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Stifle this question: “What’s there to do at the Fair?”

About 65,000 people visit the El Dorado County Fair each year, which means that pretty much everyone—from little children to senior citizens will go at least once. From Thursday, June 17 through Sunday, June 20, the fairgrounds in Placerville are full to the brim with fun things to see and do. So much so that it wouldn’t hurt to make some advance plans for your day. Here are few ideas, sorted by age group, for events and activities you won’t want to miss.

For Children

Kid’s Day is Thursday, June 17. From opening at Noon through 6:30pm, children ages 12 and under enter the fair for free. Some fun things for kids:

- Planet Animal World Eco Lounge featuring exotic creatures from Asia, Africa, Australia, and beyond.
- You’ll find a special “little kids” carnival area, plus the traditional games and rides that bigger kids insist upon.
- For the low-down on what’s happening at the fair this year, take a free electric train ride with Cowboy Ken sponsored by PG&E.
- In the Kid’s Corral, the Amazing Harmonatras provide children’s interactive music, Mad Science will make sure you get slimed, Home Depot is having free workshops for Kids, and several times daily kids can participate in free contests.
- In the Horticulture Building, kids can explore the fascinating world of bees and learn fun ways to reduce and reuse.
- The Nevada Gunfighters show and the Sourdough Slim Vaudeville Cowboy Show are big favorites, as are Flo the Clown and Becky with her balloon creations—both of which you can find roaming throughout the fair.
- Two new shows this year— “The Ultimate Elvis Experience” and “Magic of Polynesia – Dance, Drums, and Fire, will thrill the kids and parents too.
- And last, but definitely not least, what fair experience would be complete without a visit to the animal exhibits to see the horses, cows, pigs, and sheep—and while you’re at it, toss in the Mutton Bustin’ too!

For Teens

Friday, June 18 is Teen Day, teenagers 13-19 get into the fair for free through 4pm and can stay until midnight. Teens also get \$5 off carnival wristbands. A coupon may be picked up at the main gate with a student ID and the wristband must be purchased by 4pm. Friday at 8:30pm are the finals in the Battle of the Bands, featuring high school age and younger on the Main Stage.

For Adults

Great music, award-winning wines or a cold beer await more mature fairgoers. We have two full bars this year, the Tiki Bar and the Capital Bar. Lou Gramm, lead singer of Foreigner headlines Saturday night on the main stage.

Whether you like rock, country, blues, or jazz, you can find it on stages throughout the fair; such as Knucklehead playing Classic Rock and Blues on the Tiki Bar Stage, Whiskey Dawn playing Country music on the Wells Fargo Stage, and Alincia and the Bandavelas— a retro dance band—on the Capital Bar Stage.

In the Horticultural Building, you can check out a straw bale gardening demonstration—a perfect solution when you don't have much space, or learn how to attract beneficial insects.

Chef Gary Gilligan has a series of cooking demonstrations planned, including how to whip up Cranberry Pork Roast in 10 minutes, Western Cheese Puffs, Jerk Chicken Salad, and Shrimp Etouffee.

The Ultimate Elvis Experience” and “Magic of Polynesia – Dance, Drums, and Fire” shows are definitely not just for kids and neither is Susan Rosen “Mistress of Mesmerism” –she's a hypnotist with a PhD in fun!

To celebrate **Father's Day**, the fair is offering a special admission package with two general admission tickets, one youth and one unlimited ride wristband for \$35. These are pre-sale only must be picked up at fair office.

Seniors (60-plus) receive free entry into the fair and free carnival rides on Thursday, June 17 through 4pm. A senior's baking contest is planned for 1pm in the Home Arts Building, and Bingo will be played from 3 to 6pm in the Board Room Lawn Tent Thursday and Friday (an extra charge applies). El Dorado Rose Pageant is Thursday night on the Main Stage at 7 pm and there are a number of interesting Master Gardener demonstrations throughout the day. A Sheep to Shawl Demonstration and Competition in the Organ Room from 10am–3pm should prove to be interesting and don't miss participating in the People's Choice award for the best artwork this year in the Corker building.

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