



Santa Cruz County Fair Education Days

Wednesday, September 16th
Thursday, September 17th
9 AM – NOON



The Santa Cruz County Fair is looking forward to the new education day's format. We've made many changes this year to better the program. The Education Program allows third through fifth grade students to visit the fair **FREE** of charge in an educational setting.

What is Fair Education?

Fair Education is a program that allows students to visit The Santa Cruz County Fair free of charge in an educational effort to expose Santa Cruz County children to the unique agricultural heritage and fair tradition that is so unique to our county.

What can my class expect on a Fair Education Day?

During Education Day's, classes will arrive at the fair and have the opportunity to see the exhibits in the Fairground buildings between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm including:

Harvest Building: 4-H/FFA/Scouts, Exhibits, Ag-Hort., Home Brew, & Education Exhibits
J.J. Crosetti Building: Hobbies and Collectables, Home Arts, Photography, Education, Technology
Fine Arts Building: Paintings, Sculpture, Poetry
Junior Fair Board Barn & Magorium Exploratorium: Small animals & Fun Science Experiments
Model Railroad Exhibit
Livestock Barns

What about lunch?

We encourage teachers to bring bag lunches or purchase lunch on the grounds for their students. Arrange for a "gathering" place for lunch and for the end of your visit. We do not have many drinking fountains on the grounds. Please bring water for your students.

Registration

What is the deadline for registration?

Registration Deadline is September 4th, 2009 at 5:00pm. Late Registration will NOT be accepted.

Curriculum

Is there curriculum available to prepare my classroom for the Fair?

The Santa Cruz County Fair provides curriculum filled with Fair related activities that can be used before and after your classrooms visit to the Fair. Please visit the education section on our website:

www.santacruzcountyfair.com/education_days.cfm



Chaperones

How many chaperones can I bring with my class?

One adult chaperone will be admitted per 4 children.

What if I have more chaperones than allowed for my class?

Any chaperones above the allowed amount will be charged a discounted rate of \$5.00 at the gate before entering the grounds.

Arrivals

What time can I arrive with my class?

Classes should arrive at 9am and depart at noon.

Where should I park?

Please use the main entrance to the fairgrounds. Parking attendants will guide you in the right direction. Parking is \$5 for each vehicle.

What should I do if I have special needs or students with disabilities?

Be sure to indicate on your registration form that you have students with special needs. Please advise us of any special requirements you need in advance.

Livestock

RULES TO REMEMBER WHILE AROUND LIVESTOCK

The animal barns and Junior Fair Board small animal barn are a big hit with the younger kids. Don't forget to visit them both!

1. DO NOT TEASE THE ANIMALS
2. DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS
3. DO NOT PET OR TOUCH THE ANIMALS
4. When in the barns, use inside voices. The livestock and humans are trying to win a contest. Be courteous and respectful.
5. Upon exiting the barns, PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS! Bathrooms and wash stations are located near the barns and throughout the grounds, too.



Summary of Suggestions for Adult Chaperones

- Bring water- there are only four drinking fountains on the Fairgrounds
- Put the cell phone of someone from your group on the children's nametag. It provides us with an easy way to reunite lost children with an adult.
- Arrange for a "gathering" place for lunch and for the end of your visit.
- Bring hand sanitizer. There will be stations for hand washing around the Fairgrounds, but they are often very busy on Education Days.
- Encourage students to use trashcans and recycling bins. Take this time to educate your students about recycling in public places.
- Some food vendors will be open, however, you may bring bag lunches for your convenience.
- Remind your students to "use their eyes, not their hands" when they look at the exhibits and animals.

Contact Information

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Please don't hesitate to email or call with any questions or concerns!

