# KC'S READING ROUND UP

## KERN COUNTY FAIR

# THE PLACE TO BE

SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 4, 2026

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# READING ROUND UP

***Reading Round Up materials are for participating schools only.***

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

If you are a parent, please contact your child's teacher to find out if their school is participating.

## HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

You must participate with the school that you are enrolled with, or submit a copy of your Home School Affidavit along with your request.

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# SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear School Principal,

It doesn't seem possible but it's almost time for the kids to return for another exciting year of readin', writin' and 'rithmetic. The readin' part is where I, KC the Bull, come in. It's time again for me to get going on KC's Reading Round-Up!

The 2026 Kern County Fair runs from September 23rd through October 4th and as a reward to the students and educators who participate in KC's Round-Up, we will be giving away free passes to the fair again! The Reading Round-Up has been one of the biggest promotions within our community to help promote reading. Last year we had 30,000 Kern County students read to earn admission to the Kern County Fair. Students from more than 125 Kern County schools and from almost every City in Kern County have participated.

If your school chooses to participate, children (kindergarten through sixth grade) will be asked to read 200 minutes of reading for pleasure in order to receive their pass. One adult pass will be given to each teacher whose class has participating students.

Enclosed you will find all the information needed to participate in the Round-Up. You will need to designate a coordinator who will be responsible for organizing your school's involvement and submitting all requests to the fair. The coordinator may be a teacher, school librarian or other responsible adult. Because of the short time frame in which we will be working, a coordinator should be selected ASAP in order to give them time to get everything ready.

We look forward to working with you on this project and seeing everyone at the fair this year. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Lorrie Roberts at loroberts@kern.org.

Thanks,

KC THE BULL

and Lorrie Roberts - Coordinator

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# ROUND UP COORDINATOR

Dear Coordinator,

On our website, you will find all the information you will need to implement KC's Reading Round Up at your school. If at any time you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

As coordinator, it will be your responsibility to organize your school's participation, make copies and distribute all information to the teachers and students, submit requests to the fair, and finally, pick up and distribute the passes to the teachers. Below you will find more detailed information and dates that you will need. In order for the students to have enough time to complete their reading, please get this information out **ASAP.**

* Make copies and distribute ***TEACHER*** letter, ***OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS*** and ***CLASS TALLY SHEET*** to each teacher - 3 items *(this should be done by start of school)*

• Make copies of the ***PARENTS AND STUDENTS*** letter and ***STUDENT TALLY SHEET***, for each student. *(Each of these pages is also included in Spanish.)* Give enough to each teacher for them to distribute to their class. - 2 items *(this should be done by start of school)*

* Collect all ***Class Tally Sheets*** from the teachers by end of day Monday, September 14 and submit the information *ONLINE*.

**All submissions must be submitted online by 5 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

***(late requests will not be accepted)***

• Keep **Class Tally Sheets** for your own use when distributing the passes.

• Packets containing passes **must be picked-up** by a school representative on Saturday, September 19, 9 AM - 4 PM or Monday, September 21, between the hours of 9 AM - 5 PM at the Kern County Fair Will Call Office.

• Count, staple passes to Reading Round Up flier, and distribute to each class according to class tally sheets. **Replacement passes will not be issued.**

• Please keep all information until the end of the Fair in case it is needed for verification purposes.

Thank you for your help with the Round-Up!

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# TEACHER

Dear Teacher,

As you're busy working, preparing for a new school year, I'm busy preparing for the 2026 Kern County Fair. I'm KC the Bull and the plans are currently under way for this year's "KC's Reading Round Up". I'm hoping you can find the time to give me a hand on this successful project. This year's fair runs from September 23—October 4, 2026.

The idea behind this project is to promote the joy of reading in our Kern County students. From the start of school through September 14, children *(grades kindergarten – 6th grade - at participating schools)* will be asked to read ***200 minutes*** (3.3 hours) of reading for pleasure. Children who do so will be rewarded with a free pass to attend the Fair at any time during its 12-day run. **Adult passes will only be given to the teachers who have children in their class that participate.** Last year we had 30,000 Kern County students read to earn fair admissions to the Kern County Fair. Students from more than 125 Kern County schools and from almost every City in Kern County have participated.

Your school's Round-Up coordinator has supplied you with a ***LETTER*** and ***TALLY SHEET*** to go home with your students. This should go home with the children within the first day or two of school in order to give them ample time to participate. You also should have received a copy of the ***RULES AND REGULATIONS*** - please go over these with your students; a ***CLASS TALLY SHEET*** **-** please fill it out and return it to your coordinator by the end of the school day on September 14th. Finally, please stress to your students not to lose their passes... replacements **will not** be issued.

Thank you in advance for your time. If you have any questions check with your school's Round Up coordinator or send me an email. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Great Kern County Fair.

Thank you for your help with the Round-Up!

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# RULES + REGULATIONS

1. Students must be in grades K-6th at a participating school.
2. To be eligible, children must complete a minimum of 200 minutes (3.3 hours) of reading from the start of school to September 14, 2026. *Reading done prior to the start of school should not be included.*
3. Reading should be for pleasure; **reading for school assignments does not count.** Reading can be to themselves or to others. Younger students may be read to by others.
4. Students can read books or magazines.
5. A completed STUDENT TALLY SHEET must be returned (signed by a parent or guardian) to teachers by September 9th. Each teacher must then fill out a CLASS TALLY SHEET and return it to the school coordinator. Requests for tickets must be submitted online at kerncountyfair.com by each school's coordinator *(not individual teachers),* by 5 PM, Tuesday, September 15th.
6. **Pass requests submitted to the Fair by anyone other than the coordinator or school representative will not be accepted.** Requests made after the deadline (September 15th) will not be accepted.
7. Reading Round Up admission passes are good for one single child admission only and must be used between September 23, and October 4, 2026.
8. Each participating student who completes the required minutes will be issued one pass.
9. Adult passes will only be given to the **teachers** who have children in their class that participate, your school coordinator and principal. **If you request more adult passes than you are entitled to, your school will be in jeopardy of future participation.** Please remember this program was created to reward STUDENT reading.
10. Passes are non-transferable. Passes may not be reproduced or sold. Replacement passes will not be issued.

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# CLASS TALLY SHEET

Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____

List the names of the students that completed 200 minutes of reading for KC's Reading Round Up.

**Please fill out and return to the Round-Up coordinator at your school by September 14, 2026.**

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| **16.** | **32.** |

**Teachers:** please keep student tally sheets for future verification - if needed - until the end of the fair)

**Coordinator**: Please keep this list and return it to each teacher with their passes.

# PARENTS + STUDENTS

Dear Parents and Students,

Along with the start of the new school year comes another exciting event that takes place every September in Kern County. The 2025 Kern County Fair, September 23 – October 4. I'm KC the Bull and I'm inviting you to be a part of KC's Reading Round-Up.

Starting now, if you ***read 200 minutes*** (3.3 hours) of reading for fun by September 14, I will give you a free pass to attend the 2026 Kern County Fair one day during its 12-day run!

Here are just a few important things that you will need to know:

- K.C.'s Reading Round-Up is open to students Kindergarten – 6th grade at participating schools only.
- Reading must be for fun (school work doesn't count) and reading from this summer does not count.
- Keep record of your reading on your ***TALLY SHEET*** and turn in to your teacher by Monday, September 14 (those turned in late will not be accepted).
- ***TALLY SHEETS*** will not be accepted at the Fair. They must be turned in to your teacher.
- You may read books or magazines and may read to yourself or to others. Younger students may be read to by others.
- You will receive your pass from your school by opening day of the Fair. Each pass is good for **one child fair admission only,** are non-transferable, and may not be reproduced or sold.
- **DO NOT LOSE YOUR ADMISSION PASS!** Replacement passes **will not** be issued.

There are a lot of fun and exciting things planned for this year's Kern County Fair and we hope to see you there!

Thanks,

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# STUDENT TALLY SHEET

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Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Grade: _____ Room:_____ **Please fill out and return to your teacher by September 14, 2026. *(do not bring this form to the fair)***

| DATE | NAME OF BOOK OR ARTICLE | # of MINUTES |
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**TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES READ = _____**

*I hereby declare that the information above is true and correct.*
*I also understand that any willful dishonesty may result in refusal of admission pass.*

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

# PADRES + ESTUDIANTES

Estimados Padres e Estudiantes:

Junto con el inicio del nuevo año escolar llega otro emocionante evento que se celebra cada septiembre en el condado de Kern: la Feria del Condado de Kern 2026, del 23 de septiembre al 4 de octubre. Soy KC el Toro y te invito a formar parte del Rodeo de Lectura de KC.

¡A partir de ahora, si lees 200 minutos (3.3 horas) de lectura por diversión antes del 14 de septiembre, te daré un pase gratuito para asistir un día a la Feria del Condado de Kern 2026 durante sus 12 días de duración!

Aquí hay algunas cosas importantes que necesitas saber:

- El programa de K.C. está abierto a los estudiantes de kínder a grado sexto.
- La lectura tiene que ser para diversión (el trabajo de escuela no se cuenta) y la lectura del verano no se cuenta tampoco.
- Mantenga la información en la hoja siguiente y entrégala a su maestro el 14 de septiembre. **(no se le acepta tarde)**
- **No se aceptan las hojas en la feria.** Tiene que entregarlas a tú maestro.
- Puedes leer libros, revistas o el periódico. Puedes leer solo o a otra persona. Otras personas pueden leer a niños menores.
- Recibirá su pase de su escuela antes del día de apertura de la Feria. Cada pase es válido únicamente para la admisión de un niño a la Feria, es intransferible y no puede reproducirse ni venderse.
- No pierda la entrada. No se da otra.

Hay muchas cosas divertidas planeadas este año. Esperamos verle allí.

Thanks,

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# HOJA DE LECTURA

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Nombre: _____

Nombre De Maesta/o: _____

Grado: _____Salon: _____

Complete y devuélvalo a su maestro antes del 14 de septiembre de 2026.
(no traiga este formulario a la feria)

| FECHA | NOMBRE DEL LIBRO, REVISTA O PAPEL | # DE MINUTOS |
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**NÚMERO TOTAL DE MINUTOS QUE HAN LEÍDO =** _____

*Por la presente declaro que la información anterior es verdadera y correcta.*
*También entiendo que cualquier deshonestidad deliberada puede resultar en la denegación del pase de admisión.*

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**FIRMA DEL PADRE / TUTOR**