

Competitions & Agriculture

The State Fair hosts hundreds of contests and competitions each year. Many of the competitions are judged before the Fair opens so the winning entries can be exhibited throughout the Fair. But there are still plenty of fun contests fairgoers can see and participate in during fair time.

DATE CONTEST

8/22	Casting Call Presented by John Robert Powers (WWW Zone)
8/23	State Fair Star (Golden1 Stage)
8/23	Firefighter Challenge (EC#2)
8/24	Home Canning Show (EC#2)
8/25	Kidz King Arthur's Cookie Contest (EC#2)
8/25	Diaper Derby Baby Race (Youth Art & Design Expo)
8/25	Poppy's Baby Cake Contest (EC#2)
8/27	Bread, Cake, Pie & Pastry Shows (EC#2)
8/28	Step Up Dance Competition (Golden 1 Stage)
8/29	Casting Call Presented by John Robert Powers (WWW Zone)
8/29	Guittard's Chocolate Passion Contest (EC#2)
8/31	Confection & Cookies Shows (EC#2)
9/1	Kids Talent Show (PG&E Center Stage)
9/4	Fleischmann's Yeast Bread Bake For The Cure Contest (EC#2)
9/4	Hidden Valley's Fresh Taste for the Family (EC#2)
9/4	Malt-O-Meal Contest (EC#2)
9/4	Lindsay Olive Lovers Salad Challenge (EC#2)
9/5	Dachshund Derby (Miller Lite Grandstand)
9/5	King Arthur's Baby Cake Contest (EC#2)
9/5	Casting Call Presented by John Robert Powers (WWW Zone)
9/5	Ghirardelli Chocolate Championship Contest (EC#2)
9/6	California Karaoke Championship (Promenade Stage)

Fun Contests!

Firefighter Challenge

The annual Firefighter Challenge on **Sunday, August 23** is an opportunity for rival firehouses to outperform each other in the culinary arts. The highly anticipated cook-off finals will be on **Sunday, September 6** in **Expo Center Building # 2**.

State Fair Star

The "State Fair Star" talent show & competition finals will bring vocalists from all over California to the State Fair on **Sunday, August 23** to decide who has what it takes to be the 2009 "State Fair Star." Finalists will be competing for the chance to win a "Superstar Prize Package" with cash & prizes to help fund their trip to the national talent competition of their choice. John Robert Powers is the official partner of the State Fair Star competition on the **Golden1 Stage**.

Step Up Dance Show

Come see the best dancers & dance teams in California at the new Step-Up Dance Competition. **Friday, August 28 on the Golden1 Stage.**

Kids Talent Show

On Kids Day, **Tuesday, September 1**, 12 finalists will compete in the 4th Annual Kids Talent Show at **3:30 PM on the PG&E Center Stage**. The top three finalists will share a prize pool that includes cash, prizes and the official title of "State Fair's Most Talented Kid." John Robert Powers is an official partner of the Kids Talent Show.

California Karaoke Championship- Presented by Jackson Rancheria Casino and Hotel The 2nd Annual Karaoke Championship is on **Sunday, September 6** on the **Promenade Stage**. The championship brings together contestants from all over the State of California who have won qualified Karaoke competitions. The grand prize winner will receive a \$3,000 check! Come watch as these karaoke superstars battle for the title of California State Fair Karaoke Champion. First round is at **10 AM**, Finals start at **8 PM**.

Agriculture Events

Fur & Feathers

Enter the adorable and exotic world of Fur & Feathers, a showcase of the small poultry, rabbits, exotic birds, cavy, and pocket pets from the 4-H, FFA, Grange and Open competitions. Make sure to check out the Weird, Wild & Wacky poultry, rabbits and guinea pigs. This year will also feature a special frog exhibit where visitors can learn Weird, Wild & Wacky facts about our frog friends. Don't miss the UC Davis Hatchery and see chicks hatching from eggs before your eyes!
Expo Center # 6.

California Ranchland

Are you a city slicker or a country kid? Either way, the whole family can experience real California Ranching at California Ranchland—the State Fair's Ranch for kids. Featuring Pony Painting, Pony School, Chicken Petting, Goat Hill, the Petting Farm, the interactive Children's Dairy Center where kids can milk a cow or a goat, the "Little Farm Animals" and more! Entrance is FREE, but some exhibits such as the Petting Farm, the pony rides and Knightly Rides require a small fee. **Located near the entrance to the Livestock Pavilion.**

Cavalcade of Horses Schedule

5:00 PM	Fun on Horseback Dianne Olds Rossi and her Magical World of Dancing Horses Nu Balance Vaulters
6:00 PM	Ridin' & Slidin' Reining Cattle Penning Mule Demo Cutting Vaulting Trick Roping Eventing
7:00 PM	Carousel of Breeds

Missouri Fox Trotters, Arabians, Morgans, Miniature Horses, Shetland Ponies, Fjords, Peruvian Pasos and many other breeds!

8:00 PM The Mane Event
California Cowgirls Drill Team
The Painted Ladies
Sacramento Sheriff's Posse
Dianne Olds Rossi and her Magical World of Dancing Horses
Nu Balance Vaulters

The Farm- Presented by Save Mart Supermarkets

The Farm presented by Save Mart Supermarkets, features an Aquaculture Exhibit, Antique Tractor & Engine Exhibit, Insect Pavilion, Vet School, a Blacksmith Shop, Dirt to Dish Cooking Demonstration, the Livestock Nursery and more! With a variety of competitions and demonstrations, it's sure to be fun for the whole family! Free Farm Games are at **12:30, 3:30 & 6:30 PM** Saturday & Sunday.

Aquaculture (Fish Experience)

California's Aquaculture Industry (the raising of fish and shellfish for food and profit) will be featured at the Farm. Many of California's most profitable fish will be showcased such as sturgeon, catfish, bass, carp and koi. Visitors will have the opportunity to touch aquatic creatures during the "Fish Experience" at **2:30 & 5:30 PM daily**. Located near the Farm. Presented by the CDFA.

Insect Pavilion (Insect Experience)

Visit the Insect Pavilion which is full of creatures from your backyard and as far away as the tropical rain forests. The special feature this year will be beneficial insects - predators that hunt garden pests! The Pavilion will also feature butterfly collections, pests and Integrated Pest Management Programs. Visitors will have the opportunity to get up close and hold a variety of insects at **1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 PM daily**. Located in the Farm.

Blacksmith Shop (Smithing Experience) -

Visit the Blacksmith Shop to learn interesting facts about Blacksmith history see blacksmithing and metalwork demonstrations. Also purchase handmade blacksmith items made at the State Fair. Come learn more about the art of Blacksmithing during the "Smithing Experience" at **1, 3 & 5 PM daily**.

Dirt to Dish Outdoor Cooking Demonstrations

The "Dirt to Dish" Outdoor Kitchen Cooking Demonstrations showcase agricultural products grown in the Farm and throughout California. The Outdoor Kitchen located in the heart of the Farm, features food cooking demonstrations, product displays and food sampling.

Demonstrations will take place on **Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day** at **11 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM** in the Farm.

Master Gardeners

The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners are available to help take the mystery out of growing a healthy landscape and garden. Trained by the University of California, the Master Gardener Volunteers will answer questions on water efficient plants, pest management and pruning techniques. Also, information is available through out the day on

edible crops such as vegetables, berries and fruit trees. Bring your samples and questions and receive free advice from the UC Master Gardeners. Located in the Farm.

Vet School (Pre-Registration Required)

Vet School is an international award winning program held at the Livestock Nursery. This unique educational opportunity will give children between the ages of 10 - 17 a chance to learn what it takes to become a veterinarian. U. C. Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine will be conducting the sessions. Veterinary Medical Students and Post-Graduate Veterinarians will demonstrate and teach state-of-the art clinical techniques utilized in the veterinary industry. Participants will learn through hands-on activities and lessons, and will be given the opportunity to complete tasks and projects, watch demonstrations and listen to various professionals. August 22, 29 & September 5.

Play With Your Food

The Play With Your Food Activity is a fun and free time for the entire family. Come create an insect, car or animal from produce grown throughout California. The activity will be offered **on Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day at 2 & 5 PM** in the Farm.

Fair Time Farm & Forest Center Tours (Pre-Registration Required)

The State Fair is offering 2 two-hour educational field trips, Fair Time Farm Tour and the "Fair Time Forest Center Tour" presented by The *Forest Foundation*. The tours are designed for grades 1 -6 and will include an informational presentation; semi-self guided interpretative walk, planting, harvesting and other "hands-on" activities. The tours are offered on Tuesdays free of charge. Made possible by Kaiser Permanente.

Forest Center

This living exhibit offers year-round opportunities to learn about responsible use of natural resources. The California Forest Center is where you can get your FREE tree seedlings. With numerous shady trees, the California Forest Center is literally one of the "coolest" spots to be at the State Fair. Sponsored by The Forest Foundation. Located next to the Farm.

Livestock Nursery

Don't forget to show the kids the Livestock Nursery at the Farm where they can see real baby animals. New animal babies and mothers are housed there during the fair and are monitored around the clock by practicing veterinarians and veterinary science students from U.C. Davis.

Livestock Competitions – Junior & Open

Watch as beef cattle, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goats, llamas, boer goats, pygmy goats, and Nigerian dwarf goats fight for the crown! Most competitions are held in the Livestock Show Rings in the Livestock Pavilion. The Livestock Pavilion is the place to see the West's premier livestock competitions in youth and open categories, including those by the FFA and 4H. The Pavilion is right next to the newly redesigned California Ranchland, and the area will be open throughout the 18 days to showcase livestock. Presented by Dodge.

Save Mart Supermarkets California Foodstyle Building- Presented by Health Craft

Here you can experience the fun and excitement of cooking while sampling some of California's best dishes. California Foodstyle features honey, dairy products, pears, lamb, the Department of Food & Agriculture, as well as many cooking competitions and demonstrations. Expo Center #2.

Camp Smokey

Camp Smokey has lots of fun activities to educate kids and adults about outdoor fire prevention, fire safety and conservation tasks. Smokey the Bear, Sparky the Dog and Woodsy the Owl live in Camp Smokey and love to take pictures and give autographs. Since it's Smokey's 65th birthday, come wish him a happy one! Presented by the Interagency Fire Prevention Education Program and the California State Fair. Located next to the California Building.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Exhibit

Escape from the sun and get a firsthand look at the fish and wildlife in California. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will stock a touch table where children can hold and discuss weird and wacky items that our species use or leave behind as antlers, horns, feathers, shells, and pelts. It's fun and puts you in touch with California wildlife. Located in the Farm.

Family fun includes:

- Wildlife touch table with feathers, shells, bones and other wildlife objects
- Temporary tattoos of birds and animals (bear, salmon, California condor, and bald eagle)
- Make your own Salmon Life Cycle Bracelet
- Photo opportunities that put you in the wild throughout the exhibit
- Hands on wildlife activities

Special AG and Livestock Events

Sale of Champions

Come witness the auction of the state's best livestock from 2009 State Fair Youth livestock competitions. Champion Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats can be purchased. Miller Lite Grandstand. Sponsored by Dodge. **Monday, August 24**

Cattlemen's Day

On **Friday, August 28**, California cattlemen will celebrate with a special showcase featuring the Rodeo Hall of Fame 2009 inductees. Ranch Rodeo activities take place all day including ranch roping and calf branding. The day culminates with a barbeque and lively western entertainment at the Rodeo Arena in the evening.

Bullfest

Cotton Rosser's Bullfest will take place at **7:30 PM** on Cattlemen's Day **Friday, August 28** and **Saturday, August 29** in the Horse Show & Rodeo Arena. A kids Mutton Bustin' event and coin dig will precede Bullfest starting at **7 PM**.

American Quarter Horse Versatility Ranch Horse Competition – Sunday, August 30

Cash prizes will be awarded to the person who shows the most skill and versatility with the working ranch horse.

Agricultural Heritage Day

This exclusive affiliation recognizes outstanding agricultural businesses that have operated in California for 100 years or more. New inductees will be presented at a special annual ceremony to be held on Agricultural Heritage Day, **Wednesday, September 2** in their honor.

County Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show

We're presenting the County Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show in the Rodeo Arena **Thursday, September 3** and **Friday, September 4** from **8 AM to 6 PM**. The participants are 4-

H, FFA, Grange and independent exhibitors, as well as walk/jog exhibitors, who have qualified at their County Fair by winning first place in a class in a horse show that has qualified to be a California State Fair eligible show. There will be gymkhana events, trail, showmanship, western events and English events, both on the flat as well as over fences. **Located in the Horse Show and Rodeo Arena.**

Equine Champion Challenge

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner of this written and practical exam determining who is the most skilled at the care & management of horses. **Friday, September 4 from 8 AM to 6 PM**

Agricultural Achievement Awards and Scholarships

Agriculturalist of the Year Award

The 'Agriculturalist of the Year Award' is a prestigious accolade that recognizes outstanding leadership in agricultural finance, government, production agriculture, education, labor, research, communications, trade and/or public service. The 2009 Agriculturalist of the Year is **Ronald A. Schuler**, who served as the President and CEO of the California Canning Peach Association for nearly three decades.

Agricultural Progress Award

The 'Agricultural Progress Award' recognizes an individual or organization that has contributed extensively over a number of years to the promotion, advancement and growth of the California State Fair Agricultural programs. The 2009 recipient is **Solano County Exhibit Team**.

Ag Heritage Day & California Agricultural Heritage Club

This exclusive affiliation recognizes outstanding agricultural businesses that have operated in California for 100 years or more. Dozens of new inductees will be invited to a special ceremony on Agricultural Heritage Day, **Wednesday, September 2** in their honor.

Golden Bear Award

The 'Golden Bear Award' is presented annually to individuals or organizations for their admirable service and extensive support of the California Exposition and State Fair. The 2009 Golden Bear Award honorees are the **California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council** and **Willie L. Pelote, Sr.**

NEW! Vineyard of the Year Award

This new award recognizes a California vineyard which has consistently produced grapes that have contributed directly to wine of superior quality and marketability within commercial sales systems and among fine wine judging. **Monte Bello Vineyard** of Santa Clara County, has the distinct recognition of being the first recipient of this title.

Wine Lifetime Achievement Awards

The 2009 Wine Lifetime Achievement Awards recognize three outstanding individuals that have provided a significant contribution to the commercial wine industry in California over their lifetime. The 2009 Inductees are Ms. Zelma Long, Peter Mondavi, Sr. & Professor Vince Petrucci.

For a complete list of agricultural competitions, awards and programs, as well as results of the 2009 competitions, please visit www.bigfun.org.

