



## News Release

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### Learn While Having Fun – Fair Exhibits and Activities are Educational

SACRAMENTO, CA. A visit to the Sacramento County Fair is surprisingly educational – both adults and school kids can learn about science, animals, conservation, culture and more without even trying. In fact the Fair hosts nearly 10,000 children over two days on field trips from schools throughout the county.

While the carnival rides and cotton candy are great fun, Fair visitors love the interactive, people-powered entertainment and colorful educational exhibits. “We are always on the look-out for entertainment that educates,” says TJ Plew, CEO. “It makes the Fair a much more valuable experience.”

The line-up for the 2011 “Memories and Magic” themed Fair includes learning about farm animals with the Thank A Farmer magic shows or wild animals at the Sea Lion Encounter and the Enchanted Forest. Entertainers bring the young audience aboard in Circus Imagination and local groups demonstrate cultural dances. Science is made entertaining for all ages at the Mad Science shows and the Fun with Physics hands-on exhibit.

The Sacramento County Fair runs May 26-30, at Cal Expo. Admission is always free for kids and seniors, and is only \$5 for ages 13 to 62. ValuPasses that include admission and carnival unlimited ride wristbands are available at Sacramento area Walgreens. For more information and an entertainment schedule you can visit [www.SacFair.com](http://www.SacFair.com).

*Here are some of the exhibits and activities you won't want to miss!*

**Sea Lion Encounters.** See these awe inspiring, world famous sea lions do incredible leaps into the air and see a demo of how they use the “Critter Cam” to explore depths and areas of the ocean unreachable by humans. During the shows the audience gets an exciting mixture of marine information and demonstrations of breathtaking natural behaviors.

**Enchanted Forest** – Discover exotic wildlife from jungle creatures to colorful birds, smiling trees and hidden benches as you take a walk through the Enchanted Forest. “Woodland Keepers” will be on hand to guide visitors and interact with animal friends and children, including live animal stories.

**Thank a Farmer Magic Show** – This friendly magician demonstrates the connection of every day products to farming, and points out that it is not just the food on your plate. For example a baseball is filled with wool from sheep and is covered by cowhide from Holstein milk cows.

**Livestock Shows and Exhibits** - A visit to the livestock barns gives you the opportunity to visit farm animals up close. The sounds of pigs squealing, cows mooing, and goats bleating give kids a real life experience and the youth raising the animals are experts who can answer questions. Watching the judging may seem confusing, but listen in as the judges explain to the young exhibitors what he or she is looking for in a prime animal. At the end of the Fair, the Junior Livestock Auction allows you to purchase the best quality, locally raised product for your table. Meat can also be donated to charity or purchased by groups.

**Wheelbarrow Gardens** – Dozens of gardens from vegetables to flowers have been planted by children in classrooms and are a great learning experience as they prepare the soil, plant the seeds, and anxiously wait for the sprouts to appear. They show off their work at the Sacramento County Fair where you can see how small an area you need to grow some of your own food!

**Circus Imagination** – Kids can join the circus using their imagination with props and costumes that are provided. The Ringmaster guides them through a fantasy adventure and before they know it, they have created their own world – something they can take home with them for many hours of backyard adventures.

**Mad Science** – Get ready to be mystified by molecules and amazed by atmospheric pressure in this show on the power of pressure. Witness how an ordinary object becomes a hot-air balloon. Zoom across the floor on the Mad Science hovercraft and discover how energy transforms liquid into an exciting chemical reaction. Have you ever seen toilet paper shoot 50 feet into the air?! You'll learn how the Bernoulli Principle demonstrates this amazing experiment!!

**Fun with Physics** – This hands-on Fair favorite entertains while it educates with Mind Boggler puzzles, electricity, magnets, simple machines and gears, tools of engineering, a construction zone and more. Adults are just as intrigued by the colorful stations as the kids.