

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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State Fairgrounds -- Nearly 50 events will take place at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds during the spring and summer months, drawing close to 500,000 guests.

New events this spring include: Munchkin Markets Children's Consignment Sale (April 17-19), a weekend-long sale of pre-worn and new children's clothing and accessories including high chairs, strollers, toys, books and more. The American Consumer Shows (ACS) Spring Home Show (April 24-26) is designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating, featuring exhibits, new product displays and advice from home experts. Finally, the Western & Wildlife Art Trade Show (April 25-26) showcases more than 300 works of art ranging from jewelry to paintings and sculpture.

Events returning to the State Fairgrounds in 2009 include the Minnesota Horse Expo, Living Green Expo, Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back to the '50s Weekend and Car Craft Summer Nationals. For a complete list of spring and summer events, visit www.mnstatefair.org (click on "Events" and choose "Calendar" from the drop-down menu) or call (651) 288-4400.

The Minnesota State Fair is always 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day, leaving 353 days of opportunity to host other events. The fairgrounds' 320 acres of versatile space and 15 buildings make it the ideal location for: corporate parties and meetings; sales and trade shows; sporting events; community functions; automobile, motorcycle and motorcoach assemblies; weddings; equestrian and livestock events; concerts; and festivals. The fairgrounds feature affordable rental rates, free parking, full-service catering and concessions and equipment rental. Visit www.mnstatefair.org (click on "Events" and choose "Facility Rental" from the drop-down menu) for more information.

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