

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Trivia 2008

1. What color are sweepstakes or grand champion best-of-show ribbons? (purple)
2. Does the State Fair receive government funding?
(No, the Minnesota State Fair is financially self-supporting)
3. How much does it cost to park in one of the fair's Park & Ride lots?
(Nothing, parking is free)
4. What architectural styles can be seen among the State Fair's historic buildings?
(farm, exposition, Beaux Arts, WPA, art deco and modern styles)
5. In the late 1980s world famous Jay Cochran walked a high-wire stretched between the tops of which two State Fair structures?
(the 4-H Building and the Space Tower)
6. How many church dining halls are on the fairgrounds?
(five: Church of the Epiphany; Hamline United Methodist; Robbinsdale OES; Salem Lutheran Church and St. Bernard's)
7. What insect was credited with reducing attendance at the 1875 fair?
(grasshoppers)
8. In 1939 all children who attended the fair on "Children's Day" received what beverage? (a carton of milk)
9. In what year did the Ye Old Mill open? (1913)
10. How much did a ride on the Space Tower cost in 1966? (50 cents)
11. How many stop are there on the State Fair Historic Walking Tour?
(Ten; self-guided tour brochures are available at the J. V. Bailey House and all information booths)
12. What time is the State Fair Daily Mall Parade? (2 p.m.)
13. Fresh French Fries made their debut at the fair in what year? (1972)
14. In what year was the current Bandshell constructed? (1971)
15. In what year did the Grandstand show feature a reenactment of the Battle of Santiago? (1898)

16. What popular radio humorist has made it a tradition to appear at the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand? (Garrison Keillor)
17. What Minnesota artist created the 2008 commemorative State Fair poster? (Edie Abnet)
18. Where can you find information about becoming a Friend of the Fair? (At the booth in front of the J. V. Bailey House)
19. What special gift will you receive if you become a Friend of the Fair this year? (A beautiful, limited edition State Fair calendar)
20. How do you find all the free giveaways, drawings and deals on the fairgrounds? (Pick up a Deals, Drawings & Giveaways Guide at any information booth)
21. What popular fairgrounds venue has been totally remodeled for 2008? (The International Bazaar)
22. What special Sesquicentennial event is happening four times daily under the Big Top near Heritage Square? (State Fair Chautauqua presenting *Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star*)
23. What Minnesota veterans will be honored with a plaque this year in the State Fair Veterans Memorial Garden? (Civil War Veterans)
24. What is the title of the public art created in honor of Minnesota's Sesquicentennial? (*Greetings from Minnesota*—it is located on the west side of Cooper Street just south of Dan Patch Avenue)
25. Where can you meet the authors of *Minnesota State Fair: An Illustrated History*? (Kathryn Strand Koutsky and Linda Koutsky will sign books and chat about history at the J. V. Bailey House on Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)