BENSON MULE DAYS 2023 SCHEDULE

Saturday – September 9, 2023

7:00 PM – *Little Miss Benson Pageant

W. J. Barefoot Auditorium (303 E. Church St., Benson)

For tickets: Contact Jenny's Sweet Creations - (919) 207-0381.

Sponsored by Benson Area Women's Organization

Friday, September 15, 2023

1:00 PM – *36th Annual Benson Mule Days Golf Tournament Reedy Creek Golf Course

Saturday - September 16, 2023

7:00 PM – *Miss Benson Pageant

W. J. Barefoot Auditorium (303 E. Church St., Benson)

Tickets can be purchased at the door beginning at 6:00 PM.

Sponsored by Junior Woman's Club of Benson

Wednesday – September 20, 2023

12:00 Noon – Campgrounds open for check-in (Chamber Park and Arena, 355 J. Lee Road)

Thursday – September 21, 2023

3:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Downtown Vendors Open

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM - *Carnival (312 S. Lee St., Benson)

MICHAEL'S AMUSEMENTS

Unlimited ride arm bands are \$25.00 each.

No arm bands sold one hour prior to closing.

All rides have height and weight limits.

5:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

Free Trolley Rides

Load at the corner of Parrish and Elm or the Chamber Park.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Antique Outlaws Band (Benson Singing Grove - Main Street)

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Mark Wills Concert (Benson Singing Grove - Main Street)

*Reserved Seating at Front of Stage (Chairs Provided)

\$20.00 Per Person, Limited Number of Seats

General Seating (Bring Your Own Chair) - No Charge

Friday – September 22, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Downtown Vendors Open

10:00 AM - *Mule Events (Chamber Park Arena, 355 J. Lee Road, Benson)

\$5.00 per person - \$8.00 for Two - \$2.00 for children 12 and under

10:00 AM – Mule Show

Sponsored by Mule City Specialty Feeds

2:00 PM - Mule Race

Sponsored by Cushing Media Productions and Double LL Tack & Feed

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The Garland McLamb Family Mule Stable Tour (108 East Parrish Drive, Benson)

12:00 Noon – 11:00 PM – Huebner Family McDonald's Stage

(Located directly behind the Singing Grove)

Sponsored by Huebner Family McDonald's

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM -Erik Hawks

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Dalton Davis

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Alison Ratcliffe

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM - Dancing in the Streets with DJ Hugh Jackson

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

*Wagon Rides through Historic Benson - leaving from the Mule Stable (108 East Parrish Drive, Benson)

\$5.00 donation per person (ages 10 and older)

3:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Free Trolley Rides

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Concerts (Benson Singing Grove - Main Street)

6:00 PM – Trish England, American Christian Country Music Association Recording Artist 7:00 PM Blackcreek Bluegrass Band

Sponsored by Circle Cross Cowboy Church

7:30 PM - *Bleecker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram SRA Rodeo (Nowell Smith Arena -

Chamber Park - 355 J. Lee Rd., Benson)

Presented by SRA Double Creek Pro Rodeo

Featuring Clown Mike Wentworth & Announcer Mark Northall

Ages 5 and under - Free

Ages 6 and older - \$20.00 per person (Includes Admission to the Dance)

10:00 PM – 1:00 AM – *Music and Dancing Featuring the Eric Strickland Band

(Chamber Park and Arena - 355 J. Lee Rd., Benson)

\$5.00 Per Person - If you paid rodeo admission, the dance is free.

<u>Saturday – September 23, 2023</u>

9:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Downtown Vendors Open

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Arts and Crafts Show located in EyeWorks Parking Lot (304 E. Main St., Benson)

Sponsored by Junior Woman's Club of Benson

8:30 AM - 1:00 AM

Free Trolley Rides

Load at the Corner of Parrish and Elm or the Chamber Park

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The Garland McLamb Family Mule Stable Tour (108 East Parrish Drive, Benson)

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

74th Annual Mule Days Parade

All mules, horses and wagons ride free (**Coggins Test Required).

Sponsored by WRAL TV

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BBQ Sale in the Benson Singing Grove

Presented by Linwood Parker's White Swan Barbeque

12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

Antique Tractor Display (Benson Singing Grove - Main St.)

Presented by the Classic Antique Power Club

12:00 Noon – Midnight – *Carnival (312 S. Lee St., Benson)

First Session: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM

Second Session: 6:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight

MICHAEL'S AMUSEMENTS

Unlimited ride arm bands are \$25.00 each.

No arm bands sold one hour prior to closing.

All rides have height and weight limits.

Individual Tickets are \$1.00 each.

12:00 PM – Special Entertainment by the Benson Queens (Benson Singing Grove, Main St.)

12:15 PM – Amy Jae

1:00 PM – Live Classic Country Afternoon in Benson Featuring The Malpass Brothers (Benson Singing Grove, Main St.)

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

*Wagon Rides through Historic Benson - leaving from the Mule Stable (108 East Parrish Drive, Benson)

\$5.00 donation per person (ages 10 and older)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Gospel Sing

Wilmington Celebration Choir and Willing Heart Trio

Sponsored by the Benson Singing Convention

7:30 PM – *Bleecker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram SRA Rodeo (Nowell Smith Arena - Chamber Park - 355 J. Lee Rd., Benson)

Presented by SRA Double Creek Pro Rodeo

Featuring Clown Mike Wentworth & Announcer Mark Northall

Ages 5 and under - Free

Ages 6 and older - \$20.00 per person (Includes Admission to the Dance)

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Karaoke and Dancing with Nikki Jones

McDonald's Stage (Located directly behind the Singing Grove)

Sponsored by Huebner Family McDonald's

10:00 PM – 1:00 AM – *Mule Day Dance Featuring the Jonathan Parker Band

(Chamber Park and Arena - 355 J. Lee Rd., Benson)

Sponsored by Dixie Denning LP Gas

\$5.00 Per Person - If you paid rodeo admission, the dance is free.

September 24, 2023

9:00 AM – Cowboy Church Service (Benson Singing Grove - Main St., Benson)

Sponsored by Circle Cross Cowboy Church

12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM - *Carnival (312 S. Lee St., Benson)

MICHAEL'S AMUSEMENTS

Unlimited ride arm bands are \$25.00 each.

2:00 PM – *Junior Rodeo (Nowell Smith Arena - Chamber Park - 355 J. Lee Rd., Benson)

*Presented by the Benson Buckaroos Junior Rodeo Association, LLC

*Ages 5 and under - Free

*Ages 6 and older - \$5.00 per person

* Denotes Admission Charge

See You Next Year for our 75th Year!