



Join us Opening Day at our New Site! *Thursday, September 24 at The Meadow Event Park*

The State Fair of Virginia begins an important new chapter in its 155 year history, with the opening of the Fair's new home, *The Meadow Event Park*, and you're invited on Opening Day. Don't miss this chance to explore and experience all the fun and grand traditions that are found only at the State Fair, now in a more rural setting.

Who: Opening Day is available to all media and a limited number of guests. For coverage of the Fair beyond opening day working press should submit a request for media credentials.

When / Where: **Thursday, September 24**
The Meadow Event Park – 13111 Dawn Boulevard
Doswell, VA 23047

The Meadow Event Park is conveniently located off I-95 at exit #98; 20 miles north of Richmond and 30 miles south of Fredericksburg in Doswell, Virginia – Caroline County.

How: Complete the enclosed Opening Day RSVP by September 11, 2009.

What: **Opening Day tickets provide admittance to the Fair and parking on September 24 ONLY and do not include rides.** Parking in the FREE media lot is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. If the media lot is full, all vehicles will be directed to the paid (\$5 per vehicle; cash only) public parking lots.

Lunch is on us. Feast on your favorite foods or try something *NEW!*

Opening Day tickets are mailed USPS First Class mail. Please indicate on your request if you prefer credentials held for pick-up and not mailed. **Tickets are non-transferable.**

Great story ideas and photo opportunities are around every corner:

- **Young MacDonald's Farm** brings animals and children together like never before with *the Baby Chick Hatchery, the famous State Fair Duck Slide, Nursery Rhymes Come to Life, the Dairy Calf Birthing Center* and so much more.
- The **NEW Lumberjack Show** features champion lumberjacks demonstrating log rolling, dragster chainsaw, tree climbing and more.
- Fairgoers can live their dream of being a real firefighter in the **NEW Fire Training Show**.
- Don't miss the real hams at Pork Chop Downs – **The Famous Racing Pigs** are an annual favorite.
- **Extreme Canines Stunt Dog Show** returns featuring rescued dogs performing high-flying fast-paced stunts.
- Feathers fly as mallard ducks race to victory. You can participate in the **Great American Duck Race of New Mexico**.
- Back by popular demand, professional chainsaw sculptors create collectible art in 45 minutes in **Masters of the Chainsaw**.
- Visit **Heritage Village** where history comes to life with an *African-American Cultural Exhibit, American Indian Village*, and more.
- Shop with Virginia Artisans and other unique vendors in the **Farm Bureau Center**.
- A treat for all tastes whatever you are craving it is sure to be found with concessions in every corner...where else can you get that great **State Fair Food?**
- **Competitions, Natural Resources, Virginia Fish World, and more. Visit www.statefairva.org for all the details.**

Please RSVP by September 11 on the enclosed form.
For information, contact Monica Burrow, Media/Marketing Coordinator (804)994-2773.