

# Fair Time Farm Tours

*Presented by The California State Fair Farm*

July 17, 2009

Dear Principal/Teachers,

The California Exposition & State Fair is offering 2 two-hour educational field trips, one being the "**Fair Time Farm Tour**" presented by *Kaiser Permanente*. The other tour being offered is the "**Fair Time Forest Center Tour**" presented by *The Forest Foundation*. The tours are designed for grades first through sixth and will include an informational presentation; semi-self guided interpretative walk, planting, harvesting and other "hands-on" activities.

"**The Farm**" two-hour tour emphasizes plant biology, ecology and the interactions of agricultural systems. Our goal is to increase the students' understanding of agriculture and to encourage and enhance their abilities to communicate their new findings about California's number one industry.

The "Fair Time Farm Tours" will begin with a fifteen minute introduction then your class will begin the semi-self guided tour through "The Farm". Students will be given an interactive School Tour Guide intended to help students increase their understanding about California agriculture. The Guide features worksheets for different outposts throughout "The Farm". Once students have completed their Guide, they will receive a goodie bag with products donated by California Commodity groups and growers.

The Forest Foundation presents the "**Forest Center**" one-hour tour. Students will step into the forest and learn a wealth of information that covers all aspects of a forest, from its primitive beginning as a seedbed to a thriving ecosystem and the organisms that live in them.

The tours are available on the Tuesday's during the 2009 California State Fair. The following dates are available:

- Tuesday, August 25, 2009      9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00
- Tuesday, September 1, 2009      9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00

A picnic area will be provided for those attending the tours. We would like to encourage groups to bring a bag lunch.

The tour is provided free of charge and students, chaperones and teachers enter the fair and park at no cost. Each school must provide transportation to and from the fair grounds. Each Class and/or school is responsible for adult supervision and a minimum of 1 adult for every 5 children is needed, although we do recommend that as many adults attend as possible to make the experience more enjoyable for all.

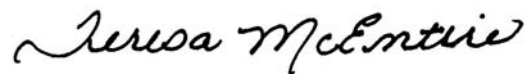
**Please make your reservation as soon as possible, as we will accept your request on a first-come first-serve basis.**

To reserve a “**Fair Time Farm Tour**”, please complete the “*Fair Time Farm Tour*” *Reservation Form* and mail to the California State Fair Farm Tours or fax to 916-263-7903. Attn: Teresa McEntire, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852. Faxing the Reservation Form will help expedite the process. For further information please contact Teresa at 916-263-3598 or email - [tmcentire@calexpo.com](mailto:tmcentire@calexpo.com). We will be accepting reservations until **Friday, July 31, 2009**.

To reserve a “**Fair Time Forest Center Tour**”, please complete the “*Fair Time Forest Center Tour*” *Reservation Form* and mail to The Forest Foundation or fax to 530-823-1850, Attn: Pam Sawyer, 853 Lincoln Way, Ste. 104, Auburn, CA 95603. For further information please contact Pam at 530-823-2363 or email - [ps@calforestfoundation.org](mailto:ps@calforestfoundation.org). The Forest Foundation will be accepting reservations until **Friday, July 31, 2009**.

We are looking forward to your participation in the 2009 California Exposition & State Fair’s “Fair Time Tour Program”!

Sincerely,  
CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AND STATE FAIR

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa McEntire".

Teresa McEntire, Farm Manager