



Fresno County Farm & Nutrition Day 2009 is March 20

NOTE TO NEWS PLANNERS and ASSIGNMENT EDITORS:

EVENT: Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day 2009 for third-grade students
DATE: Friday, March 20
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Fresno Fairgrounds, Butler and Chance avenues; media entrance at Chance Ave. Gate

EVENT SPONSORS: Fresno County Farm Bureau, Fresno County Office of Education and Big Fresno Fair

A.M News Shows: We can be available for live-remotes during set-up. Please call Liz Hudson at (559) 779-1569 to schedule.

Throughout the morning, many ag industry representatives will be on-site to conduct interviews on various agricultural and nutritional subjects. For a list of the presenters and sponsors, visit www.fcfb.org.

More than 2,100 third-grade students and more than 550 teachers and chaperones from throughout Fresno County will participate in the Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day 2009 on Friday, March 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 1p.m. at the Fresno Fairgrounds, Butler and Chance avenues.

The one-day, interactive educational adventure is sponsored by the Fresno County Farm Bureau, Fresno County Office of Education and Big Fresno Fair. The agricultural, food and nutrition-related field day for third-graders has a line-up of more than 14 presenters, 5 demonstrations, 28 booths, 4 equipment exhibitors. The focus is on how food is produced, the diversity of Fresno County agriculture and nutritional information.

Presenters, Demonstrations & Booths

Presenters

- U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Nutrition Team – Creating Healthy Families
- U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Renegades 4H, Entomology
- Shannon Mueller, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Bees and Pollination
- Denise Junqueiro, California Tree Fruit Agreement
- TP Thomsen, Thomsen Bees – Bees
- Norman J. Smith, Ph.D., Fresno County Entomologist – Entomology
- Bella Frutta
- Janette Yribarren, "Cotton's Journey" Sponsored by California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association
- Michelle Roman, Fresno County Office of Education – Wellness and Nutrition Program

- California State University, Fresno – College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology – Central Valley Ag Literacy Program
- Rick Foell, The Plant Doctor
- Wendy Yribarren & Susie Hergenroeder, Harvest Acres Pumpkin Patch

Demonstrations

- Barbara Williams and Joan Cudd -- Sheep Dogs Herding
- Donny Rollin, Rollin Valley Farms -- Dairy Milking
- Dairy Council of California -- Animal Care & Dairy Milking

Booths

- Gary Clay and John Hansen, Gary Clay Horseshoeing
- Toni Lindeleaf, Wawona Frozen Foods
- Ed Campos, Fresno County Sheriff's Mounted Posse – Search & Rescue Team
- Rose Findley, Fresno County Sheriff's Department - Ag Task Force
- U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Renegades 4H, Goat Project
- Emily Cehrs, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Renegades 4H, Poultry Project
- Fresno County Public Library – Youth Services Division
- Fresno Fire Department
- Betty Hess, Fresno Spinners and Weavers
- U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Master Gardeners
- Jason Dean, Project Manager/Wildlife Biologist, Meyers Water Bank & Wildlife Project
- Scout Island Outdoor Education Center , Fresno County Office of Education
- Cargill Animal Nutrition & Cargill Beef
- Stephanie LeBarron, Handler & Bella, Department of Agriculture, Fresno County – Agricultural Detector Dog
- Dairy Council of California
- Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
- Jerry Rebensdorf, Fresno Cooperative Raisin Growers Inc.
- Aimee Meidinger, CA Apple Commission
- Dan Munk, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Water and Irrigation
- Jennifer Crook & Grant Jones-Wiebe, U.C. Davis – Veterinary Medicine Teaching & Research Center
- Fresno-Kings Counties CattleWomen
- Brandy Swisher, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
- Briel Mosekian & Hannah Van Vleet, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – American Union 4-H
- National Arid Land Plant Genetic Resource Unit, San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Sciences Center
- Melanie Curtis, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – 4-H Youth Development Program
- Thomas Nyberg, Department of Agriculture, Fresno County
- Austin Pitts & Kayla Cardoza, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Foothill 4-H
- John Armanino, Department of Agriculture, Fresno County – Division of Weights & Measures
- Vincent Marquez, USDA, Food Safety Inspection Service
- Patricia Mungur, USDA, Ag Research Service-WMU
- Laurence Alvidrez, PG&E
- Richard Molinar & Michael Yang, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – SE Asian Culture & Vegetables
- Tom Turini, U.C. Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Vegetables
- Kevin Long, CalCot, Ltd.

Equipment

- Fresno Equipment Company
- Maggini Hay Company
- Kuckenbecker Tractor Company, Fresno

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