



## **Favorite Carnival Rides For those thrill-seekers, don't miss out on these fun rides!**

The 2023 Big Fresno Fair Carnival is the place for non-stop family fun this October! From returning favorites to new attractions, Butler Amusements will thrill Fairgoers of all ages. Butler Amusements has been in operation for more than 40 years and first joined The Big Fresno Fair back in 1981 and it has been a long, great partnership ever since!

The Big Fresno Fair prides itself on providing safe, fun entertainment for the entire family. Butler Amusements along with The Big Fresno Fair contracts with a third-party consulting agency to inspect all carnival rides during carnival set up, as well as inspections that continue to take place all 12 days of The Big Fresno Fair in order to ensure all rides are maintaining their operational and safe statuses.

### **Main Carnival Hours:**

Wed, October 4 & Tues, October 10, Open 4 p.m.  
Mon, October 9, Open at 12 p.m.  
Wed - Fri, Mon, Open at 3 p.m.  
Sat & Sun, Open at 10 a.m.  
Sun - Thurs, Close at 11 p.m.  
Fri & Sat, Close at Midnight

### **Kiddie Carnival Hours:**

Wed, October 4 & Tues, October 10, Open at 4 p.m.  
Wed - Fri, Mon, Open at 12 p.m.  
Sat & Sun, Open at 10 a.m.  
Sun - Thurs, Close at 11 p.m.  
Fri & Sat, Close at Midnight

Don't forget about the kids! Butler Amusements provides some of the best kiddie rides around like the Wacky Shack Funhouse, Puppy Roll, Pirate Jet, Frog Hopper, Quad Runner and more! The Kiddie Carnival will continue to be in its location inside the Grandstand track with a concrete midway to make walking from ride to ride even more convenient - all thanks to Butler Amusements!

### **Fast Pass**

Be sure to purchase your Fast Pass in the carnival area when getting your carnival wristbands so that you can take advantage of the fast line and go on even more rides on your trip to the Fair! Fast Passes are \$15 Mon - Thurs and \$20 Fri - Sun and can be purchased in the carnival only.

### **\$33 Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands**

Plan ahead and purchase your discounted Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristband (and \$2 off admission too!) at participating Save Mart or FoodMaxx stores! Regular wristband price is \$35 Mon-Thurs and \$40 Fri-Sun \*plus fees.

### **Pole Position Coaster**

The Giant Pole Position Spinning Roller Coaster is Fabbri Groups first spinning coaster delivered to a North America. This Italian made, world class coaster is composed of three levels, with the very top measuring 55 feet high. Each of the five coaster cars are painted just like racing cars and holds four passengers. This is not an ordinary coaster. The ride has extra sound effects to dramatize when the car goes around a corner or gains in elevation. Riders hold on tight while they gently climb to the very top.



### **Hawaiian Express**

The Hawaiian Express is a fast-paced tropical ride will leave patrons breathless. An erupting volcano entrance welcomes riders for an exciting spin, travelling forward, and around then traveling backwards while negotiating an undulating path. Its unusual size, unforgettable scenery, lights, music, and action make being whisked around and around fun and exciting!

### **Super Shot Drop Tower**

The world-class Super Shot Drop Tower is one of Butler Amusements' most popular rides. Unlike any other ride on our midway, the Super Shot will bring a new dimension of thrills to your carnival goers. 12 passengers are loaded into each circular passenger station. Over the shoulder harnesses secure patrons while they are gently lifted up the 90 foot tower. Once the passenger station reaches the top, it is released in an accelerated freefall and riders experience G-Forces in excess of 3½ times normal. Riders are then cushioned by a magnetic braking system stopping the station before it reaches the base of the tower. The Super Shot is an exciting spectacular addition to the Butler midway!

### **Mega Flip**

The Mega FLIP, from Holland, lifts riders high into the air, 24 at a time. As the main boom swings back and forth, the base of six groups of seats begin to spin, giving the passengers a feeling of weightlessness while they soar through the air with their feet swinging free! This ride creates a thrilling, unforgettable experience for its riders and provides a spectacular show.

### **Scrambler**

Families delight as they spin in two directions at the same time. The Scrambler has 12 seats each seat capable of holding 3 people. The main frame spins as each arm of seats spins independently, creating a feeling of funky flight. The Scrambler also features Deluxe Lighting and programmed incandescent "Ultra Lights."

### **Turbo Speed**

Not for the faint-hearted. Riders are taken for a 70 mph 'spin' at the ends of a whirling arm that takes them 120 ft. in the air and sends them hurtling towards earth in an arc generating forces 3 times the pull of gravity. Features include upside-down free-flipping action.

### **Inversion**

The Inversion features a tripod of passenger seats which can hold a total of 12 passengers. The main arm of the ride swings side to side like a pendulum then swings to invert passengers completely around and upside down. The inversion can reach a height of nearly 80 feet.

### **1001 Nachts**

Our European 1001 Nacht's ride is a spectacular bright ride on the midway and is a thrill to fairgoers. It is platform rides that goes completely up and over in a circular fashion as riders leave their stomach behind. This colorful attraction replaces the older falling star ride which we used to use on our midways.

### **Vertigo**

The A.R.M Vertigo towers over the midway at 100 feet in height and seats twenty-four passengers. Each seat holds two riders who are secured by a lap restraint. Once the ride begins, the entire center twists in



a circular motion. Riders enjoy a swinging sensation as the entire center track lifts up slowly until reaching the top of the ride. Once the swing ride reaches the top it begins to slowly swing in a descent

### **Ex-Scream Machine Coaster**

Up, down and around aboard a car for four, passengers enjoy the Ex-Scream Machine coaster! Standing at 48 1/2 feet tall, it has 6 cars each capable of holding up to 4 people. A ride for teens and adults, the Ex-Scream Machine sends riders on a thrilling trip over the tracks – curving, rising and descending – a journey for the bravest.

### **Giants Scooters**

New innovations on a traditional ride, our Scooters are state-of-the-art. Riders, seated in their “cars” begin a trip over a rectangular floor, bumping and dodging other drivers in their way! Coupled with the thrill of the ride is a light show, TV videos visible around the center of the platform, music and more special effects at night! The Scooters are a custom-built attraction – the first in the United States, available only through Butler Amusements.

### **Wave Swinger**

The German Wave Swinger is a work of art, combining the traditional swing ride with lavish, hand painted scenery. The Wave Swinger lifts riders slowly from the platform and then proceeds to take them on a leisurely ride, tilting one way and another to add to the excitement. Its unusual size, unforgettable scenery, lights, music and ride make the Wave Swinger a Butler Amusements classic.

### **Giant Wheel**

A towering tradition of Butler Amusements, the majestic Giant Wheel dominates the Midway day and night, offering patrons a sweeping view from a height of nearly 100 feet! Passengers are seated in separate gondolas and then whisked smoothly over the top and down again, reminiscent of the Ferris wheel. The Giant Wheel is a pleasant ride for the entire family. The Giant Wheel is more of a showcase than ever! Recently equipped with a brand-new LED lighting package, the wheel uses less energy and

### **EAGLE 16**

A staple of the American Midway, this 16-Seat Ferris wheel has eight front facing cars holding two riders in each. It offers both a gentle ride around the 360-degree vertical circle and a thrilling view, as riders are lifted high above the ground and able to see for miles. produces a magnificent light show!

### **Ring of Fire**

On the Ring of Fire passengers are firmly secured in their seats within a train of cars and are taken on a journey that circumnavigates the inside of a ‘ring of fire’. The train pauses only once at the top before cascading down the track backwards! The Ring of Fire is a spectacular ride just for teens and adults.

### **Zipper**

The Zipper has been one of the Midway’s most recognizable attractions for years, providing thrills to riders from teens to adults. There’s more spinning going on with the Zipper than an out of control top. While the ‘cages’ holding two passengers each rise and descend on a tower boom, each spins independently and the entire boom turns, too. Three times the action, backed by spectacular lighting bringing them back for more. Riders must be at least 50” tall to ride.

### **The Grand Carousel**



For decades, audiences have been awed by the beautifully handcrafted majesty of the carousel. This 28-foot carousel features 18 jumping horses. Parents and children create memories while they enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful ride together!

### **Kid Wheel**

The Kid Wheel is a perfect practice ride for kids that are not ready for the Eagle 16. This Mini-Ferris wheel is only seventeen feet high, just enough for a good view but not too much for a beginning rider.

### **Viper**

A colossal ride with a brilliant green snake theme will take riders on a whirlwind journey. The large arm across the entire top of the ride tilts and spins. At each end of the giant arm are two clusters holding two-part seating which spin independently as well. The open air design allows riders to experience spectacular twirling views. The Viper seats 24 passengers and uses state of the art shoulder bars.

### **Big Top**

This circus themed funhouse will hypnotize patrons with its beautiful color changing LED light show and newly painted scenery. Enjoy an upper deck view of the midway on the second story once maneuvering the air tricks and the spinning steps. With so many tricks to master, including a roller floor, treadmill, ladder steps and surprising air fans, it will take days to master this funhouse!

### **Starship 3000**

The lights and excitement of the midway literally become a blur as the Starship 3000 sweeps you off of your feet. Spinning at 24 RPM, The Starship 3000 uses centrifugal force to float the passengers off the floor, giving them the feeling of weightlessness. All aboard this 45-person Starship 3000 for one wild ride!

### **Orbiter**

The Orbiter is an exciting teen ride which features 4 twirling arms holding three spinning seats each. This Italian made ride twirls riders around until their seats are perpendicular with the ground below, quite the sight day and night.

### **Kite Flyer**

The Kite Flyer is an unusual amusement ride where, instead of sitting, passengers lie horizontally within the frame of colorful gliders. After riders are buckled in, the ride begins to turn and then rises in the air for a thrilling, soaring sensation before gently gliding back to "Earth".

### **Tilt-A-Whirl**

Round and round they go and where they stop, nobody knows! An old favorite that has thrilled and excited patrons for generations, the Tilt-A-Whirl is a swirling experience for teens and adults. Separate cars rotate individually as the entire ride revolves up, down and around!

### **Mardi-Gras Funhouse**

Celebrate one of America's brightest and boldest holidays without having to travel far. The Mardi-Gras is a self-contained celebration of the famed New Orleans Holiday. Two stories of exciting mirror mazes, moving escalators, music and lights combine for thrills, inside and out – day or night!

### **Welcome to my Nightmare Funhouse**

Welcome to my Nightmare– Passengers are invited to climb aboard coffin like carriages which seat two passengers at a time. When the operator engages the ride, passengers creep along a winding track



which takes them to the Zombie Carnival. Complete darkness awaits riders as their carriage navigates twists and turns.

### **The Crown Merry Go Round**

For decades, audiences have been awed by the beautifully handcrafted majesty of the carousel. To witness The Crown Merry Go Round is to see this piece of Americana in all its glory. This 30-foot Americana Themed Carousel features jumping horses, and 2 chariots. Parents and children create memories while they enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful ride together.

### **Alien Invasion**

The Alien Invasion welcomes passengers aboard an enclosed alien spaceship. Once inside the entire ride revolves, spinning at 24 RPM and uses centrifugal force to sweep passengers off their feet giving them the feeling of weightlessness. All aboard this 45-person capacity Alien invasion for one wild ride.

### **Wacky Worm Coaster**

The Wacky Worm coaster is designed for the whole family. This two-level family roller coaster is a great way for the entire family to enjoy the carnival. This brightly painted worm, surrounded by flower cup lights, is a charming addition to the midway.

### **Frog Hopper**

The Frog Hopper is a first of its kind, fully interactive family ride that is sure to be a hit amongst kids of all ages. The Frog Hopper combines stadium style seating with an adorable frog theme utilizing a unique, patent pending interactive bouncing motion.

### **Jumping Jumbos**

Adding yet another humorous touch to the Midway is our Jumping' Jumbos. This cadre of eight comedic elephants rise into the air and then gently descends while rotating from a center tower.

### **Century Wheel**

Towering 67 feet, the Century Wheel is sure to offer spectacular views of the midway. The Century Wheel was recently fitted with high efficiency LED lights. Hundreds of bright beautiful patterns fill the sky, all while using less energy.

### **Rock N Tug**

Those who normally go with the flow are encouraged to rock the boat a little this year at the Fair. This little tugboat spins dips and peaks like riding an ocean swell. The Rock N Tug seats approximately 20 individuals so parents can take to the high seas with their children.

### **Quad Runner**

The Quad Runner is great for first time riders. Souped up 4-wheelers seat two children each and travel in a circle.

### **Wacky Tracks Funhouse**

This is your chance to see what it is like to visit a silly train station. Wacky Tracks attracts kids and adults of all ages on a walk through a funhouse with many exciting obstacles.

### **Looney Tooter Train**



All Aboard!!! This fun-filled train trip for the whole family takes place in brightly colored cartoon-like cars. Passengers board the train at the station and with merry music, and bright scenery, the journey begins around a circular track. Fun for everyone is in store on the Looney tooter.

### **Chopper Hopper**

Kids of all ages can swirl and twirl through the air like a chopper flying daredevil. The Chopper Hopper is a family ride and boasts eight cartoon themed helicopters. Each helicopter holds four passengers and is large enough to accommodate children as well as adults. The helicopters move up and down the center pole and riders control the spinning action with a push of a button.

### **Tommy Kangaroo**

Experience the graceful, gentle ride of a baby kangaroo carried in the safety of his mother's pouch. Four Kangaroos welcome children and parents aboard for a smooth ride. Passengers sit inside each kangaroo and as the ride turns, each kangaroo slowly revolves as well.

### **Wet Boats**

This kid ride features individuals' mini boats that float in water along a circular path. A great carnival ride for first timers!

### **Pirate Jet**

The Pirate Jet is the first of its kind in the U.S. Passengers climb aboard and join an armada of six pirate ships each capable of holding 4 children or 1 adult and 2 children per ship while they gently rotate around a central friendly pirate character. Each ship sails up and down simulation a trip on the

**Interviews Available: Butler Amusements Representative, Fair Management and Fairgoers on rides**