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**BRING YOUR HUNGER FOR FOOD, ATTRACTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT TO
NEW JERSEY'S MECCA FOR FUN**

STATE FAIR MEADOWLANDS

Located at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey's Single Largest Family Event Takes Place on June 21-July 8

The Garden State's Oasis For Fun Boasts Hundreds of Rides, Exhibits and Attractions Including The Original Batcopter From The Iconic 1960s TV Show and Movie, Loads of Free Shows and Much More

East Rutherford, NJ – Step right up! Step right up to [State Fair Meadowlands](http://njfair.com)! New Jersey's mecca for fun will take place at MetLife Stadium from June 21-July 8, 2018. Spread out over 35 acres plus parking, this amusement oasis will delight fun seekers of all ages while not bursting anyone's budget. As for bursting bellies, hey, we don't make any promises!

"This year we have more free entertainment than ever before," State Fair Vice President Al Dorso Jr. said. "Not only are family favorites like the **Sea Lion Splash**, **Belmont's Festival of Magic** and the **Racing Pigs** returning, we're unveiling all-new shows including **Extreme Illusions & Escapes Show**, the largest assortment of epic illusions and spine tingling escapes and **Cycle Circus Live**, the largest FMX freestyle entertainment show of its kind in the world today. Plus we're celebrating our country's independence with a ginormous bang both on July 3 and 4 with spectacular fireworks shows!"

The Fairgrounds will feature hundreds of heart-pounding rides and attractions for all ages including the largest Kiddie Land in New Jersey. Comic book, pop culture and aviation enthusiasts alike can go airborne in one of the most famous helicopters of all time: [N3079G](#), the original [Batcopter](#) from the 1960s Batman TV series and Batman movie. For a more relaxing flying experience, soar over the Fairgrounds on the family favorite **Sky Ride**. While gliding from one end of the midway to the other, everyone can rest their feet and marvel at New York City's iconic skyline.

For a more down-to-earth experience, fairgoers can meander through the midway where they can experience a wide variety of attractions ranging from having their face painted or posing for a cartoon caricature -- *this was the rage before cell phone selfies!* -- to loads of shopping. Everybody will find plenty of vendors including jewelry, spa relaxation accessories, cell phone accessories, sunglasses, body art, mirrors, LED apparel, clothing for all ages and luxury items such hot tubs, outdoor furniture and that's the tip of the iceberg.

Back to gastronomical thrills; get your taste buds ready for some of the most delicious food in the area! Showcasing a myriad of the best food and beverage vendors in the country, everyone can find scrumptious treats and beverages ranging from corn dogs and cotton candy to donut burgers, fresh-squeezed lemonade and deep fried anything! Oh by the way, did we say bacon?? That's right! Swine enthusiasts can dine on decadently delicious bacon dishes including bacon wrapped meatballs, sausage, corn dogs, chicken and more. For anyone who's trying to keep in shape there's no need to fear, there will be plenty of healthy foods here too including vegetables (e.g. broccoli, corn on the cob), Greek salads, Italian Salads, grilled chicken, shish kebobs and low-fat Italian Ice.

State Fair Meadowlands has a fantastic slate of free entertainment, live music and attractions this year, more than ever before. And, all FREE with Fair admission! Leading off are a pair of new shows that will delight action sports and illusion enthusiasts/escape artist fans alike.

For those who "gravitate" to gravity-defying escapades, get ready for **Cycle Circus Live** which features the largest FMX freestyle entertainment show of its kind in the world today. Combining the top action sports athletes in the world with the theatrics of **Cycle Circus Live**, everyone will be blown away by this captivating fusion of state-of-the-art pyrotechnics, music and lighting.

Fans of apparitions and vanishing without a trace can feast their eyes and imagination on the **Extreme Illusions & Escapes Show**. Performing across the US for the last 10 years, this incredible experience features large scale Las Vegas style illusions and edge of your seat escapes. Josh and Lea Knott's show is full of unfathomable thrills from floating kids in the air, sawing teenagers in half and even audience members dance out of straightjackets! Heavily reliant on audience participation, **Extreme Illusions & Escapes** is a jaw dropping event that will leave everyone marveling with childlike enthusiasm and asking themselves, "how did they do that?!"

If experiencing escapes and inconceivable illusions is too hot for you, then cool off at the **Sea Lion Splash!** The only show in the country featuring both California and South American sea lions, everyone will cheer, laugh and even learn about these remarkable mammals as they balance balls, shoot hoops, dance, perform handstands and even flash their pretty smiles.

Returning to the fair this year is the beloved **Steve Bayner Hypnotist Show**. Utilizing his signature blend of wit, stage presence, creative material and charismatic personality, laughs abound as Steve dazzles and mesmerizes his audience, leaving them wanting more!

Speaking of magic and mesmerizing experiences, we have a pair of must-see shows that will delight your inner magician. Join Master Magician Al Belmont and his team of talented fellow conjurers as they launch the exciting new edition of their **Belmont Festival of Magic Show**. Watch as they perform amazing demonstrations of classic magic complete with appearing animals, musical presentations, audience participation and comedy.

Fairgoers should also be on the lookout for the **Art of Magic**. Wait, where is it and when will it take place? If you really believe in magic, this show will find you. That's the way Artie, our strolling magician, rolls as he pops up at any moment and entertains everyone with spellbinding magic tricks.

The next up to the spotlight are a trio of attractions that will delight all animal lovers. Pig aficionados can squeal with delight to know that the fair's most beloved attraction, the **Racing Pigs**, is returning from Florida. Everyone can cheer on their favorite pot-belly speedsters as they tear up their own racetrack.

Still feeling the heat from the **Racing Pigs**? Then "chill out" at the **Arctic Olympic Games High Dive Show**. Featuring a unique blend of comedy, music and breathtaking thrills, an energetic trainer starts coaching several elite penguins for the upcoming **Arctic Olympic Games**. Things seem swimmingly well until the food runs out! While the trainer rushes to replenish their treats, the penguins (cleverly dressed as humans) seize the opportunity to freestyle and frolic on the boards. When the trainer returns, he's invited to join in with them. Once the fun is over, the real fun begins as the penguins show off their abilities including performing a high dive from over 80 feet. A fire dive is performed for the closing ceremonies.

Rounding out the **State Fair Meadowlands'** lineup of free attractions and shows is the **Educational Petting Zoo**. Adults and children alike can get up and close with a myriad of animals from around the world (e.g. elephants, camels, ponies, kangaroos, goats and more) while seizing the opportunity to take hilarious selfies. Everyone can also saddle up for gripping animal rides. Please note that these rides cost \$5 and are not part of the Ride All Rides Hand Stamp.

Spanning 18 days, **State Fair Meadowlands** will be open on weeknights from 6pm to 12pm, Fridays from 6pm to 1am, Saturdays from 2pm-1am and Sundays from 2pm-12am. Parking costs \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the MetLife Stadium Box Office located at the MetLife Main Gate. Unlimited Ride Hand Stamps are available every night, except Friday, June 22. Additionally, there will be a plethora of Bargain Nights and Special Events:

- **Preview Night** (Thursday, June 21, 6pm-midnight) Gate admission tickets are \$8 and Unlimited Ride Hand Stamps are \$22 for all ages; parking is \$5
- **Family Value Day** (Friday, June 22, 6pm-1:00am) Gate admission tickets are \$10 for all ages. Parking, food, game and ride tickets cost just \$2 each. Unlimited Ride Hand Stamps will not be available.

- **Kids Go Free Night** (Tuesday, June 26, 5pm-midnight) Gate admission is free for ages 12 and younger and a Child Unlimited Hand Stamp is \$20. Admission for 13 & Older is \$11 and there is a Combo Admission/Unlimited Ride Hand Stamp Ticket for \$30. Parking is free.
- **Cheap, Cheap Night** (Monday, July 2, 5pm-midnight) Gate admission for all ages costs \$5; An Unlimited Ride Hand Stamp is available for \$25 for all ages; parking is free
- **Fireworks** (Tuesday, July 3 (4pm-1am) & Wednesday, July 4 (2pm-1am) Celebrate summer fun and patriotic pride with breathtaking fireworks displays that can be seen anywhere on the Fairgrounds for just the cost of admission; parking is \$5
- **Patron Appreciation Night** (Sunday, July 8, 2pm-midnight) First 1000 attendees will receive a special drawstring backpack, Parking is \$5

Pricing information and customization options (e.g. Fast Passes, Unlimited Ride Hand Stamps) can be found at njfair.com/tickets.

ABOUT STATE FAIR

State Fair is dedicated to providing the best value in family entertainment. Established as a family owned business in 1921, our core values have remained the same as the 4th generation enters the family business. Our family and our team of managers share the vision of providing the highest quality service and products while maintaining traditional values and integrity including a pledge to reduce the environmental impact of the Fair. As Jersey's largest single family event, we strive to provide a fertile environment for innovation and creativity. State Fair Meadowlands is a place where families may enjoy quality rides, plenty of free entertainment, exciting games and prizes as well as a wide and diverse selection of delicious foods. There are a variety of activities to interest all ages. Careful planning and a concerted effort by all involved to develop and promote the Fair as a place where families may enjoy an exciting and affordable day of special activities is always our mission.

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