



# News Release

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### **Florida Strawberry Festival announces new foods and new free entertainers**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Feb. 9, 2018) – Officials at the Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the new food items and new free entertainment that visitors can expect at the 2018 festival.

Singers, impressionists, magicians and stunt dogs comprise this year's lineup of new free entertainers, and new hamburgers and desserts will be added to the 11-day event's menu of foods.

“We have some very creative entertainers and vendors,” said President Paul Davis. “We always look forward to seeing what they will come up with to serve our visitors.”

The lineup of new free entertainers is as follows:

#### **Lucy Pet's Surfing and All-Star Stunt Dog Show**

Have you ever seen a dog on a surfboard? Most people haven't! Lucy's Pet's Surfing and All-Star Stunt Dog Show combines incredible agility and stunts from rescued canines with surfing skills like you've never seen!

#### **Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show**

See these historical, educational and comical world champion lumberjacks show off their skills in log rolling, chopping, sawing, axe throwing and more.

#### **Mike Walker**

Is it Elvis? Is it Frank Sinatra? Close your eyes, and you won't be able to tell! Mike Walker will have you laughing and in awe at his ability to impersonate and sing just like some of our musical greats.

#### **Scott's World of Magic**

Scott's World of Magic brings out the child in us all as we sit pondering, “How do they do that?” in amazing acts of illusion, old-fashioned card tricks and more.

#### **Royale**

Soaring at over 8 feet tall, Royale greets Festival-goers with energetic dancing and witty conversation.

The new food items are as follows:

**Way Better Strawberry Shake – Polar Bear Ice Cream**

Your red cup rolled in Fruity Pebbles will be filled with quite a process! A creamy strawberry milkshake is topped with a strawberry cupcake and sponge cake. Those sweet treats are then topped with fresh whipped cream, more strawberries and a strawberry lollipop.

**Loaded Fried Potato Funnel Cake – Best Around Concessions**

Calling all potato lovers! The Loaded Fried Potato Funnel Cake combines bacon bits, chives, real potatoes and cake batter that are fried to a golden brown and topped with cheddar cheese, more bacon bits, chives and sour cream.

**Chompers**

Known as “crunchy balls of goodness,” Chompers are served in two varieties: bacon cheeseburger or chicken parmesan.

**Strawberry Jam Meatball Sandwich – Carousel Foods**

Juicy meatballs made with sweet strawberry jam are the feature in this sandwich topped with lettuce and chives.

**Exotic Meats Jerky**

From old-fashioned to gourmet, big game to gator, sweet to spicy, enjoy all varieties of this classic snack.

**Assorted Strawberry Coated Nuts – Dee’s Nuts**

Fresh and delicious varieties of nuts coated in a sweet strawberry flavoring

**Grandma’s Chocolate Chip Cookies**

It’s the warm comfort food made just like your grandma made them!

**Coolicious Dot Ice Cream**

It’s extra cold and extra creamy. Enjoy over a dozen flavors – including two non-dairy options – of everyone’s favorite dot-style ice cream.

**Fried Strawberry Twinkies**

It’s the famous sponge cake filled with a sweet twist – sweet strawberry cream filling! The treat is then deep-fried to a golden crisp.

**About the Florida Strawberry Festival**

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival where we're "Building New Memories!" will take place March 1-11 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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