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Frisco Arts Walk and Run is Frisco's first arts-themed 5K along the beautiful grounds of HALL Park in Frisco, TX. Walkers and runners will be inspired by the art of the HALL Collection located throughout the park. The route will also include pop-up music, artists, and dancers throughout the scenic path!

The Frisco Arts 5K starts at 8:30am and is a timed race with awards for standard categories. You must register by October 3 to participate. Top winners in each category will receive a unique work of art by local artists from Frisco Fine Art, and each participant will receive an artsthemed finisher medal. Frisco Mayor Jeff Cheney will be the emcee for the race awards!

After the run, cool down with Frisco's community arts festival from 9am to 2pm at the Texas Sculpture Garden at HALL Park which is FREE and open to the public. Take your picnic blanket to enjoy the best jazz in town with UNT's award-winning Jazz Lab Bands at the amphitheater, and hear special community performances at The Cliburn Red Carpet Steinway Piano, featuring the 2015 Junior Cliburn Discretionary Winner Clayton Stephenson. Take a guided tour of the indoor art, visit local artist booths, an interactive children's area, gourmet food trucks, and more.

While you are there, download the mobile app OtoCast to learn more about the largest private collection of contemporary Texas Sculpture ever assembled and made available to the public, the Texas Sculpture Garden. Created by philanthropists Craig and Kathryn Hall to benefit the Texas Community, the Texas Sculpture Garden honors the talent of homegrown artists and makes their work accessible to everyone. You won't want to miss this celebration of all the arts at the Frisco Arts Walk and Run! Visit **www.friscoarts.org/frisco-arts-walk-andrun** for more information.



#### TOYOTA STADIUM EVENTS 9200 World Cup Way, Frisco, TX 75034

#### 11TH ANNUAL CAMP CRAIG ALLEN AMATEUR BBQ COOKOFF & FESTIVAL

October 12, 5pm-11pm (Kick-off Party) October 13, 10am-6pm (Family Friendly) Don't miss the 10th Annual Camp Craig Allen Amateur BBQ Cookoff & Festival! On October 12 enjoy live music, casino tables, cash bars. live auction and dinner buffet at the adults only kick-off party. Awards will be given for Best Margarita, Best Bloody Mary and Best BBQ Team Decoration. Then, on October 13, take the whole family along to enjoy the BBQ competition, jalapeno-eating contest, kids area, silent auction, live music, life-size Jenga and wheelchair sports. 100% of proceeds go to programs and operations of Camp Craig Allen.

Camp Craig Allen is a non-profit organization dedicated to physically disabled adults, children and Veterans of North Texas. For more information, visit www.campcraigallen.org/bbq.

#### FRISCOVANIA October 27. 3pm-8pm

This October, take a blast to the past and beyond at the hottest Halloween extravaganza in North Texas and for the first time ever, journey through the National Soccer Hall of Fame, where you can partake in over 40 dazzling digital experiences. Then if you dare, from 3pm to 6pm, trick-or-treat your way down the haunted Carnival Concourse filled with games, inflatables, tattoos, balloons, photo ops, live characters, yummy treats, and dance feats-oh my! Enjoy loads of fanfare and food trucks on the Food Concourse. From 6pm to 8pm, when the night falls, strut your stuff on the main stage for the spooktacular Costume Contest. You might just win a prize from one of the celebrity judges! Cap off the evening with live music, entertainers, and the biggest. baddest fashion show in the metroplex.

There's something for everyone at Friscovania, and don't forget to wear your costume! Tickets are \$15. Parking is free. Children 2 years old and younger get in free. For more information, visit www.friscovania.com.

# Six Flags Over Texas

Fright Fest, presented by SNICKERS®, is back for select days through October 31 at Six Flags Over Texas. It's a spooky



time of year as zombies and ghouls take over the park. Enjoy thrills and activities for the whole family throughout the day and go back for a truly frightening evening of fun after the sun goes down. Fright Fest offers a wide variety of places to get your scare on including several haunted houses and scare zones located throughout the park. The stuff of nightmares lurk around every corner as the dark of night washes over the park. The ghouls are set free for their daily hunting rituals. BEWARE! There is no place to hide! Visit www.sixflags.com for more information. Purchase discounted tickets through your concierge.



October 26-28, (10am-5pm), Fort Worth Zoo Get ready for Boo at the Zoo! Enjoy treat stations, carnival games, animal shows and more. This entertaining daytime event is free with Zoo admission and packed with fun for the whole family. Halloween-themed activities and entertainment will be located throughout the Zoo for all guests to enjoy. This is a family friendly event so all costumes must be appropriate for all ages. For everyone's safety, all adults must leave their faces clearly visible at all times adults in heavy makeup or masks will not be allowed into the Zoo. Boo at the Zoo is included with Zoo admission. Parking is not included in the price of the ticket and is \$5 per vehicle. Contact your concierge for discounted zoo admission tickets.

### SeaWorld Howl-O-Scream



Through October 28 THE SCARE IS EVERYWHERE. ENJOY IT WHILE YOU LAST. Howl-O-Scream has transformed the

peaceful park you once knew into something sinister this Halloween. Nightfall has awakened hundreds of creatures roaming five scare zones and lurking the halls of four haunted houses.

Replenish your thirst for terror at one of their signature Halloween bars. Find ultimate thrills, as you ride coasters at night. Close the night with live entertainment by some of your favorite creepy creatures and monsters. Thrills and chills await you this October at Howl-O-Scream.

Warning: At 7pm, the park's scare level increases from haunting to horrifying, which may be too intense for young children. Howl-O-Scream is not recommended for children under the age of 13 or the faint of heart. For more information, visit www.seaworld.com. Contact your concierge for discounted tickets.

# Screams Halloween Theme Park

For 2018, Screams has completely transformed with 5 all new haunted houses and added scores of haunting new characters that will heighten your fear every moment that you are near!



Experience the Cursed...the witches

of TerraMythica Castle, PT Harmum's Carnival of Chaos, Captain Baraborsas' Blood Harbor, Hotel D'Feers and the Zombie Wasteland... Apocalypse. You will also meet the cast of haunting new characters that will find you when you least expect it!

Screams Halloween Theme Park will be open every Friday and Saturday night through October 27. Five haunted houses, live entertainment and Scary-Oke are all included with admission. Plus, visitors may go through the haunted houses as many times as they like (as the crowds will allow). To cut the wait times in half, you can purchase a VIP Fast Pass in advance or during your visit. There will also be games of skill, shops, food and drink at the food court and the full-service restaurant along with adult beverages at the pubs for those 21 and older.

Screams is located in Waxahachie, just 30 minutes south of downtown Dallas and Fort Worth off of I-35E at exit 399A on the Scarborough Faire site. From Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399. Parking is free, compliments of Waxahachie Nissan. Screams is sponsored by Dr Pepper and MetroPCS. For more information and to purchase discounted admission tickets, visit www.screamspark.com and use promo code CCINC.

# A Wrinkle in Time

October 19-28. Dallas Children's Theater It was a dark and stormy night when Meg Murry's journey began. Mrs. Whatsit, a mindreading celestial being, arrives to tell Meg about the evil forces that are holding her missing father prisoner on another planet and the existence of a tesseract - a sort of wrinkle in space and time - that will help her save him. Mrs. Whatsit and two of her unconventional friends (Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which) transport Meg along with her super-genius younger brother Charles Wallace, and friend Calvin O'Keefe through the fifth dimension on a guest to rescue her father and free the universe. This groundbreaking sci-fi/fantasy tale captures the classic struggle between good and evil, the

power of love, and the value of individuality. Teens can save the world! Recommended for ages 10 and up. For



more information, visit **www.dct.org**. Discount pricing: Section A seating is **\$23** and Section B seating is **\$17**. **Contact your concierge to purchase tickets**.

# **Dallas Summer Musicals**

# presents Elf

November 27-December 2, The Music Hall at Fair Park ELF The Musical is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy's



enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. This modern day Christmas classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner ELF. For more information, visit www.dallassummermusicals.org. Contact your concierge to purchase tickets. Tickets are not discounted but service fees are waived.

# Dallas Opera presents

The Flying Dutchman October 12, 14, 17, 20,

Winspear Opera House Through the mist, a ghostly ship appears, with a black mast and blazing red sails – it is



The Flying Dutchman. Cursed to roam the seas for all eternity, The Dutchman's only salvation is to find a faithful wife. Allowed to go ashore every seven years, The Dutchman searches for the one who might finally bring him peace. His fortune may have changed when he meets the father of Senta, a beautiful girl whose only wish is to free the mythical Dutchman from his curse, at any cost. Senta pledges herself to The Dutchman, but her jilted suitor Erik, and The Dutchman's centuries of dashed hopes, force her to prove the depths of her love. This production of Richard Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman* gloriously expands the famous folklore into a harrowing romance for the ages.

### Carmen

#### October 19, 21, 24, 27, November 2, 4, Winspear Opera House

Carmen, the infamous gypsy at the center of Bizet's seductive masterpiece, warns the men she attracts immediately: she is not a woman to be tamed. When she sets her sights on a trusting soldier, Don José,



nobody is prepared for the events that follow. Falling instantly in love with Carmen, José willingly follows her into a life of thieving, ignoring the attentions of Micaëla, his hometown sweetheart. As a dashing toreador enters the equation, Carmen finds her attractions shifting to the handsome bullfighter, pushing José to the brink of desperation. Bizet's sensual score, featuring the famous "Habanera," provides the perfect backdrop for the story of the iconic gypsy and the men who can't help but love her.

For more information, visit www.dallasopera.org. Contact your concierge for a 10% discount on tickets and waived fees.

### Men on Boats

October 18-November 17, Circle Theatre 230 West 4th St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Ten volunteers chart the course of the Colorado River in Jaclyn Backhaus' off-the-wall comedy, *Men On Boats*. With a one-armed captain and a loyal crew, follow the true(ish) story of the 1869



Grand Canyon expedition. This widely acclaimed and hysterical new play closes Circle's 37th season with a splash! Will they survive the wild rapids to change the course of history? Call 817-877-3848 or visit **www.circletheatre.com** and enter promo code **FLYER** to purchase discounted tickets.

# Autumn at the Arboretum: Dallas' Favorite Fall Tradition



Through November 21

The Arboretum's fall festival is a spectacular show of color with 4,500 of fall's favorite flower - Chrysanthemums, along with 150,000 more stunning, fall blooming plants, and their internationally acclaimed

Pumpkin Village, featuring more than 90,000 pumpkins, squash and gourds, plus the outstanding Children's Adventure Garden. Don't miss this amazing festival and be sure to take your camera along. It is breathtaking color at every turn.

**Embark on a journey through "The Adventures in Neverland"** - For their 13th year, the Arboretum's amazing Pumpkin Village in Pecan Grove features this imaginative theme, full of the figures and stories you remember from your childhood, including scenes from the beloved book, *Peter and Wendy*. The Pumpkin Village begins in London at the house of the Darlings where Wendy and her brothers are dreaming of pirates and fairies. Other major stops include the Lost Boys hideout where Peter, Wendy and the Lost Boys talk about never growing up. A pirate ship sails the seas of gourds and pumpkins in Pecan Grove where Captain Hook keeps his eye to the sky as his never-ending hunt for Peter continues. Tick-Tock, the Crocodile, waits patiently among the pumpkins for another opportunity to attack. A visit to Neverland would not be complete without a stop by Tinker Bell's home where she does all of her tinkering.

#### **Special Activities**

- Live Music Every Weekend (Saturday & Sunday, through November 18, 2-4pm at Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn): Enjoy performances by various bands including Reinventing Jude, Audio Cannon, The Undulating Band, Inversion Band, The Redwine Band, One Fret Off, Royal Dukes Band and No Limits Band.
- Columbus Day Weekend (October 6-8): Face painting and a petting zoo are available each day in the garden. Enjoy live music and free wine samplings. Listen to the talented Eddie Coker, sponsored by DallasChild, perform on Columbus Day. Discover tasty vendors while enjoying the fall weather. The Arboretum is offering a \$5 discount on parking to guests who wear a school football jersey.
- Flower Power: A Meditative Walk in the Garden (October 12, 11am-12:30pm & October 19, 11am-12:30pm): Join Patricia Dedman Nail, owner of 6D Design and clinical psychotherapist, in the Lay Family Garden for a transformational healing process called "Flower Power." In this session, Patricia helps guests use meditation techniques instead of medication. These processes can be learned and repeated and will teach mindfulness to help people slow down and smell the flowers.
- Window to the Wild Bird Flight Show (October 13 & November 17, 10:30am, Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn): The birds were so popular earlier this year that Window to the Wild returns to the Arboretum for a 45-minute outdoor education flight training show. At the end of the show, people can meet and greet the birds and their trainers.
- Dueling Karaoke Presented by Leslie Ann Bass (October 14, 12-3pm, Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn): Try some group karaoke with songs that bring down the house, like B-52's "Love Shack" and NSYNC's "Bye, Bye, Bye." Each group will compete against one another to win a 2019 subscription to the Cool Thursday Concert Series.
- Family Fun Weekend (October 27-28, 10am-4pm, Pecan Grove): Don't miss the annual Halloween blow-out weekend with trick-or-treating throughout the garden, live music, face painting, a petting zoo and live appearances from Adventures in Neverland characters. The Dallas Zoo's Animal Adventures will be at the gardens on Sunday, October 28 at 11:15am. Don't miss the opportunity to get pictures made with Peter, Tinker Bell and Captain Hook all weekend long. Complimentary photos are provided by the Volunteer Advisory Board, and donations are appreciated.
- Veterans Day Weekend (November 10-11): All active duty and retired military personnel will receive complimentary admission all weekend (with valid military ID). Take a blanket, lawn chair, picnic basket and beverage of choice to enjoy the fall weather and live music.
- North Texas Gourd Association Demonstrations (Every Thursday through November 1, 10am-3pm, Paseo by Pecan Grove): Watch the North Texas Gourd Association create incredible items such as jewelry, decorative accessories and gourds. Items will also be available for sale.

#### Discounts

- **BOGO Wednesdays (through November 21, 9am-5pm):** Buy one, get one admission every Wednesday. Offer excludes Wednesday, October 31.
- C.C. Young Senior Thursdays (through November 15, 9am-5pm): Seniors 65 and older get in for \$11 general garden admission on Thursdays and receive a 20% discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store. Discount available at ticket booth only.

For more information on Autumn at the Arboretum, call 214-515-6500 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/autumn-at-the-arboretum. Contact your concierge for discounted general admission tickets and parking passes.

# Cowboys of Color Championship Rodeo

Saturday, October 28 (Doors open at 6:30pm, Rodeo starts at 7:30pm), Mesquite Rodeo 1818 Rodeo Dr, Mesquite, TX 75149

The Cowboys of Color Rodeo highlights the rich diversity and culture of rodeo and the western way of life featuring edge of your seat action and specialty acts! **Below is discount concierge pricing:** 

Adult: \$15 (Reg. \$20) Child (Ages 3-12): \$12 (Reg. \$14) VIP Adult: \$33 (Reg. \$38) VIP Child: \$25 (Reg. \$30) Add BBQ Buffet To Any Seat: \$20 for adult and \$10 for child.



Tickets must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets, call 972-285-8777 ext. 2041. Ask for Brother Van and be sure to request the concierge pricing.

### Rider Tips During State Fair of Texas



The State Fair of Texas® comes only once a year, and with it, comes larger crowds on DART. This year's Fair runs through October 21 at Fair Park in Dallas. Here are a few things DART wants regular riders to know:

- Expect bigger crowds during the Fair use the whole train when boarding. It's natural to want to get on at the closest door – that's why some sections are often more crowded. During the Fair you will likely experience much larger crowds, especially on college football game days (Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 20), Columbus Day (Oct. 8), High School nights, and on Fair days where there is a Main Stage act, so stretch out a little! Look for the doors without a line.
- Check the DART schedule, it's different. DART's normal hours of service are roughly 5am to midnight. However, during the Fair, DART offers more frequent and extended service, as well as special game-day service for the Texas/ OU game Oct. 6. Visit DART.org/statefair to view special DART Rail schedules.
- Use Your GoPass app®. The GoPass app is a great travel tool year-round, but particularly so during the Fair. DART introduced a new version of the app in May 2018. Make sure you have the updated version on your phone. Real-time trip planning is one of many new features in the app. This means on those days during the Fair that DART service is different, you can use the app to plan your trip.
- Sign up for DART alerts. We know you're busy and staying "in the know" isn't always easy. Fortunately, DART makes it easier with the My DART Updates. Registered riders receive important updates that make for a better riding experience. Subscribe at DART.org/rideralerts. Find more at DART.org/statefair or contact

customer service at 214-979-1111.

### **Discount Ticket Listing**

We offer discounts to many theater, sporting events, theme parks, and attractions; however, due to space limitations in our monthly newsletter, we cannot list all of them. You will find an updated discount listing posted to our website each month. Simply log onto **www.texasconciergeconnection.com** and click on the "newsletter" tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down to the hyperlink titled "Discount Tickets" to obtain a copy.



Celebrating 132 years of tradition in the fall, the State Fair of Texas will return for another season of food, festivities, and family fun. Themed "Celebrating Texas Innovation," this year's

exposition kicked off last month in historic Fair Park. Adding to its annual offering of more than 100 free attractions, 70 Midway rides, and endless activities across the fairgrounds, the State Fair showcases several new attractions in 2018.

Introducing **Home on the Range**, the Fair's new attraction located inside the Coliseum. Featuring the re-designed Little Hands on the Farm farm-to-market activity for little ones, as well as the Children's Barnyard petting zoo, Home on the Range brings these two popular activities together in a themed, indoor location. You don't want to miss this all-new experience.

Showcasing the State Fair's Big Tex Urban Farms indoor growing facility, the **Innovations in Agriculture** exhibit sponsored by Bank of America displays unique ways to grow high-yield, healthy produce indoors. The exhibit also includes DIY growing systems that can be built in your home and how they are utilized in the Fair's Big Tex Urban Farms initiative. Check it out for yourself any day of the Fair in the Errol McKoy Greenhouse on the Midway.

Aligned with the Fair's 2018 theme of "Celebrating Texas Innovation," the Hall of State will house a new exhibit called **Celebrating Texas Innovation**. This exhibit offers a first-hand look into some of the best Texan inventions and innovations of all time. Many common items used worldwide got their start right here in the heart of Texas, and we couldn't imagine life without them. Get inspired and learn more about the Lone Star State's contributions to food, medicine, agriculture, art, industry, and science.

In addition to the Celebrating Texas Innovation Exhibit, the Hall of State will host **Dallas in the Time of MLK**. The exhibit focuses on King's 1963 speech in Fair Park and his 1966 speech at Southern Methodist University. Additionally, the exhibit features a number of Dallas civil rights leaders who were active during this critical decade as Dallas transitioned away from being a segregated city.

Experience the miracle of life right before your eyes in the all-new **Livestock Birthing Barn**. This new addition is a unique educational experience, exhibiting the incubation and birthing process of various livestock animals. With agriculture and education as the Fair's foundation, the new Livestock Birthing Barn highlights the agricultural importance of breeding livestock and its role in our everyday lives. Stop by the Livestock Birthing Barn, located at Nimitz and MLK, to learn more about the birthing process.

Learning to shoot a bow and arrow at the young age of four, Frank Addington, Jr. is an instinctive archer. With nearly 40 years of performing under his belt, Frank will showcase his talents at this year's Fair during the **Amazing Archery** show. Frank's exhibitions feature several one-of-a-kind shots. He can even hit aerial targets as small as baby aspirin, shot from midair behind his back. Performances are daily from October 8 through October 21. Prepare to be awed as you see archery in action in the Amphitheater located at First and Grand.

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show," audiences of all ages will be captivated by amazing canine tricks you have to see to believe! The **All-Star Stunt Dog Show** dogs have performed across the country, including appearances on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and Oprah Winfrey Show. All the dogs have been rescued from shelters and trained to showcase their unique talents. From jump roping, to barrel racing, and even juggling, this show is guaranteed to be dog-gone fun. Join in on the fun any day of the Fair, located in the Pan Am Arena.

Proudly Texan, **CHulaHoopsUSA** is a premier hoop company created with success for the masses in mind. CHulaHoops are uniquely designed so everybody can do it. Their team of bilingual, pro hoop dancers and instructors mesmerize crowds with world class tricks and choreography on stage. Then they hit the floor to help the audience join in the hooping. Over 20,000 people across the nation have experienced the joy of CHulaHooping so try it yourself at Marine Corps Square.

The **Team Big Air! Basketball Slam Dunk Show** joins the list as one of the Fair's new daily shows for 2018. Team Big Air! has taken basketball to new heights performing acrobatic slam dunks all over the world for more than a decade. Each high-energy show brings jaw-dropping hoop skills and high-flying acrobatics to the court. The talented troupe will be performing daily in Chevrolet Park Plaza.

State Fair foodies can look forward to a new food locale featuring steaks, brick oven pizzas, and much more to hit the grounds this fall. **Backyard Steak-out & Pizzeria** brings another destination to relax between activities or grab a bite to eat, located on Nimitz Avenue near the Livestock Barns. This oasis rounds out the Fair's restaurant lineup with a plenty of shade, live music, and the perfect location to watch the nightly Starlight Parade.

Midway ride lovers can add three new rides to their list for the 2018 State Fair of Texas: The Y-Factor (Orbiter), Haunted Castle, and Airmaxx. The Orbiter is a new spinning attraction guaranteed to satisfy thrill seekers, while still being fun for the whole family. The Haunted Castle is another family favorite – while it's both spooky and a little scary, it's tons of fun. Finally, the Airmaxx ride sequence begins with a gentle sweeping motion that increases to 55 mph at the bottom of the swing to send the riders over 360 degrees.

Last year the State Fair debuted the Big Tex Plush for fairgoers to win on the Midway. In addition to that, this year players will have the opportunity to take home a **Big Tex Basketball** as one of many prize options.

Returning for the 55th year, the **United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps** will perform at the State Fair of Texas on 10 different days. They will perform every day except Wednesday, October 3 with their final performance on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8.

The **Classic Corral** has been a staple of the State Fair of Texas for decades, but this year it's moving to a new home by the Beer Haven. As a component of the Texas Auto Show, the Classic Corral offers fairgoers a unique showcase of yesterday's automobiles. From domestic and import cars, motorcycles and customized muscle vehicles, this outdoor event changes throughout the fair, allowing fairgoers to visit with owners, club members and other enthusiasts in a rotating showcase. Fun for families and automobile enthusiasts alike.

Housed inside the Women's Museum, Mundo Latino will present "Cuba - A Country Trapped in **Time.**" This exhibit offers fairgoers a one-of-a-kind glimpse into Cuba's colonial era transformation through a display of photographs and street art collected by Cuban artists who have lived through the reconstruction.

This year, the State Fair will host **Sensory-Friendly Mornings** every Wednesday from 10 am to 1pm. The Fair welcomes individuals with autism, in addition to individuals with other intellectual disabilities, their families, and anyone else who may benefit from a sensory-friendly experience. Modifications around the Fair will include sound and light adjustments on the Midway. In addition, the Fair will provide a guided itinerary for families to get the most out of their visit to the annual exposition during Sensory-Friendly Mornings. The Midway opens at noon on Wednesdays, and the usual sights and sounds of the Midway will come on at exactly 1pm.

The new **Guest Relations Building**, conveniently located on the Midway, will offer fairgoers customer service assistance, as well as housing the Fair's Safe Kids program – a wristband-regulated and safe area where children can stay when they are separated from their parents.

Texas Discovery Gardens presents the all-new **Lone Star Nature Arts Competition Art Gallery**. Winning entries in paint, sculpture, wood carving, photography, and more will be on display exclusively during the run of the 2018 State Fair of Texas. In addition, Texas Discovery Gardens has added a Natural Playscape and Eco Discovery Tour. Enjoy playing outside and learning about our natural world. Stops include a leaf ID area, bark rubbing station, sand pit, rope ladder, swing bridge, and rock climbing wall.

The African American Museum will host a new exhibit, Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty.

Sports fans can prepare for another round of football games inside the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium during the 2018 Fair. On Saturday, October 6, Cotton Bowl Stadium will host the **AT&T Red River Showdown**, where the University of Texas Longhorns play the University of Oklahoma Sooners. Adding a new game to closing weekend, the historical Cotton Bowl will host the **State Fair Showdown** – a matchup between Texas Southern University and Southern University.

Your trip to the Fair is your ticket to Texas-sized fun – with hundreds of events included in the price of admission, you've got an all-access pass to free entertainment. For more information, visit www.bigtex.com. Discount tickets are available through your concierge. There will be one ticket valid for ALL ages at \$13.50 each.

Gate Prices: AD - (Reg \$18); CH (under 48") and SR (60+) - (Reg \$14). Children 2 and under are FREE.

Added concierge benefit (exclusively through Concierge Connection): Once again this year, for your convenience we have purchased a limited supply of food/ride coupons. Save yourself some time in line and buy your coupons when you purchase your tickets. Purchasing coupons to get you started are encouraged as you cannot enjoy rides or purchase food/drink items without coupons. Therefore, you will stand in line upon arrival to purchase the coupon sheets. Coupons are sold on a first come, first served basis and in sheets only! Each contains (20) .50 coupons = \$10 per sheet (no discount). We can accommodate large company orders for coupon sheets this year if ordered by October 5.

Offering the world's first and original "stunt dog