

APPROVAL FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Summertime in Michigan not only brings nice weather, but it's time for many fairs and festivals. Easterseals MORC is excited to share some of the festivals and fairs in Michigan offering events and accommodations for individuals with disabilities. To be considered for the Easterseals MORC Seal of Approval, the event or business must be and/or have accommodations for sensory and/or disability friendly.

June 12-15: Frankenmuth's Bavarian Festival - Frankenmuth

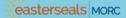
Frankenmuth's Bavarian Festival is a four-day celebration of bratwursts, lederhosen, and all things German. The festival kicks off with the raising of the maypole, live music, and the ceremonial keg tapping that sets the tone for the weekend. Live bands, fireworks shows, parades, classic Bavarian games, beverages and food trucks serving up classic Bavarian treats to keep visitors busy. Frankenmuth also ensures to provide an accessible experience with convenient routes, seating and an accessible layout. Learn more about the Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival HERE.

June 28 - July 5: National Cherry Festival – Traverse City

Check out the week-long cherry palooza in the cherry capital of the world, Traverse City, MI! The festival includes high-flying air shows, a classic car show, pie-eating contests, parades, and of course everything cherry! The main festival grounds feature accessible restrooms, smooth pathways, and accessible viewing areas. During this year's National Cherry Festival, Open Space Park will host games and festival activities on **July 2nd at 9:00am.** Activities will include fames, art, face painting, and visiting Super Cherry and the Queen and Court. During this event, amusement rides will also be made inclusive with slower speeds and help with loading and unloading. Learn more about the National Cherry Festival or activities **HERE**.

July 11-20: Oakland County Fair - Davisburg

Davisburg Adaptive Needs Events and Oakland County Parks and Recreation are hosting "Day at the Fair" from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 17 at Springfield Oaks County Park during the annual Oakland County Fair! The day will feature a sea lion show, petting zoo, racing pigs, Miracle of Birth barn, horse and livestock shows, and more. This event is free for individuals with disabilities. Free carnival rides, courtesy of Big Rock Amusements, will also be available from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm for individuals with disabilities and one caregiver. Reserve a spot today! Guests who register by July 10 will receive an email with a free parking pass. For more information, call 248-634-8830 or visit OakFair.org.





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July 22-26: Eastern Michigan State Fair – Imlay City

The Eastern Michigan State Fair and Imlay City are proud to offer grandstand events, a petting zoo, unlimited rides with admission, and more! There is admission to enter the fair; however, parking is free! The Eastern Michigan State Fair will once again open its gates to people with special needs. This year's special needs day will take place on **Thursday**, **July 24**, **2025**, **from 10:00 am - noon** with lunch to follow. Registration is recommended and can be done so **HERE**!

August 11-17: Armada Fair - Armada

The 153rd Armada Fair brings Uncle Kracker to the stage for an evening concert, monster trucks, demolition derby, tractor and truck pulls, rodeo, livestock sale, still exhibit, agricultural, and animal exhibits, carnival games and rides, children's activities, and much more! The Armada Fair will also offer free admission daily to individuals with special needs, as well as their caregivers. Learn more about the Armada Fair **HERE**!

August 18 - 23: Hudsonville Community Fair - Hudsonville

The Hudsonville Community Fair will celebrate 91 years of family fun with fair food, rides, livestock shows and sales, still exhibits, activities, and a variety of grandstand events. Check out monster truck shows, a rodeo, a tractor pull, and more! Special Needs Day will take place on **Thursday, August 22nd** with information and activities on the north side of building 16. From **10:00** am **to 12 noon**, carnival rides will be open only to individuals with special needs. There will also be wagon rides throughout the fairgrounds from 9:00 am – 12 noon. To learn more about Special Needs Day at the fairgrounds, contact **specialneeds4hudsonvillefair@gmail.com** or click **HERE**.

August 28th – September 1st: Michigan State Fair - Novi

The Michigan State Fair, Michigan's #1 Family Event, welcomes everyone to Suburban Collection Showplace in celebration of agriculture and everything Michigan. Wheelchairs and scooters are available for rent.

• You may call and make a reservation with Lori with Liberty Medical (248-496-2751) or Nik/Rod at Mobility Plus (248-535-2960).

Handicap parking areas are offered near all gates. Parking spots will be directed by the parking attendants as you enter. Each building is accessible by wheelchair from any of the building entrance ramps. Trained service animals are permitted to assist guests. To learn more about the Michigan State Fair, click **HERE**.