

Scheduling Guidelines For Your Granpa Cratchet Stage Show

Please pass a copy of this page to the person scheduling your Granpa shows.

Our goal is to put on the best show we can and entertain as many of your people as we can. With this in mind we hope these tips help you create maximum impact with your Granpa investment.

1 - We suggest that you do not schedule shows if you are a small fair where crowds are able to find our show easily. That way we can flow with the crowd, the weather and other grounds events.

2 - If you do pre-schedule shows we suggest the following for maximum impact:

1. Schedule stage shows two hours apart. (6 & 8, 7 & 9 or 3, 7 and 9)
That way we have ample time to run the mobile between shows
2. If you can, keep show times either on even or odd hours. People seem to be able to remember this kind of cadence, either on the hour or half hour. Avoid fifteens or forty fives.
3. Schedule the first stage show 90 minutes to two hours after the carnival opens that way we have time to run the mobile and promote the show.

Here is a schedule **example for a late day** opening. (Carnival opens at five.)

- Puppetmobile at 6:00 - Show at 7:00
- Puppetmobile at 8:00 - Show at 9:00

Here is a schedule **example for an early day** opening. (Carnival opens at one.)

- Puppetmobile at 2:00 - Show at 3:00
- Puppetmobile at 4:00 - Show at 5:00
- Puppetmobile at 7:00 - Show at 8:00

3 - However if your greater crowd flow is in the evening you can schedule a mid afternoon show and then do the evening shows as in example one. Try not to have the shows finished by the time your biggest crowd flow begins.

4 - Try to schedule shows located close too each scheduled at least an hour apart. Crowds move on when one show ends because people tend to not want to see two shows in a row.

5 – Try not to schedule shows at the fifteen or forty five minute time of the hour as people don't remember and plan as well for odd times, especially in the high stimulation of grounds activity and sights.

6 – Remember, the Granpa show takes a full fifteen minutes before the show time and runs for thirty to forty minutes after the show time.

7 – If you have huge crowds in the evening, too big for an effective or safe mobile, have Granpa do gate greeting early in the day and then he will do an extra stage show. Example of heavy late opening day: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Granpa greets at the gate, stage shows at 6:00 – 7:30 - 9:00

Thank You and have a great Granpa show!

