

Spending a Day at the Fair

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The Mississippi State Fair is an event lots of people look forward to every October. This year marks the 162nd fair. I have gone to the fair every year since I can remember and have made so many memories. Izzy Goddard (10) said, "My favorite memories from the fair would definitely be riding the Rockstar for the first time, eating so much food, and getting my face painted." There are so many things to see and do. I was always so excited when we pulled in to the lot, as I could not wait to walk around and see all the entertainment.

This year I went with a few of my friends. The first thing we did when we got there was buy tickets. The line can be long, but it was not too bad this time. After we got our tickets, it was time to decide our first ride. We decided to ride Alien Abduction, because it is my friend's favorite.

Despite the rides being the main attraction of the fair, the food is just as appealing. My favorite food at the fair

is funnel cake. They have the best funnel cakes, and I always look forward to getting one. When asked his favorite thing about the fair Sam Buck (11) said, "Definitely the food. I like their corn on the cob and the free honey biscuits. The rides are cool too." There are so many food vendors it is hard to choose what to get. My friends and I just got a little bit of everything. After eating, we went to the petting zoo to see all the animals. They had goats, pigs, sheep, and so much more. We bought carrots to feed the goats, because it is much more fun when you get to feed them. When we finished at the petting zoo, we decided to go watch the pig races. The pigs were so cute, and it was funny to watch them run as fast as they could. One last entertainment show we watched was the Zerbini Family Circus. It was very entertaining to watch all their difficult tricks.

When we were done watching all the events, we headed back to ride some more rides. As we were walking, one of the guys at a booth tried to put a snake around my friend's shoulders. She got scared and freaked out.

After she calmed down, we rode the Remix, Freak Out, and the Pharaoh. Adya Praveen (12) said, "One of my favorite rides is the Ring of Fire. I love that it goes super fast and upside down. It is so much fun." Those are some of the most popular rides.

As we were finishing up, we decided to play the booth games. First, we did the water gun shoot and I won. Next, we played the game ring toss but had no luck winning. The last game we played was the fishbowl game. The goal of the game is to throw the ping pong balls into the fishbowls; however many you throw in is how many fish you win. My friend and I both won two fish. We were so excited and could not wait to take them home.

After playing the games we decided to leave, because we did everything that we wanted to. My friends and I had a great time as always; It truly is a great experience for people of all ages. I hope hearing about my experience at the fair will make you want to attend.

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Highlights on Paris Fashion Week

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Paris Fashion Week is a world renowned event. The best of the best are invited to walk the runway in different designers' latest collections. The event is organized by the French Fashion Confederation with hundreds of editors, photographers, stylists, models, and designers all playing a role in producing the big show. This year, the week extends from Monday, September 27 to Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, they have added an extra day to the show this year.

The event has come a long way since its start. In the first Paris Fashion Week, there were only five American and five French designers involved. Anne Klein, Bill Blass, Halston, Oscar de la Renta, and Stephen Burrows were the five American designers; Marc Bohan, Emanuel Ungaro, Hubert de Givenchy, Pierre Cardin, and Yves Saint Laurent were the five French designers. The first few rows in the audience included important designers, buyers, and editors. Now, there are hundreds of different designers who come together and show

off their fall and spring collections. The rest of the audience includes celebrities, fashion influencers and other members of the fashion industry. Miller Johnson (12) said, "If I was invited to Paris Fashion Week, it would be as a fashion designer. I'd like to say my style is different from others, and my outfits all have some form of self-expression in them. So, assuming a designer's role would fit best with me, I like to curate outfits based on my mood and how I'd like society to perceive me."

Different designers all have different ways of expressing themselves. One of the more famous designers in Paris Fashion Week is Clare Waight Keller. Keller works for the Givenchy fashion house. One of her most renowned projects was Meghan Markle's wedding dress. In the past, she has designed tuxes, and all sorts of regular wear such as flowy, floral, mesh and patterned dresses. Hollin Brewer (10) said, "If I was a designer, I would create looks that draw attention with the coloration on the clothing. I would also add in some geometric patterns so some of the different clothing items are unique." Designers from Elle, Dior, and Louis Vuitton are examples of industries who display a variety of patterns in their pieces of clothing.

The main purpose be-

hind Paris Fashion Week is to let the fashion world see the new trends that are rising. There are many different looks created by just one designer. From leopard print to sequins, Paris Fashion Week includes it all. People from all over the world look up to designers and the new fashion trends that come out every

year. Anna Kimbrell (11) said, "I believe that fashion shows have big impacts on trends. They set the fashion standard that a lot of people across the United States and even within our school abide by." This event sets a precedent for fashions that will be adopted and worn in the upcoming seasons.

In conclusion, Paris Fashion Week sets the stage for new fashion, and the clothing proposed during this event sets the clothing standard. Designers create looks during this show that not only influence fashion in France, but fashion all around the world.

