most associate the band with their arena-
\$15.00 Bench	rock pop smashes, "Hold On Loosely," "Rockin' Into the Night,"
\$25.00 Chair Back	"Caught Up in You," "Fantasy Girl," and more – Timeless hits that
\$35.00 Box	remain a staple at radio, immediately recognizable from the first opening chord, and paving the way to their present-day touring regimen.
Saturday, September 17	PRCA Rodeo with Dwight Yoakam
6:45 p.m. Ticket Prices: \$15.00 Bench \$25.00 Chair Back \$35.00 Box	Country music legend Dwight Yoakam's distinctive, supple vocals, accented with his Kentucky croon, sound as strong today as they did on his debt, 1985's <i>Guitars, Cadillac's, Etc. Etc.</i> Its release immediately yielded hit singles, and over the course of some 21 albums – totaling more than 25 million in sales worldwide – Yoakam has continued to passionately sing, write, and play music brimming with hard country and rock & roll. Second Hand Heart, Yoakam's new album, was self-produced by Yoakam, and reflects where he's been, but even more so, where he is going.
	Queen's Horse Competition (during the rodeo) The 2016 New Mexico State Fair Queen competition continues on Saturday night inside Tingley Coliseum, during the PRCA Rodeo. Young women from around the state will show-off their exceptional riding skills.
Sunday, September 18	PRCA Rodeo and New Mexico State Fair Queen Coronation
4:00 p.m.	The New Mexico State Fair's 2016 Rodeo/Concert season closes with a
Ticket Driese	fun and exciting afternoon of rodeo and the conclusion of the State
Ticket Prices: \$10.00 Bench	Fair Queen competition.
\$20.00 Chair Back	
\$30.00 Box	

DEALS / DISCOUNTS

Opening Day	\$2 Admission for all / \$12 Wristbands
Teacher Appreciation	The New Mexico State Fair values the hard-work and dedication of our
Weekend	state's educators. From September 9 – 11 all New Mexico Teachers
	with a valid school I.D. or current paystub will enjoy FREE admission to
	the Fair.
Law Enforcement Day	As a "Thank You" we are offering Law Enforcement Officers FREE
	admission to the Fair with a valid, department issued I.D., all day
	September 8 th .
Firefighters Day	Firefighters with a valid department I.D. will get FREE admission to the
	Fair on September 9 th .
Military and Veterans	Tuesday, September 13 th , all veterans and active duty military will
Appreciation Day	enjoy FREE gate admission with their valid military I.D.
The New Mexico Lottery	Use your lottery ticket with the New Mexico State Fair rodeo coupon
Coupon	printed on the back for \$3 off your rodeo ticket. Offer good at
	unmtickets.com and at the Tingley Box Office
\$2 Admission	On Monday, September 12 th , and Tuesday, September 13 th Fair
	admission is only \$2!
\$1 Admission & \$1 Carnival	Wednesday, September 14 th is DOLLAR DAY! Fair admission is just a
Rides	buck! Fairgoers can ride Midway rides for just a buck! \$10 ride card
	minimum purchase required, some restrictions apply.