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El Dorado County Fair since 1859

Placerville, CA (April 21, 2011) -- Yes Virginia, there will be a fair! You heard right, the El Dorado County Fair will happen June 16 – 19, just like it has happened nearly every year since 1859. The fair has been held in Coloma, Diamond Springs, and several locations in Placerville, such as Sigwart's Opera House, Confidence House and the Stockyards. In 1939, the fair found its permanent location where it has resided since, on Placerville Drive. The El Dorado County Fair is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Fair is just around the corner, so let's take a look at what we offer that hasn't changed much since the earliest recorded fairs!

According to Drake Hokanson and Carol Krantz , the authors of "Purebred and Homegrown – America's County Fairs," they say that "in the first decade of the nineteenth century several fairs offered prizes for such things as the best bull, the best woolen cloth and the best knit stockings." The Fair still offers similar prizes to those in the community that enter their exhibits into the fair.

Entering the fair is easy! Have a hobby you enjoy? Have a passion for flowers, herbs, photography, sewing, quilting ...? Then you should enter an item into the fair. Look at all the categories you can enter by going to our website and click on [Entry Guide Here!](#) Don't have internet, stop by the fair office and we can help you.

This year, Photography and Gems and Minerals will be in the Organ Room. Photography continues to grow and the move will help ease the cramped quarters they were in. The Corker Building will house Wool and Industrial Technology. The Green Room will house youth art and the newly renovated Marshall Building will be home to Clothing and Textiles, Preserved Foods, Baked Goods, Quilts and Handicrafts. El Dorado Savings Agriculture Building will house fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Just like fairs of the past, there will be lots of animals to visit in the livestock area. The 4H, FFA, Grange and Independent kids have been working hard with their project animals. Enter an item into the fair and then come to see who gets to take home the "Blue Ribbon."

Exhibits, ribbons, animals, music, the latest products from vendors, bands, community dance troupes, and karate groups, the smell of cotton candy, Barbeque, corn dogs, tacos, a ride on the Ferris Wheel... aah!

See you at the fair!

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