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### **2014 Tulare County Fair: Fun food, exotic animals, wild rides, Buttercup the Cow and great music**

TULARE – Fairgoers of all ages will find plenty to see and do at the 2014 Tulare County Fair, Sept. 10-14, including many attractions free with gate admission.

Fairgoers will learn about Tulare County's dairy industry while watching a sculptor turn 500 pounds of butter into a full-size cow sculpture. Walk on the Wild Side will display a variety of exotic animals, kid-friendly cooking demonstrations will be offered daily at the vintage camping display, and children can experience animals of all kinds at the petting zoo.

Fair week kicks off with Metalachi, offering heavy metal and comedy on the Budweiser Stage on opening day, Wednesday, Sept. 10; followed by rhythm and blues/funk ensemble Morris Day and The Time on Thursday, Sept. 11; classic rocker Eddie Money on Friday, Sept. 12; up-and-coming country star JT Hodges on Saturday, Sept. 13; and Tower of Power on Sunday, Sept. 14. All concerts begin at 8 p.m., free with paid admission.

Throughout fair week, local entertainers will perform on community stages, including local favorites Branded Heart. Fairgoers can enjoy a hypnotist, drum performances, magic shows, puppet shows and children will be able to go on stage to perform in The Cutest Show on Earth. A tractor pull, on Thursday, Sept. 11, and a Motorcycle Thrill Show, Friday, Sept. 12, are also offered free with gate admission.

The Replacement Heifer Sale will take place on Friday, Sept. 12, and the Junior Livestock Auction will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13. FFA and 4H students from throughout Tulare County show their animals, which are auctioned to the highest bidder to help defray the costs of raising the animal, and provide seed money for the next year's animal. The auction generated gross sales of nearly \$453,000 at the 2013 Fair – up from \$404,000 in 2012.

The always-popular Destruction Derby will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. For tickets and information, visit [www.tcfair.org](http://www.tcfair.org).

The fair's carnival will be set up in three distinct areas this year: Cub Country, for very young fairgoers, Kiddie Land for older children, and the midway for teens and adults. The three areas, which will offer about 40 rides, will ensure carnival fun for people of all ages. Pre-sale wristbands are available for \$20 prior to Sept. 10, allowing unlimited one-day carnival rides. Wristbands will be available during the fair for \$30 each.

Fair food has gone extreme this year, with new booths and fun new menu items. The 2014 fair now offers handmade garlic pretzels, deep-fried cheesecake, 30 flavors of soft-serve ice cream, deep-fried mac and cheese, red velvet and banana cream funnel cakes, ribeye steak sandwiches, bacon-wrapped turkey leg, and salmon burgers, to name a few.

Exhibit halls will feature judged displays of handiwork by Tulare County residents, including photography, fine art, quilts, bonsai, ceramics and clothing. Beer and winemakers can also compete for the prized blue ribbon. The application form for all entries, including livestock entries, is available online and entries are due by Aug. 1. A processing fee of \$5 per exhibitor will be charged for online entries; the fee for hand-delivered entries is \$10. The fees help offset the cost of providing displays for the enjoyment of fairgoers. Additional information is available on the entry form at [www.tcfair.org](http://www.tcfair.org).

Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6-12. Seniors 62 and older are admitted for \$5 on Senior Day, Friday, Sept. 12. Hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Thursday and Friday, school tours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday open to the public 3 p.m. to midnight; Friday, open to the public 11 a.m. to midnight; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to midnight. Carnival hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, noon to midnight; Saturday, noon to midnight; Sunday, noon to midnight.

For information, tickets or to enter one of the judged competitions, call the Tulare County Fair office at 686-4707 or visit [www.tcfair.org](http://www.tcfair.org).

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Over 75,000 guests will enjoy the Tulare County Fair September 10-14, 2014 at the Fairgrounds. Tulare County schools will be invited to participate in the free educational school tours. Over 10,000 local residents compete for awards in the livestock and competitive exhibit programs. Kids under 5 enjoy free admission every day at the Fair. This year's theme is FARMS \* FOOD \* FAMILY \* FUN will Celebrate the Bounty of the County during the annual tradition.