



The 28th Annual Fair Education Program

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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 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 throughout the State, as well as the Water Shed, which was introduced at the 2018 Fair, that uses cutting edge digital projection technology to help teach scientific concepts such as the water cycle, aquifers, groundwater banking, the water table, drought and more. This can be found in the Meyer's Water & Wildlife Tree in the Table Mountain Rancheria Park. There is also a the 32 ft. tall Tractor Tree located just south of the Paul Paul Theater that tells the history of tractors and how they transformed the region, plus phase 2 of the *Evolution of Fresno* digital projection map that walks you through the early settlement to growth of modern day Fresno. Then countless other 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 Health and the Sunnyside Doctors Academy.

The Fair Education Program was created in 1992, and in the past 28 years, it has brought more than 480,000 students, teachers and parents to The Big Fresno Fair! The 28th Annual Fair Education Program will be held **October 6, 7, 13 & 14.**

Interviews Available: Lauri L. King, CEO, Big Fresno Fair; Taylor Childers, Special Events Coordinator; participating teachers and students (if booked in advance, can film at school).