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**Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum
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What: Harvest Festival

When: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; November 5 – 9, 2019

Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson 39216

Small Town, Mississippi, Comes to Life at Harvest Festival

Step back in time at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Lakeland Drive in Jackson. The annual Harvest Festival will take place on November 5-9 as Small Town, Mississippi, comes to life each day from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Live demonstrations throughout the museum grounds will give visitors a glimpse of Mississippi's past and show the impact agriculture has made on our lives. See demonstrations at the cotton gin, sawmill, gristmill, cane mill, blacksmith shop and print shop. Complimentary biscuits will be given to everyone participating in the festivities while supplies last.

The exhibits inside the Heritage Center gallery give visitors the opportunity to see how agriculture has changed throughout the years from the methods and equipment used in farming with horses and mules to the invention of tractors. The model train exhibit, featuring three gauges of model trains depicting life along the rails in Mississippi, is a must see. Don't forget to visit the museum's farm animals including a calf, chickens, lambs, the famous rodeo horse Gunsmoke and two mules: Missi and Sippi.

Train, carousel and wagon rides will be available each day for \$1 per rider. Stop by the General Store for snacks and souvenirs, along with freshly made cane syrup and many new items. Saturday only, see a special display of antique tractors and hit-and-miss engines. Admission is as follows: Adults: \$7, Children ages 3-18: \$5. For more information, please contact the museum at 601-432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687 or visit our website at www.msagmuseum.org.

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Photo attached.



Students watch a blacksmithing demonstration during Harvest Fest at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. Small Town, Mississippi, will once again be brought to life during the upcoming Harvest Festival taking place November 5-9. The event will feature demonstrations at the cotton gin, sawmill, cane mill and blacksmith shop.