

Woodstock

* Full name of the event was the Woodstock Music & Art Festival

* Widely considered to be one of the most important events of the counter culture generation & rock n' roll history

* Originally supposed to be from Aug. 15-17 but went into the morning of Aug. 18. 32 acts performed before an estimated 400,000 people

* The festival was held on dairy farmers Max Yasgur's land just outside of Bethel, New York.

* Tickets were \$18 in advance and \$24 at the gate. That's the equivalent of \$110/\$150 today.

Day	Advance Ticket Price	Gate Ticket Price
Friday (Aug 15)	\$7.00	\$18.00
Saturday (Aug 16)	\$7.00	\$24.00
Sunday (Aug 17)	\$7.00	\$24.00



* 186,000 advance tickets were sold, concert promoters estimated 200,000 would attend

* They could either improve the fencing & security or spend the remainder of their money on completing the stage (and therefore losing money)



* The concert promoters dilemma was answered for them the day before the concert. A LOT of people showed up A LOT earlier than anticipated...the fences were cut down and it was now a free concert

* There was a 20 mile traffic jam to the Woodstock. People left their cars on the side of the road for three days and walked to the festival

* The state police were almost called in and Army helicopters helped fly performing artists into the staging area





* At the end of the first day came the rains!

* There were not enough bathrooms (port-a-potties), food or medical facilities. The city of Bethel decided to not enforce their traffic/parking laws





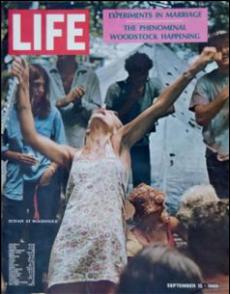
* Day 1 were mostly folk rock singers like Arlo Guthrie & Joan Baez (who performed at 1 am!)

* Day 2 - Acid/Psychedelic Rock artists such as Carlos Santana, Grateful Dead, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Janis Joplin, The Who, Jefferson Airplane



* Day 3 started at 2 pm with Joe Cocker, Blood Sweat & Tears, Crosby Stills Nash & Young, Sha Na Na & Jimi Hendrix

* Other groups invited to perform included The Beatles, Bob Dylan (who was living about 20 miles away), The Doors (cancelled at the last minute), Led Zeppelin & Chicago



* The following year Max Yasgur kindly declined to host the festival again saying, "as far as I'm concerned, I'm going back to farming."

* The Bethel town supervisor was fired for allowing the festival to happen and local towns passed laws to prohibit large gatherings such as this from happening again.
