



The Fair Education Program

A Learning Experience for the Youth of the Valley

Each year, through the Fair Education Program, The Big Fresno Fair offers the opportunity for both students and teachers to visit The Big Fresno Fair free of charge, in an educational effort to expose Fresno County children to the rich agricultural heritage and Fair tradition that is so unique to the Central Valley.

Through outreach and the help of a variety of organizations, the Fair Education Program offers Kindergarten through Eighth grade students from Fresno County's public, private and home schools the opportunity to tour the Fairgrounds and explore the exhibits each day of the program before the Fairgrounds are open to the public (between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon.)

Teachers who take their classrooms through at least five exhibit buildings are given one free admission ticket per student. This free ticket gives students the opportunity to return to The Big Fresno Fair with their parents to show them what they have learned through the Fair Education Program. To maximize the students' experience at the Fair, classes receive a special packet before they come to the Fairgrounds that includes valuable information about the Fair's history, new attractions, exhibits, livestock and much more, and includes a tour map to ensure that both the teachers and students get the most out of their visits.

The Fair Education Program provides an area for schools to eat lunch and special lunchtime entertainment in the Pavilion area between 11:30 a.m. and Noon following their tour of the grounds. This year the featured lunchtime entertainment is Twinkle Time –a fun educational show that teaches important lessons through signing and skits. Twinkle Time is a family-oriented musical series that sets a fun foundation for growth that both children and their parents will love and enjoy.

The Fair Education Program was created in 1992. Now, in its 17th year, the 2009 Fair Education Program will be held **October 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th & 16th**.

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