

Solano County Fair – Jun 30-Jul 1, 2018  
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## **FREE Admission to “Blue Ribbon Fun!” at the Solano County Fair**

*Full weekend of family entertainment and activities scheduled for June 30 and July 1*

**Solano County, CA** – Just what is it that makes a fair, a fair? Most people would say it’s a combination of things including a carnival, live entertainment, competitive exhibits, animals, music and fair food. It’s also about bringing people together to share their communities and cultures, show off their talents and have fun with family and friends. This year’s Solano County Fair on June 30 and July 1 promises all that with a new twist – admission is FREE!

At the heart of this year’s Fair is the Competitive Exhibits program. There are over 55 different categories of competition for youth and adults encompassing art, photography, cut flowers, amateur gardens, baked foods, clothing and textiles, quilting, poetry and creative writing, table settings, graphic arts, and more. More than 1,000 entries are expected this year and will be on display in McCormack Hall. New for this year, fairgoers will have the opportunity to purchase artwork, photography and other items entered into the Fair’s Competitive Exhibits. Each entrant may designate one of their entries to be available for sale during the Fair with items being sold in a silent auction format and going home to the person with the highest bid at the end of the Fair. There will also be a “buy it now” price that can be paid to guarantee a bidder gets their desired item. Over 90 items will be for sale giving you a chance to take home a piece of this year’s Fair.

In addition to the McCormack Hall exhibits, there are also 18 categories in the competitive livestock program. From the smallest rabbits and cavies (guinea pigs) to the largest steers, the livestock barns will be filled with over 600 animals for fairgoers to meet and learn more about. Several competitions take place over the days leading up to and during the Fair weekend and are a great opportunity for potential future 4H and FFA members to see the hard work, dedication and comradery that goes into raising a show-quality animal. The livestock



competitions culminate in the Jack & Bernice Newall Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, June 30 at 1:30 p.m. Bidders from throughout the county will have the chance to purchase the champion animals and help support the youth who spent many months getting the animals ready for auction.

But there's much more than just exhibits at this year's Fair. Midway of Fun will be bringing its top-notch carnival and games to the Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each weekend day with an added day of 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 29. Rides and games do have a separate cost, but there is no charge to stroll through the carnival and soak up the fun atmosphere. Fairgoers can also stroll through the popular Cultural Pavilion presented by 95.3 KUIC with its shaded grounds and its own stage dedicated to a culturally diverse array of performers. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, the Cultural Stage presented by PG&E will feature a lineup that includes Hawaiian dancers, the Scottish Fiddlers, Filipino and Hawaiian martial arts groups, jazz music, folk guitar, African dance, belly dancers, country music, a Ballet Folklorico and much more.

Saturday night features the Talent, Vocal & Dance Competition taking place on the Cultural Stage from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$300), second (\$200) and third (\$100) place along with the chance to gain valuable stage experience in front of a live audience. The competition is open to all types of family-friendly entertainment and contestants will be judged on talent, stage presence and entertainment appeal.

On the lawns opposite to the Cultural Pavilion will be a trio of interactive exhibits: the First 5 Giant Sandbox; hands-on activities presented by the Solano County Office of Education STEAM program; and the annual Health Fair presented by Solano County Family Health Services. The Health Fair will include free blood pressure and glucose checks, pediatric fluoridation treatments, children's "Dino Doctor Clinic" plus other health education and health services from partner organizations throughout the county.



Two special ticketed events will complete the weekend lineup: the Super Jaripeo Baile (Mexican Bull Riding and Fiesta Concert) starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 1 featuring Alfredo Olivas with Marco Flores y La Jerez and Tamborazo Azteca de Oro; and the Solano County Mini Maker Faire from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days of the weekend. Following its successful launch in 2015 as the Benicia Mini Maker Faire, the Maker Faire is now expanding to two days with a bigger cast of makers, inventors, DIY enthusiasts and creative innovators. The Maker Faire features a huge range of things from robots and electronics projects, to environmentally sustainable projects, to kooky inventions, to screen printing, to hacks of all kind – anything that is “Do-It-Yourself” and especially anything that is “Do-It-Together.”

Information about the 2018 Solano County Fair can be found at SCFair.com or by calling 707-551-2000. The Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 30 and July 1, 2018 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. Additional activities during the Fair weekend, such as the carnival, may have extended hours and may require a separate ticket. More details can be found on the Fair’s web site at SCFair.com.

Ticket Prices

Solano County Fair	FREE
Parking	\$5.00
Carnival Wristband	\$20.00 in advance/\$30.00 on site
Solano County Mini Maker Faire	\$6 Adult or Child
Super Jaripeo Baile (Sunday, July 1)	\$41.75 Adult/\$10 ages 10-15/Free ages 9 & under

All of the following sources are available to get the latest updates and announcements about the annual Solano County Fair as well as year-round Fairgrounds activities:

- visit the Fair’s web site, SCFair.com;
- follow the Fair on Facebook by clicking the link on the Fair’s home page; or
- sign up to receive email blasts and newsletters by registering your email in the box at the top of the Fair’s home page.



Established in 1949 to produce the annual County Fair, the Solano County Fair Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency that is governed by a Board of Directors which is appointed by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The Solano County Fair Association has been providing educational, cultural, artistic, commercial and recreational programs to the residents of Solano County for over 65 years. The mission of the Solano County Fair Association is “to ensure a positive experience for the public by providing a year-round multi-purpose venue that showcases and celebrates the wide variety of resources and activities available to our diverse community.”

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