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Commissioner Andy Gipson Announces State Fair's Indoor Ice Skating Rink

JACKSON, Miss. – Today Commissioner Gipson announced the new addition of an indoor ice skating rink to the 2019 Mississippi State Fair. This year, fairgoers can expect to enjoy ice skating inside of the Mississippi Coliseum.

“I am so glad to have an ice skating rink as an attraction for the first time in recent memory at the Mississippi State Fair,” said Commissioner Gipson. “This is a great opportunity for families and their children and grandchildren to cool off for a bit in between the many rides and attractions found along the Midway.”

The Magic Ice USA company out of Miami, Florida, will be in charge of constructing, managing, and operating the rink. The finished ice skating rink will feature 8,000 sq. feet of real ice inside the coliseum, and not a synthetic substitute. In addition, the common area surrounding the rink will be over 15,000 sq. feet of seating, concessions, and stations for changing skates.

Construction on the rink will begin in late September to be ready for the opening of the fair. Magic Ice USA will provide over 500 pairs of skates and the admission fee will be \$10.00 per person.

“It was a tremendous privilege to bring ‘Christmas on Ice’ to Madison from 2012-2014. We had 202,000 people join us,” said executive director of the Mississippi Fair Commission, Steve Hutton. “Now, we will have the coolest event at the fair available for all 600,000 fairgoers!”

The Mississippi State Fair runs Wednesday, October 2, through Monday, October 14, with a gate admission price of \$5.00 per person. Children under the age of 6 are admitted free of charge. Enjoy free admission weekdays 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with the exception of October 14.

For additional information, download the Mississippi State Fair mobile app, or visit www.MsStateFair.com.

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