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Contests, Contests, Contests!

Placerville, CA (April 21, 2011) -- Fairs have always included competitions and ours is no different! There's still time to show your talents by entering an exhibit into the fair. Most entry forms are due by May 13th and exhibits are due in June. Then again perhaps your talents fall in one of the following contests:

"El Dorado Idol Contest" Love singing? Then perform for the crowd! Preliminaries are Thursday, June 16th at 2pm on the Main Stage. Finals are Sunday at 8pm. Sing your way to the top and take home a beautiful trophy.

"Battle of the Bands" In high school or younger and play in a band or know someone who does? Then this competition is for you. Friday, June 17th, at noon, the Main Stage will come alive with the sounds of local bands performing for the judges.

Friday is also Teen Day where teens, 13 to 19, receive free admission with ID, between Noon and 4pm and a \$5.00 discount for a carnival wristband.

"Plein Air Painting Competition" Plein air refers to paintings that are created outdoors. The fair will be your backdrop as you put paint to canvas! Wow fairgoers with your artistic abilities, as you capture the essence of the fair in your painting! The competition is Friday, June 17th, pre-register by June 15th.

"e-Photo Contest" You don't need to pre-register for this one and anyone can enter. Come to the fair on Friday, June 17th. Check in at the Organ Room between noon and 8pm to get the details and rules, then start taking great pictures with your digital or cell phone camera of all the thrills and excitement that are a part of fair.

"Doug Veerkamp Mutton Bustin" This fun event gives your little ones the chance to be rodeo riders! Climbing on the back of sheep and hanging on for the ride of their life! Event is Saturday, 6/17 at 6:30 in the Grandstand. Pre-registration is required. \$35 entry fee includes t-shirt and one admission to fair. There are 2 divisions: Lil Busters, 4 - 5 years old and Busters, 6 - 7 years old. A 60 lb weight limit applies to both groups. The winner in each group takes home the "Buckle."

"Fair Ranch Horse Show" Saturday, June 18, at 9 am in the Equestrian Arena. Pre-register by 4 pm on June 10. Classes include: Halter, Trail, Reining, Ranch Riding, Pleasure, Cutting and Working Ranch! High Point Buckle and cash Jackpot.

"Body Art Competition" Saturday, 6/18 - Details TBD

"Clifton & Warren Hay Bucking Contest" Can you stack hay in the back of a truck faster and more accurately than anyone else? Then grab a partner and come to the fair's Equestrian Arena on Saturday, June 18 at 7:00 pm to compete. Youth, women's, co-ed and men's divisions offered. Trophies go to the winning teams in each division. Entertaining event to watch!

“Cattle Sorting & 2 on 1 Team Penning” Sunday, June 19 at 9am. Register by 6/15 to get into Fair for free! Ranch Sorting, Arena Sorting and 2 on 1 Team Penning classes offered. 50% Jackpot and buckles to 1st place teams.

“Father/Child Look-Alike Contest” Look like dear old Dad? Then bring him to the Main Stage on Father’s Day at 1pm. No pre-registration required and free to enter!

“John M. Studebaker International Wheelbarrow Races” Divisions include; Senior, Youth, Teen, High School Team Challenge, 911 Firehouse Team Challenge, Women’s and Championship. Call 530-651-1542 for details.

For more info on all contests, visit our website or call the fair office to sign up at 530-621-5860, as space is limited on some contests.

The 2011 El Dorado County Fair, themed “Rockin’ & Wranglin’”, will take place Thursday through Sunday, June 16 to 19 in Placerville. For more information, visit www.eldoradocountyfair.org or call the Fair office at 530.621.5860.

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