

Escape Rooms, Super Heroes, and New Food Dominate at the Year's 1st Fair

Great weather brings out record setting crowds for the opening weekend.



West Palm Beach, Jan 21, 2019 (Issuewire.com) - The nation's first annual fair, the South Florida Fair opened this weekend to record crowd's thanks in part to beautiful weather, new attractions, and food that comes to most people just once per year. The theme of this year's fair is Super Heroes. Visitors can climb the Spider-Man wall, walk through Batman's Batcave, meet their favourite characters and participate in costume contests. Here are a few attractions, rides, and foods to look out for while at the fair.

Best New Attraction

Without a doubt, the most popular new attractions are the 5-minute Escape Experience located in Yesteryear Village as well as two additional Escape Rooms in a Tent located on the midway. All escapes were designed and operated by Applied Escapes, an award-winning escape room design firm. The three escape challenges had three different time limits to appeal to all interest groups. However, if you plan on trying out your escape skills this week, good luck. The 5-minute escape was among the longest of lines at the fair, and the 15/30 minute escapes were so popular that on the first day, they completely booked the two rooms for the entire weekend.

Best Ride

Those who are looking for thrills should check-out the newly improved rides on the midway including more than 110 rides, divided by a Thrill Zone, Kid Zone and Family Zone, which has high capacity rides that parents and kids can ride together. All rides are owned and operated by Wade Shows, one of the

largest midway companies in the world. The most popular rides are the Midway Sky Eye, the largest portable Ferris wheel in North America, towering at 155 feet tall. The fastest ride is the RC 48 coaster, with a steep 70-foot climb and large curved drops and banked turns.

Best Food

Old favourites will return, such as the deep-fried Twinkie and Oreo, the funnel cakes, cotton candy and the increasingly popular Amish doughnuts that are as big as a steering wheel. Check out these new food favourites:

Southern Catfish Sundae: Hand-cut french fries, Southern fried catfish and a slightly spicy Southern remoulade sauce or tangy tartar sauce. **Barbecue Pulled Pork Ribbon Fries:** Ribbon-cut potatoes fried golden, topped with warm cheddar cheese, sour cream, fresh bacon, hickory smoked pulled pork, and sweet barbecue sauce on top. **Deep Fried Strawberry Shortcake:** Fresh strawberries mixed into cheesecake filling, frozen, dipped in batter, deeply fried and topped with whipped cream and drizzled with strawberry frosting, and served on a stick.

Best Exhibit

There are more than 5,000 animals to see including The Butterfly Experience – You can use a nectar-soaked sponge to feed a butterfly at the exhibit in the Agriculture Hall of Fame building. Mooternity Ward – Witness the miracle of life of a mother cow giving birth to a calf in the Salute to Agricultural Exhibit.

Honourable mentions go out to the world's largest portable Ferris wheel, as well as the Zaji Acrobats, XPogo Stunt Team and a Grand Illusions magic show.

The Fairgrounds are at Southern Blvd just west of the Florida Turnpike in West Palm Beach. Admission is \$20 and the fair runs through the week.



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