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2017 N.C. State Fair offers new attractions and special deals

RALEIGH – Fair-goers will find plenty of new things to enjoy at the 2017 N.C. State Fair, from special admission and ride deals to new grounds entertainment. The fair runs Oct. 12-22 in Raleigh.

Deals and discounts

One of the best deals ever can be had on Thursday, Oct. 12, when gate admission is \$1.50. The special pricing is in celebration of the 150th edition of the State Fair. Media partner WRAL will offer WRAL Button Bonanza, with buttons going to the first 15,000 fairgoers coming through the gates. Throughout the day, State Fair staff will hand out 150 free ride passes each hour to visitors wearing the buttons. Also, several participating food vendors will offer special \$1.50 deals on Oct. 12. Gates open at 3 p.m. Oct. 12.

For ride lovers, the fair and midway provider Powers Great American Midways will offer unlimited-ride wristbands every day of the fair. Prices are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the fair. The wristbands are good for one day only, and do not include the State Fair Flyer. The wristband voucher can be purchased online through Oct. 12 at 11:59 p.m. at www.ncstatefair.org and redeemed during the fair.

New grounds entertainment

A large-scale muralist, a big bubble maker, high-flying martial artists, giant walking lotus flowers and a roaming ostrich and giant chicken rider will make their debut at the 2017 fair.

Artist Ryan “ARCY” Christenson will put paint to canvas, creating a giant mural each day of the fair with bold splashy strokes and a unique style that has been refined over a decade. Check out his colorful work at the breezeway between the Expo Center and the Jim Graham Building.



Kid-sized bubbles, bubbles within bubbles, a bubble volcano and even a bubble caterpillar are just a few of the creative tricks offered up by Bubble Wonders in Kiddieland. This show is fun and educational for all ages.

Expect high energy and high-flying kicks from Team Rock: The Ninja Experience. Combining theatrics with extreme breaking demonstrations, these ninjas put on a fun show for kids of all ages.

Roaming around the Flower and Garden Show area will be the Dream City LotuSapiens, lotus flower-themed stiltwalkers.

Rounding out the new grounds entertainment is an interactive rider that saddles up on an ostrich and an oversized chicken and makes the rounds near Gate 11.

New attraction

North Carolina beer and wine sampling will be offered at the *Our State* Public House, a new building in Heritage Circle that was constructed out of a recycled log building. Visitors age 21 and over can sample one tasting flight of four different beers or wine for \$10. Beer samples are 4 ounces each and wine is 1 ½ ounces each, and can only be consumed in the Public House. The exhibit will showcase 40 breweries and 40 wineries from across North Carolina.

Still time to save on admission

Advance tickets are on sale now online at www.ncstatefair.org and at area Food Lion stores. Walk-up sales begin Sept. 28 at Gate 9 at the N.C. State Fairgrounds, the N.C. History Museum, the State Farmers Market and Triangle Town Center in Raleigh.