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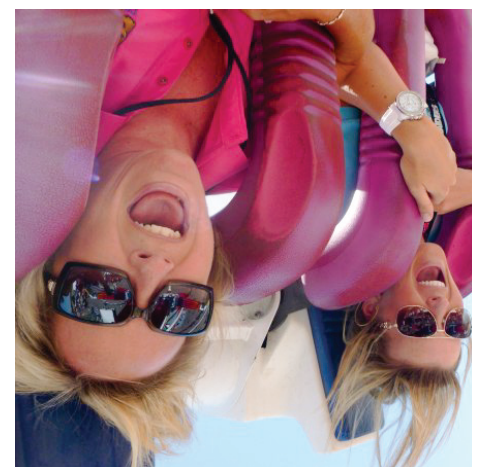
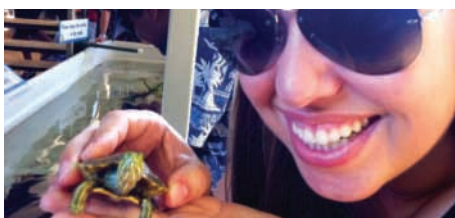
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STATE FAIR CALIFORNIA

July 12-28 ★ BigFun.org

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YEARS



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17 DAYS of FOOD, FAMILY & FUN

Memories are made daily at
the California State Fair

by Michelle Carl

IF you grew up in the Sacramento area, you probably have a picture of yourself on top of the bears. You know, *the bears* ... the golden, life-size omnivores that greet visitors when they come through the turnstiles at Cal Expo. It's an iconic memory and something "ya gotta do" when you come to the California State Fair.

There are many new memories to be made ... like the time you tried spaghetti ice cream, or the time you discovered your superhero powers.

Don't miss your chance to make these new memories at this year's Fair, July 12-28.

From special exhibits to those classic, once-a-year treats and a nightly chance to catch some of the top musical entertainment — you only have 17 days to check out all the fun the State Fair has to offer.

There's so much to do, you could easily go every day. You probably don't have the time for that, so we're helping you out by identifying 17 must-do attractions. The kinds of things your kids will look back on 20 years from now and say, "Remember when I ate that huge funnel cake and then got on the Vertigo?"

The good folks at the State Fair also want you to share your fond Fair memories. Visit www.bigfun.org/memories now to upload your favorite Fair photos of yesteryear (maybe it was the time you dared mom to bungee jump or the first time you ever had a deep-fried Twinkie). Keep those photos coming in! Upload new photos you take this year, and they may be featured in State Fair TV commercials that will appear during the run of the Fair.

So what memories are you going to make?

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Get The Best View At The Fair

by Kendall Fields

1 Experience all the magic of the Fair in one ride. On the monorail you can see everything the Fair has to offer as you get an overview of the fairgrounds. The mile-long elevated track winds



through the Expo Center and the Magical Midway and past food vendors — where you'll be able to smell the barbecue, funnel cakes and other edibles!

One of two operating monorails in California (the other is at Disneyland), Cal Expo's monorail was ready to whisk visitors around Cal Expo when it opened in 1968.

Today, the monorail is a great way to get off your feet for a while. Boarding is right at the main gates, so make it a point to hop aboard the monorail early and plan out your day at the Fair. Will you stop at The Farm first? Will you have a sip in the Wine Garden? Or will you end the day by winning a giant teddy bear at the ring toss?

Savor The Deep-Fried Goodness

by **Mike Blount**

What would a trip to the California State Fair be without some deep-fried fare? There are so many different fried foods to tanta-

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lize your taste buds that you'll have trouble deciding on just what you want to try first. From deep-fried cheese curds to deep-fried cream cheese topped with sweet-hot sauce, green beans to Pop-Tarts®. If you're craving it, chances are it's here. And it's fried.

If you're feeling especially adventurous, there are some new treats at the Fair this year. Ready to cross some of these newbies off your list? Deep-fried watermelon? Check. How about some deep-fried pineapple? Savor that goodness for a while. There is deep-fried everything: mac 'n' cheese on a stick, grilled cheese, cheeseburgers (five-alarm style with jalapeno cheese), cinnamon rolls, and red velvet cake with frosting. If your mouth isn't watering yet, you must not be a fan of fried yumminess.



Sip On A Wine Slushy

by **Kendall Fields**

Do you like a full-bodied Cab or a crisp Riesling? Whatever your palate, you don't even have to leave Sacramento to taste California's

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best wines. With prime grapes coming from the rolling hills of Amador to the coastal plains of Santa Barbara, the California State Fair's Commercial Wine Competition is one of the oldest in North America. Winners are selected in early June, so you can come out and try some of these award-winners. For the ultimate wine country experience, relax



under the shade of trees and canopy and drink a refreshing wine slushy in the Save Mart Supermarkets Wine Garden.

If wine is not your thing, then check out the Brewers' Fest on July 20 where you can taste the best beers from California's breweries.

Sing Along To Your Favorite Song

Toyota Concert Series offers something for everyone

by **Mike Blount**

Clap your hands to the beat and shake your booty to some of the most recognizable and popular songs of all time performed live on the Golden 1 Credit Union stage. Each night during the 17-day run of

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the Fair will treat fairgoers to a variety of musical stylings that appeal to just about everyone.

Showcasing top acts from yesterday and today, you're sure to have a great time surrounded by the sounds of rock, pop, rhythm and blues, country, and yes, even polka (thanks, "Weird Al" Yankovic). Sing along to the great

'80s power ballad "Sister Christian" performed by the original artist Night Ranger and then come back another night to hear the greatest hits of Motley Crue, Journey and Queen performed by tribute groups True2Crue, Evolution and Queen Nation. If you're into country, you can catch country stars Randy Houser, LeAnn Rimes and Lonestar.

Best of all, it doesn't cost you anything more than the price of Fair admission. If you really want to take your experience up a notch, reserve seats up front and close to the stage. Don't miss your opportunity to say "I saw them live" at the California State Fair.

A CONCERT EVERY NIGHT!

- **Night Ranger**
Friday, 7/12
- **True2Crue: The World's Premier Motley Crue Tribute Band**
Saturday, 7/13
- **"Weird Al" Yankovic: The Alpocalypse Tour**
Sunday, 7/14

- **The Four Tops**
Monday, 7/15
- **Third Day**
Tuesday, 7/16
- **Hoobastank**
Wednesday, 7/17
- **Lonestar**
Thursday, 7/18

- **Evolution**
(Journey Tribute Band)
Friday, 7/19
- **Grand Funk Railroad**
Saturday, 7/20
- **Ana Victoria with special guest Irene Davi**
Sunday, 7/21

- **En Vogue**
Monday, 7/22
- **LeAnn Rimes**
Tuesday, 7/23
- **Air Supply**
Wednesday, 7/24
- **Kool & the Gang**
Thursday, 7/25

- **Queen Nation (Queen Tribute Band)**
Friday, 7/26
- **Zendaya**
Saturday, 7/27
- **Randy Houser**
Sunday, 7/28

ALL SHOWS START AT 8 p.m.

Milk 5 a Goat



Teach your children about farms and farm animals at the State Fair. Visit the Livestock Nursery to see how farm animals are born and watch baby animals with their mothers. Students from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine answer your questions about the animals and livestock health. You can see calves, lambs and piglets being born. You can even get up close to some of the animals and milk a goat or a cow. Just don't forget to bring your camera, this is one experience you'll want to remember forever.

by Kendall Fields



It's Not All Fried — Eat Something Healthy

by Kendall Fields

Just because it's on a stick doesn't mean it's bad for you — you can make it through the 2013 California State Fair without eating anything fried or fatty. This year, take the challenge of eating healthier food, you'll leave feeling lighter and less guilty. Even if you aren't vegetarian, the veggie kabob with sweet bell peppers, onions and mushrooms is a stellar alternative to its fried counterparts. For some extra protein, add grilled chicken. Try the chilled edamame — these soybeans are sure to give you energy to walk along the Magical Midway for hours and are a favorite among kids. Want something to snack on that's a little more traditional? Munch on a giant ear of grilled corn with a sprinkle of salt and lime juice. Finish the hot day off with a cool sorbet-to-filled fresh fruit treat. Now, that's how you eat healthy at the Fair!

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Climb A Tree

by Kendall Fields

Cool off in the shade of more than 100 trees and appreciate 40 native California plant species at the California Forest Center. Located near Buildings A and B, this outdoors exhibit shows why forests are important to California — from their impact on climate change to the resources they offer. Plus, you can pick up a free tree seedling to plant at home.

While you're in the area, check out Camp Smokey and learn about preventing forest fires. Does your family know what to do in a fire? Local firefighters will teach fire prevention, fire safety and conservation tactics. Smokey the Bear, Sparky the Dog and Woodsy the Owl will all be there to make learning about fire safety fun! You can even climb a tree — just head to Tree Circus inside Buildings A and B.





Develop A Case Of Vertigo

by Mike Blount

The newest ride at the Fair will give you chills

8 Attention thrill seekers and ride enthusiasts: The newest attraction on the Magical Midway at the California State Fair this year is guaranteed to send you flying on a ride you're not soon to forget. Vertigo



towers a full 100 feet in the air and sends 24 passengers at a time spinning in a circular motion as the entire center track lifts up slowly to reach the top of the ride. Once it reaches the top, it

begins a slow descent to the ground, spinning the entire way.

Sound like something you'd ride again and again? Then check out a discounted unlimited ride wristband. They're valid for a whole day on the Magical Midway and can be used for most of the 68 exhilarating rides the midway has to offer. Some rides are excluded and cannot be used for Raging Waters attractions. Also a great deal, come on a Tuesday and rides are only \$1 each for the whole family.



Satisfy Your Need For Speed

by Mike Blount

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There is nothing like the smell of exhaust, the high-pitched revving of engines and death-defying tricks performed mid-air. Experience the excitement of motorcycle racing and motocross at the Fair! After its triumphant return to Sacramento last year, The Sacramento Mile motorcycle racing is now a key attraction of the California State Fair. Part of

the AMA Pro Racing Grand National Championship series, this race on July 27 promises to keep fans on the edge of their seats while they watch two to six riders duke it out over 25 miles at speeds as high as 130 miles per hour. Gasp at the thrilling flight of man and machine during freestyle motocross (FMX) shows every day! Top-name athletes, DJ music, and an emcee calling tricks give an up-close and personal look at FMX excitement.

Spaghetti Ice Cream???

by Mike Blount

There's nothing like trying out some new guilty pleasures each year at the California State Fair. Bet you didn't even know you were craving spaghetti ice cream until now,

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but the Italian-inspired treat is one of the unique menu items offered this year. If the sound of that doesn't tickle your taste buds, there's always chocolate- or white chocolate-covered bacon, red velvet funnel cake, chocolate-covered wine grapes, chocolate-dipped key lime pie on a stick, sorbetto-filled fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, fresh pulled taffy ... or you could just treat yourself to a caramel apple (or three). There are so many wonderful sweets to eat, you'll give yourself a stomachache if you try them all in one night! Just remember, pace yourself.





Go Full Circle

by Mike Blount

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An absolute “must” for your California State Fair checklist, the Ferris Wheel will slowly take you up, up, up and away toward the sky for a chance to take in all of the majesty of the Fair with cool air surrounding your face. It’s especially beautiful at night. And after the sun goes down, the Giant Wheel stands out in the midway, shining a dazzling combination

of reds, blues, greens and yellows that become hypnotizing when you’re up close. If you’re with that special someone, riding the Ferris Wheel is an occasion a hopeless romantic dreams about. Once you get on, the safety bar goes down and you begin your rise to the top, where you can see all of the lights of the entire fairgrounds blinking and flashing in various syncopated beats.

Ooh And Ahh At The Fireworks



by Mike Blount

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You won’t want to miss seeing the spectacular fireworks show at the California State Fair. Witness the sky light up in beautiful bursts of yellow, blue, green, red and white beginning at 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays until the Fair is over. Best of all, it doesn’t cost you anything.

If you’re looking for an extra thrill, ride the Ferris Wheel to the top to see the fireworks from the highest point of the Fair. There’s nothing quite like seeing the fireworks show from the best seats in the house. If you’re feeling patriotic, the 9/11 memorial is a particularly moving viewing spot.



Find Out Where Your Food Comes From

by Kendall Fields

From the plump red grapes hanging from the vine to the golden sunflowers to the buzzing honeybees, take a moment to appreciate California’s agriculture at The Farm. Sponsored by Save Mart Supermarkets, The Farm is a 3-acre area that houses 17 different crops and over 24 live insects, reptiles and invertebrates. The Farm will yield more than 8,000 pounds of fresh produce that will be donated to two local food banks. While you are watching the hops grow, check out the Dirt to Dish demonstration kitchen where you can see local chefs cook up some fresh produce and make a healthy meal.

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If you’ve been wanting to turn your backyard into a produce producer, check out the new Urban Farming area featuring container gardening, edible landscape plants, square foot gardening and recycle gardening.

Whether you have a green thumb or not, be sure not to miss the Save Our Water demonstrations in one of 14 gardens, because we should all care about water-wise gardening.

Farmers, gardeners, chefs, kids or anyone who appreciates our fertile state will find something on The Farm to enjoy!





Pick A Lucky Horse (Or Dog!)

by Mike Blount

Cheer for your lucky horse to race to the front of the pack. At the California State Fair, you can place your bets during eight action-packed days of live Thoroughbred, Arabian, Quarter Horse, and Mule racing at Cal Expo's Miller Lite Grandstand. Races will be held on July 12-14 and 17-21. You can even redeem your California State Fair ticket for a free racing program each day.

If your horse doesn't come in, you can always try your luck at the cutest race at the Fair. The 13th annual Dachshund Derby is a longtime fan favorite featuring 64 wiener dogs wobbling toward the finish line in eight elimination races with a final \$500 purse to the top three finishers. The Dachshund Derby will be held July 14 in the Miller Lite Grandstand. For racing start times and information, visit www.bigfun.org.

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Plan Your Next Vacation

by Kendall Fields

Old covered hills, lush green valleys, fertile farmlands, sandy sprawling coastlines, booming cities — California has it all. Travel through California's counties in the State Fair's Counties Exhibit. Counties compete to build the best home to their distinct corner of California — award-winning wines in Sonoma, fresh produce in San Joaquin, Gold Rush history in El Dorado, the Capitol in Sacramento. Which county will take home top prize for its interactive and educational display?

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As you walk from county to county you are sure to learn something new. Maybe you will even find an undiscovered gem to visit on your next vacation. Find even more travel ideas at Celebrate California, a special exhibit that features things to do and see along the Golden State's exquisite coastline.



Find The Hero In You

by Mike Blount

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Wonder what it would be like to be a superhero? It's easy to become one at the Hall of Heroes exhibit at the California State Fair. Immerse yourself in the world of dastardly villains and superhuman feats and become a hero or heroine to a city in need.

The Hall of Heroes exhibit will feature several custom-built environments designed to place you right in the middle of the action. The Hero Cityscape, featuring five blocks of 20 skyscrapers, serves as the setting for your adventure. There will also be replicas of Iron Man, the Hulk and Superman on display for inspiration.

Once you arrive, you can discover your superpowers at stations designed to test your strength, agility, visual acuity, problem-solving skills, integrity, reaction time and force control (wind, magnetism and electricity). See how you measure up to other superheroes!

See A Chick Hatch

by Kendall Fields

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Where do baby birds come from? Take your family over to the Fur and Feathers Exhibit in Expo Center 6 to find the answer. Get up close to incubating eggs and watch as chicks hatch at this year's State Fair. You can see these fluffy birds open their eyes for the first time in the Fur and Feathers Hatchery and you don't want to miss out on a chance to see chicks, ducklings and goslings being born.





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JULY 12-28

Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday-Sunday: 10 a.m. to Midnight

MAGICAL MIDWAY

Monday-Thursday: Noon to 11 p.m.
Friday-Sunday: 11 a.m. to Midnight

KIDS PARK

Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday-Sunday: 10 a.m. to Midnight

ADMISSION

General	\$12
Senior (Ages 62+)	\$10
Youth (Ages 5-12)	\$8
Child (Ages 0-4)	Free
Parking	\$10



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FAMILY FUN PACK \$44⁹⁵

Get everything you need for your trip to the Fair and save up to 39 percent! Includes: 4 general admissions, 4 ride tickets (good for one ride in the Magical Midway or on the Monorail) and 1 parking pass. Available now through July 11 at www.bigfun.org or at the Fair box office.

ONLY
AVAILABLE
THROUGH
JULY 11

ULTIMATE COUPON BOOK \$5

Hey coupon clippers — score up to \$3,000 in discounts on everything from corn dogs to car polish to psychic readings! Available now at www.bigfun.org or at the Fair box office.

UP TO
\$3,000
IN SAVINGS

UNLIMITED-RIDE WRISTBANDS

Ride the Zipper again, and again, and again! Valid for one day until 11 p.m. Not valid on all rides or Raging Waters attractions. Does not include Fair admission. Available at all midway ticket booths. Available now at the advance discount price at www.bigfun.org or at the Fair box office.

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ADVANCE
SALE
through
July 11

MONDAY-FRIDAY	\$30
SATURDAY-SUNDAY	\$35

DISCOUNT DAYS

Get rewarded for simply being you on these special days!

- **Every Tuesday**
Wells Fargo Kids Days:

Kids 12 and under get in free! And everyone can be a kid again with \$1 rides for all ages!

- **Every Friday**
62 & Better! Days:

Guests 62+ get \$8 admission before 8 p.m. Valid only on Fridays. Tickets not available online. Provided by: Avalon Hearing Aid Centers, Inc.

- **Wednesday, July 17**
First Responders Day:

Free admission for active duty military & law enforcement with ID on this day only. Does not include family members, dependents or guests.

USE PUBLIC TRAN\$IT

Go green and save on gas and parking, plus get \$2 off your Fair admission by showing your Regional Transit ticket!

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

Upload your favorite State Fair memory photos now at www.bigfun.org/memories, and you could be in a commercial!

