



## The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Education Program

Proudly Presented by Valley Children's Healthcare, EECU, Meyers Water Bank and Wildlife Project, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and Measure C

Each year, through the Fair Education Program, The Big Fresno Fair provides the opportunity for Fresno County elementary students and teachers to visit the Fair free of charge as part of an educational field trip that bridges the gap between rural and urban life – exposing students to the rich and diverse agriculture that powers our region, as well as the history of Fresno County and its talented residents! Fresno County public, private, charter and home-schooled students are able to participate.

To maximize the students' experience, teachers receive a special packet in advance that includes common core standard-based curriculum and suggested activities to integrate into classroom work prior to their educational field trip. Additionally, the packets contain valuable information about the Fair's history, new attractions, exhibits, livestock and much more, including a tour map to help guide them. Each student also receives a free admission voucher so they can return to The Big Fresno Fair with their parent or guardian to show what they have learned through the Fair Education Program!

This year students will get to visit all the great, educational attractions at The Big Fresno Fair including the California Water Exhibit that shows how water flows from the mountains down to the Valley floor and through irrigation systems to our crops, and a special "Birds of Prey" exhibit to see and learn all about these incredible birds – all of this and more is in the Meyer's Water & Wildlife Tree in the Table Mountain Rancheria Park! There is also the new hands-on STEAM exhibit in Kids' Town called *Wild Science!* where you can play with captured lightning and learn about electricity and which gases will change the lightning's color! In the Maker's Faire area, kids of all ages use their imagination to create all kinds of contraptions and so much more! These are just a few of the countless areas where students can learn, explore and have fun!

Schools have a designated area to eat lunch in the Table Mountain Rancheria Park area beginning at 11:30 a.m., following their tour of the grounds. Also, just before lunch, kids will learn about the importance of hand washing in staying healthy, as well as how to properly wash their hands as part of the Germ Glow Hand Washing Demonstrations held in partnership with the Fresno County Department of Public Health and the Sunnyside Doctors Academy.

The Fair Education Program was created in 1992, and since then it has brought more than 530,000 students, teachers and parents to The Big Fresno Fair! The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Education Program will be held **October 3, 4, 10 & 11.**