

# Collier County Fair opens February 4th, 2010

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Collier County Fair: Annual event opens Feb. 4, 2010

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Starve yourself for several days and pray for fair weather. Literally. The Collier County Fair opens Thursday, with its midway rides, 4-H competitions and, of course, favorite fair foods.

Among the daily favorites are the Show Me Swine Racers, a field of racing pigs who can circle the track in jig time; Rosaire\_s trained bears; Granpa Cratchet, a puppet with comic wisdom to dispense; the show of Kachunga and the Alligator; the Sea Lion Splash; magician Jason Hudy; and Pickles the clown.

There are kids\_ tractor pulls nearly every day, and music shows Feb. 5 (Anchored To Rock Gospel band) and Feb. 13 and 14. And the reason for the fair \_ livestock competitions, 4-H demonstrations and cooking and agriculture entries in the Family Living/Education tent \_ is a fascinating part of it too. Watch the judging of covies (guinea pigs), cattle, goats, sheep and swine; check out engineering projects and sewing and handwork.

Events like the demolition derby, 7 p.m. Feb. 6; the truck pull, 4 p.m. Feb. 7; and a bull-riding competition, 5 p.m. Feb. 14, offer amateurs a chance to star. Those with kitchen talent can enter the Family Bar-B-Q Cookoff, with family and professional divisions, for \$25 and \$50 respectively. Entry forms for all four events are on the fair Web site:

[www.colliercountyfair.com](http://www.colliercountyfair.com)

Location: Collier County Fairgrounds; Immokalee Road, behind the Collier County Extension Service offices, 10 miles east of Naples

Regular admission: 12 and older, \$10; 6-11 years, \$5; 5 and younger, free (strollers are \$5, wagons and wheelchairs \$10); megapass for unlimited entry, \$20

Parking: Free

Ride coupons: \$1; armbands for unlimited rides are available for selected days at prices set according to fair hours:

- \* Thursday: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; entry free with can of dog or cat food; armband, \$10
- \* Feb. 5: 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.; moonlight madness night; armband, \$20
- \* Feb. 6: noon to 1 a.m.; seniors 60 and older, \$5
- \* Feb. 7: noon to 11 p.m.; 4-H day, 4-H members free with card; armband, \$20
- \* Feb. 8: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; family night; \$5 per family with a can of nonperishable food; armband, \$15; kiddie ride armband, \$5
- \* Feb. 9: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Fifth-Third Bank night; adults, \$5, children, \$3; armband, \$10
- \* Feb. 10: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; church youth group night; armband, \$15
- \* Feb. 11: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; mother and daughter night; free admission for women
- \* Feb. 12: 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; midnight madness night; admission and armband, \$20
- \* Feb. 13: noon to 1 a.m.; regular admission
- \* Feb. 14: noon to 10 p.m.; family block party day; admission and armband, \$15; admission only, \$5

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