

Dear Teachers and Parents,

The Education Days at the Santa Cruz County Fair will be on **Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17, 2009**. Third through fifth grade students are welcome to come and experience the Fair from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on these days.

In order to make the Education Days at the Santa Cruz County Fair a more educational experience for your students and enjoyable for our volunteers, we are making some changes in our program.

This year our program will be focused on third through fifth grade students. Our departments are working on offering your class a more educational experience when they visit. They are planning more activities for the students during this time.

We are required to keep an accounting of how many adults and students attend Education Days, therefore we are issuing tickets for admission on these mornings. One adult will be admitted free for every 4 students. Additional adults may purchase admission tickets for \$5.00. Enclosed you will find an application to receive these tickets. **Please fill it out and return it to the Fair office by September 4, 2009**. Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Before you come to the Fair, you might want to discuss with your students why they are coming to the Fair and what they might see and do there. We would appreciate it if you would remind your students that all the people they will come in contact with are volunteers from our community. These volunteers appreciate good manners, a show of respect, and an interest in their departments.

Please check the fair website www.santacruzcountyfair.com for updates and activities for your classroom.

If you have any questions, please call the Education Committee at 1-888-565-8422.

Sincerely,

John Kegebein, interim Fair Manager

Gloria VanDierendonck, Education Committee Chairperson

Education Day Changes For 2009

- Education Days will be Wednesday and Thursday, September 16 and 17 from 9 AM to Noon.
- You must send in the attached application to get tickets
- Education Days are open to all THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE students. Please limit children to these grades.
- One adult will be admitted free with every 4 students. Additional adults will be charged \$5.00 admission fee.
- There is \$5.00 parking fee per car.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADULT CHAPERONES

- Bring water - there are only two drinking fountains on the Fairgrounds
- Put the cell phone number of someone from your group on the children's name tag. Easy way to reunite lost children with an adult.
- Arrange for a "gathering" place for lunch and for the end of your visit. Lets you have a chance to exchange ideas and experiences.
- Bring hand sanitizer. There will be stations for hand washing around the Fairgrounds, but they are often very busy.
- Encourage students to use trashcans and recycling bins
- 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.

APPLICATION FOR EDUCATION DAYS
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

Field trip day (check which day you would like to come)

_____ Wednesday, Sept. 16

_____ Thursday, Sept. 17

Please circle grade of your students

Third

Fourth

Fifth

Total number of students- no charge

1 adult/chaperone will be admitted FREE

With every 4 students. Total free adults

Total number of additional adults/chaperones

At \$5.00 each

Total number of parking passes at \$5.00

Or pay at the gate

Total amount included

School _____

Teacher _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

School Telephone _____

Contact person _____

Email address _____

Principal's Name _____

Please mail application to: Education Committee
Santa Cruz County Fair
2601 East Lake Ave.
Watsonville, CA 95076

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 4, 2009