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THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR

FACT SHEET

- OVERVIEW:** Presented by Miami-Dade Volkswagon Dealers, The Miami-Dade County Fair, ranked the largest fair in Florida, is an 18-day event which includes rides, games, food, live entertainment and exhibits. In its 58 year history, The Fair has donated close to \$8 Million in scholarships, awards and premiums to students in Miami-Dade County.
- 2009 DATES:** 58th Annual Fair - March 26th – April 12th, 2009
- LOCATION:** Fair Expo Center, Coral Way (SW 24th Street) at 112th Avenue
- ATTRACTIONS:** 90 midway rides; KiddieLand and KiddleLand Too!; 165 food vendors; 130 merchandise shops; 50,000 student and adult exhibits and 50 games.
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Free entertainment included with price of admission: All new in 2009 - New shows include *A Night at the Movies – on ice*; *Baile!* – A tour of Latin America through dance; and *The Marcan Tiger Preserve*.
- Returning with all new acts - *The Royal Hanneford Circus*; *ShaeLaurel*, a nationally touring family show band; *Show–Me Safari Petting Zoo*, *Pig Races and Pony Rides*; *Mardi Gras Parade* with new Celebrity Grand Marshal each day and lots of strolling entertainers.
- GATES OPEN:** Weekdays – 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Weekends – noon to 10 PM
Friday, March 27 & Friday, April 10 – noon to 10 PM
**Admission gates close at 10:00 PM but The Fair remains open until midnight.*

ADMISSION:

General Admission – \$9
Children 5 years and younger – FREE
Opening Day, March 26th – \$5
Active duty or retired U.S. military personnel and immediate family with military ID (limit 4 people), March 27th only – FREE

RIDE PRICES:

P*O*P(Pay One Price) Ride Pass - (Mon-Fri only) – \$25
34 Coupon Ride Card –\$30
24 Coupon Ride Card –\$20
Single Coupon –\$1

PARKING:

FREE

PUBLIC ENTRANCES:

Gate 1 –Coral Way (SW 24th St) at 112th Ave and at 114th Ave.
Gate 9 –SW 107th Ave at 17th St
Gate 11 –SW 117th Ave (just North of S.W. 24 St)

FUN FAIR FACTS :

- The Fair is the largest non-profit event in Miami-Dade County.
- The fairgrounds spans 80 acres of land equivalent to the size of approximately 72 football fields.
- For the last 37 years, Roasted Corn has been the most popular Fair Food at The Fair.
- 80,000 ears of Roasted Corn will be consumed.
- In 2009, for the first time in its history, The Fair will serve beer to fairgoers.
- The Fair started in 1952 as an agricultural fair in Camp Tequesta, where Dadeland Mall is now located.
- 50,000 student and adult exhibits are featured at The Fair each year.
- The Fair is the largest local scholarship sponsor for High School Seniors in Miami-Dade County.
- The Fair provides employment for more than 1,100 people during fair time.

INFORMATION:

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