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- What:** Forging Demonstration by the International Young Smiths and Blacksmith Brian Brazeal
- Who:** Hosted by the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum and the Mississippi Forge Council
- When:** Saturday, July 20; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Where:** Blacksmith Shop on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Mississippi

### **Forging Demonstration to be Held at Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum**

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum and the Mississippi Forge Council will host a forging demonstration at the Blacksmith Shop on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Saturday, July 20, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The blacksmithing demonstration will be presented by the International Young Smiths and Brian Brazeal Blacksmith. The International Young Smiths, a team of young blacksmiths from the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, and the United States, is dedicated to sharing and promoting blacksmithing around the world.

Great for families and those with an interest in forging, this event will allow visitors the chance to see firsthand the art of blacksmithing, and it will also give visitors the opportunity to learn more about this art and the tools and forges that are used in the demonstration. A life-size, hand-forged, “forged-to-finish” sculpture of a family of cranes made by the International Young Smiths will be unveiled during the event. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a hand-forged model of the crane forging sculpture giving visitors the chance to take a piece of art home.

The Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum, which features the National Agricultural Aviation Museum, portrays the important role that the agriculture and forestry industries have played in Mississippi’s history and how these industries have shaped Mississippi’s economy through the years through both indoor and outdoor exhibits. The Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Museum, call (601) 432-4500, visit [www.msagmusuem.org](http://www.msagmusuem.org), or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook.

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