

**TENNESSEE  
ASSOCIATION  
OF FAIRS**

***“Farms, Fairs, Freedom”***

**ANNUAL CONVENTION  
JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> , 2024  
EMBASSY SUITES  
MURFREESBORO, TN**

# TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS

## 2024 Convention

Badges and/or tickets required for all events. Drawings will be held at unannounced times and early bird drawings will be held for all sessions in the ballroom, with the exception of pageants and banquet.

### Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.....Enter Exhibits & Set Up Tabletops – Fair Showcase  
(Oakleigh ABC)
- 12:00 p.m.....Registration & Rehearsal for Fairest of the Fairs  
(Mirabella EF)
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.....Showcase Entertainment  
(Oakleigh C)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Set Up Trade Show Booths  
( Precon B)
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.....Registration for Delegates & Associate Members  
(Registration Area)
- 4:00 p.m.....Associate Member Meeting  
(Cambridge A)
- 4:30 p.m.....Usher Meeting  
(Cambridge B)
- 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.....Fair Showcase Committee Meeting  
(Oakleigh ABC)
- 6:00 p.m.....Opening Night Party  
(Mirabella EF)
- 6:00 p.m.....Showcase Entertainment  
(Mirabella EF)
- 7:00 p.m.....Auction  
(Mirabella EF)
- 7:00 p.m.....Queens Party  
(Fairest of the Fair Contestants Only)  
(Cambridge AB)
- Immediately following Auction.....Opening Night Dance  
Music by “Slamming Otis”  
(Mirabella EF)

**Friday Morning, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**2nd Vice President Heath Hill, Presiding**

7:00 a.m.....Board Meeting  
(Private Dining Room B)

7:45 a.m.....Fairest of Fairs Interviews  
(Contestants Only)  
(Cambridge AB)  
Followed by Rehearsal for Contestants Only  
(Mirabella EF)

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Trade Show Open  
(Precon B)

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Associate/Fair Members Chat Room  
Chat times are only when room is vacant/available and for negotiations only.  
Churchill & Wythrope)

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE TRADE SHOW

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.....JUDGING ONLY – Fair Showcase Room  
(Oakleigh ABC)

9:00 a.m.....Registration Desk Opens  
(Registration Area)

9:00 a.m.....Opening Session  
Ricky Smith, President  
Presentation of U.S. Flag and TN State Flag  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call of Fairs – Brittany Fisher-Dean, Executive  
Secretary  
Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, DVM  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture  
Lynne Williams, Fair Administrator  
(Mirabella AD)

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 am.....Dr. Dale Henry  
(Mirabella AD)

10:30 am to 10:45 a.m.....Introduction of Associate Members  
(Mirabella AD)

10:45 a.m to 11:00 a.m.....Fairest of Fairs in Review  
(Mirabella AD)

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.....Lunch On Your Own

**Friday Afternoon, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rhonda Humbert, Presiding**

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.....Tennessee State Fair Report  
Randall Clemons & Helen McPeak  
(Mirabella AD)

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.....Visit Fair Showcase Room  
(Oakleigh AB)

1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.....Break-Out Sessions (Pick One)

1. "Fair Safety and Pre-Planning".....Jim Humbert  
Greene County Fair  
(Mirabella I)

2. "Online Registration".....Rick Clark  
Excalibur  
(Marabella H)

3. "Pick Tennessee Products".....Andy Holt  
Dresden, TN  
(Cambridge B)

4. "Preparing your fair for Official Visitors".....John Allen  
Putnam Co Fair  
(Marabella G)

5. "Online & Advance Ticketing Sales.....Kristen Bright  
Tennessee Valley Fair  
(Broadlands AB)

1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m..... "Entertainment Showcase"  
Rhonda Humbert, Greene County Fair  
Ken Woodward  
Variety Attractions  
(Oakleigh C)

2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.....Break

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.....Repeat Breakout Sessions (Pick One)

3:00 p.m.....Fairest of the Fair Primping Room Opens  
(Mirabella J)

4:00 p.m.....Visit Trade Show  
(Precon B)

5:30 p.m.....Fairest of the Fair Line Up

Contestants Only  
(Mirabella J)

6:00 p.m.....Fairest of Fairs Contest  
(Mirabella EF)

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.....Entertainment Showcase  
cash bar available  
(Oakleigh C)

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.....Visit Fair Showcase Room  
(Oakleigh ABC)

**Saturday Morning, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Blake Laws, Presiding**

7:30 a.m.....Past President's Breakfast  
(Private Dining Room B)

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.....Fair Showcase Opens  
(Oakleigh AB)

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.....Trade Show  
(Precon B)

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.....Essay Winner Presentation  
Presentation of U.S. Flag and TN State Flag  
Pledge of Allegiance  
TN Society Sons of the American Revolution  
(Mirabella AD)

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. .... Fair Showcase Winners Presentations  
(Mirabella AD)

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m....."The Making Of A Champion"  
Presented by the Cumberland County Fair  
(Mirabella AD)

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.....Break-Out Sessions (Pick One)

1. "Secretary to Secretary".....Brittany Fisher-Dean  
TAF Executive Secretary  
(Mirabella H)

2. "Best of Tennessee".....Exhibit intake Committee  
Wilson Co - TN State Fair  
(Mirabella I)

3. "Official Visitor Training and Sign-ups".....Cindy Smith  
Kathy Weatherly  
Lorrie Horton  
(Mirabella J)

- 4. "Booking Acts".....Ken Woodward  
Variety Attractions  
(Mirabella G)
- 5. "How to get involved in the TAF!".....TAF Vice Presidents  
(Broadlands AB)
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.....Lunch On Your Own

**Saturday Afternoon, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**President, Ricky Smith, Presiding**

- 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.....Fair Voting Delegates Meeting  
**Voting Delegates Only**  
(Cambridge AB)
- 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.....Divisional Caucuses  
West- Blake Laws, Presiding.... (Mirabella G Room)  
Middle-Heath Hill, Presiding..... (Mirabella H Room)  
East-Rhonda Humbert, Presiding..... (Mirabella I Room)
- 1:30 p.m.....General Business Session  
Memorials  
Grand Prize Drawing  
(Must be present to win and have your Commemorative pin on)  
(Mirabella AD)
- Immediately after Business Session.....Board Meeting of New Board  
(Private Dining Room B)
- 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.....President's Reception  
10th floor
- 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.....Visit Fair Showcase Room  
(Oakleigh AB)
- 6:30 p.m. .... Merit Awards Banquet  
(Mirabella Ballroom)
- Immediately after Merit Awards Banquet .....Release of Fair Showcase Exhibits  
Including Fairest of Fair Shoes  
(Oakleigh AB)

**Immediately following the Banquet**

**President's Party**

*"Hoedown on the Farm"*

**Mirabella Grand Ballroom**