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DAILY EVENTS AT THE FAIR TOMORROW, AUG. 2

COLUMBUS – The 2015 Ohio State Fair is in full swing, and its fourth day is going to provide fairgoers of all ages with endless fun. Attending the Fair is a wonderful way to spend a day of fun with friends and family at a great value:

- **Discount – Veteran’s & Military Day:** Veterans and active military are given free admission with appropriate identification.
- **Attractions:** The Bass Bin is an exciting educational exhibit that offers fairgoers the opportunity to learn about different fishing techniques and tips for success. The exhibit features a Bass Bin professional sitting atop a portable aquarium, approximately 40 feet long, which travels on a gooseneck trailer and has been transformed into the natural habitat for nearly forty fish of various species. The Bass Bin demonstrator offers shows lasting around a half an hour teaching fairgoers different casting techniques, as well as about different lures and specific tips for catching fish of all species, all while actually catching and releasing the fish inhabiting the tank. The exhibit is offered every day of the Fair at 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm and 7 pm as well as an additional show at 11 am on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Meghan Trainor:** Meghan Trainor will be performing tomorrow at 7 pm in the WCOL Celeste Center. Twenty-one-year-old Meghan Trainor got her start in high school writing songs for artists all over the world at a Nashville music publishing company. By age 17, Trainor had released three albums of her own. She has now written songs for other music superstars, including Rascal Flatts and Hunter Hayes, and continues to partner with major producers and songwriters. Her debut single, “All About That Bass,” became an unapologetic anthem for girls everywhere to celebrate their unique beauty. Trainor continued to encourage this sense of “girl power” on her new album, “Title,” including other popular songs such as “Lips Are Movin” and “Dear Future Husband.”
- **Sports:** Since 1966, baton twirlers have brightened up the Fair. Competitions include solo baton twirlers, duets / pairs, parade corps, twirling teams, dance twirl teams and show teams. The Baton Competition will take place at 9 am in the Buckeye Sports Center.
- **Free live music:** Chaquis Maliq will be performing tomorrow at 11:30 am and 1 pm on the Gazebo Stage. This multi-talented artist takes ownership of her musical career by writing her own music and producing her own musical creations. Chaquis was originally a poet and theatrical spoken word artist whose love for playing the piano and guitar helped her dive into the world of music. Her performances feature warm, melodic, sweet blues and honey jazz sounds.
- **Agriculture:** The Milk A Cow exhibit gives fairgoers the opportunity to see a cow up close and milk her too! Trained veterinarians will be on-site to teach participants how to properly milk a cow by hand and get an up-close view of where their milk comes from. The exhibit will be available from July 29 – Aug. 8 from 10 pm to 6 pm in the OVMA Veterinary Education Center. Don’t forget to stop by the milking parlor in the Gilligan Complex to see how modern dairy farmers milk their cows.
- **Meet the Winemaker:** Ohio’s wine industry has grown in leaps and bounds over the past four years, increasing from 124 wineries to 223 Ohio wineries. To showcase the diversity of Ohio’s wine industry, different Ohio winemakers will be featured in the Taste of Ohio Café from 11 am – 2 pm each day of the Fair. Fairgoers over 21 can sample the many different wines that will be offered and meet with representatives from the wineries. Tomorrow’s featured wineries are Chateau Tebeau and Wishmaker House.

For more information, call 1-888-OHO-EXPO or 1-614-644-FAIR. On the Web, visit us at ohiostatefair.com.

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- **An Egg-cellent Day at the Fair:** Starting at noon, the Rhodes Creative Arts Center will be hosting a few family-friendly egg-themed challenges. The Decorated Egg Contest from 12 – 12:30 pm allows entrants to show off their artsy side by beautifying a plain egg shell. The Egg Eating Challenge at 3 pm is a more “egg-streme” event that will show which fairgoer can eat the most hardboiled eggs in one minute. These events provide hours of “egg-cellent” fun for fairgoers of all ages. Registration begins at 9 am at the Rhodes Creative Arts Center Welcome Desk.
- **4-H Dog Agility Competition:** Come watch high-speed hounds from across the state compete in the agility portion of the Ohio State Fair Junior Dog Show in Denny Hales Arena at 8 am! This competition gives youth pet owners the chance to show how fast their pooch can run, jump, crawl and maneuver through a variety of different obstacles. The 2014 Ohio State Fair saw 1,366 entries in the Junior Fair Dog category; don’t miss out on this popular high-energy event!
- **Ohio State Fair Spelling Bee:** Watch some of Ohio’s brightest battle it out for the title of the Fair’s best speller. The event will take place in the Martin Janis 50+ Center this year, a move from its previous home in the Rhodes Center. There are two competitions; grades three and four will compete starting at 9 am and grades five and six compete right after at 1 pm.
- **Jake Owen with special guest Josh Dorr:** These popular country artists are performing at the WCOL Celeste Center at 7 pm. Tickets are still available for \$30 and include Fair admission when purchased in advance. Jake Owen is one of today’s most popular male country artists. In 2009, he was named Top New Male Vocalist of the year by the Academy of Country Music, and since, he has delivered four consecutive number one singles as well as his popular 2013 album “Days of Gold.” Josh Dorr, originally a college football player, began playing guitar and singing after a football injury cost him the ability to play the sport. After two internships with major record labels in Nashville, Dorr caught the music bug and signed with RCA records where he released his first EP “Josh Dorr-EP.”
- **Sports:** Catch the finals of the 48th Columbus Parks and Recreation Amateur Boxing Tournament today at noon in the ShowPlace Pavilion. Athletes ages 8 – 40 will compete for trophies, medals and the title of the best boxer in their weight class! In addition to this tournament, the first day of the Ohio State Fair Folkstyle/Freestyle/Greco USA Wrestling Tournaments will take place at the Buckeye Sports Center starting at 9 am.
- **Free live music:** John Schmid of Berlin, Ohio is performing on the Gazebo Stage at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. He plays a unique blend of country, folk and gospel music that is fun and appealing to everyone. Ashley Winters is a country music artist from Nashville. She will be performing at 5 and 7:30 pm on the Main Street Stage presented by CD102.5. She has performed around the country, including the Taste of Country Music Festival where she opened for Brantley Gilbert, Eric Paslay and Dierks Bentley.
- **Education:** There are plenty of fun, hands-on educational events taking place in the Youth Center that make learning exciting! OSU Phun With Physics Experiments and Activities, from 11 am – 5 pm, will entertain attendees with the Spinning Barf Wheel of Science and cool liquid nitrogen experiments. Various Technology & Engineering Education activities will take place throughout the day including fun with LEGO and Construx from 9 am – 8 pm. Ohio FFA is sponsoring some fun sessions such as a construction equipment demo from 9 am – 8 pm.