



FAIR FOOD, BRIGHT LIGHTS, AND STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

THE BEST OF THE BLOOMSBURG FAIR

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Berwick Area High School students love the Bloomsburg Fair, with some attending almost yearly for the abundance of food, art, live music, and more. This year, the fair runs from September 25th to October 3rd. Students have off school from September 30th through October 2nd to enjoy the fair.

There is a \$3 preview on September 25th. The fee to enter for those 13 and older is \$8 per person normally, with those 12 and under getting in for free. There will also be special deals and free days throughout the week, such as September 29th and October 2 being free for any high school students. On September 30th, entry is free to military personnel, and September 29th is free to Senior citizens 65 plus.

The things that attract the most people to the fair are the food and drinks. Year after year, people come to the Bloomsburg fair for food stands like Mr. Sticky's, Kohr's Orangeade, Tony's Steaks, and Bowman's French Fries, and Berwick Area High School students are no exception. Junior Hailey Peters loves trying new foods each year but highly recommends the apple dumpling stands and Kohr's Orangeade.

Sophomore Joshua Kingston, who loves going to the fair yearly with family and friends, said, "I like to get their fries from anywhere. They're always the bomb".

Sophomore Brylee Remphrey loves to get cheeseballs from Taste Our Balls, which specializes in unique fried cheese combinations. That quickly became a number one spot for Remphrey.

Sophomore Gabriel Fernandez and his family run the stand Two Dippy Sisters. The stand specializes in dips, fried desserts, and fried vegetables. Fernandez enjoys working at the stand because he gets to work and help out with his family business.

For any music lovers, one of the biggest highlights of the Bloomsburg fair is the live entertainment at The Wise Markets Grandstand. September 25th will have Nate Smith with guest Avery Anna singing their hits like "World On Fire" and "Blood Runs Thicker". September 26th will be hosted by Live with Jet for a night of grunge and alternative music. September 27th will have Tommy James & The Shondells singing psychedelic hits like "Crimson & Clover". September 28th will have Skillet, famous for the song "Monsters". September 29th will be a Teen Idols night, which will have Idols like Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin, and John Foster. September 30th will feature Kansas, singing iconic songs like "Carry On My Wayward Son" and "Dust In The Wind." The free music stand will have acts like Johnny and June Tribute Show, Jukebox Heroes Live!, Long Live Beatles And Beyond, and Logan Route.

Another fan favorite at the Bloomsburg fair is the games. Kingston enjoys playing the balloon-popping games because he can win prizes for his sisters. Remphrey enjoys games like the dime pitch and skiball. Sophomore Xavier Smalls works at the game I Got It, which is a highly popular bingo-like game that has become one of the most popular stands at the fair.

On the competitive side of the fair. There will be three massive rooms filled with fine arts and traditional arts submitted by students from schools across Northeast Pennsylvania. BHS students will have their own art display there. Junior Kayleigh Adams will be one of those students. Adams loves to draw abstract pieces and will be submitting a drawing of an owl. Adams likes to submit art to the fair so people can see other types of art, and she thinks all art should be seen and appreciated.

Ed-tech will also be represented at the fair. Senior Daniel Eakman, Juniors Chris Hinkle and Adam Wingler, as well as Sophomores Gabriella Olszewski and Owen Johnson will all have projects displayed at the fair for visitors to view.

The Bloomsburg Fair has been around since 1855 and was founded by Caleb Barton; it started as a single-day agricultural exhibition on Second Street in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Since then, the Bloomsburg Fair has grown into a massive multi-day tradition full of food trucks, small shops, arts and crafts, agriculture, and live music. The event typically runs through the final week of September. The Bloomsburg Fair is a yearly tradition for many people and has something for everyone to enjoy.



Last year's Ed-tech display at the fair.

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