



CIRCUS FUN

Sonoma County Fair

ELEVEN DAYS ONLY

2024 **AUGUST 1-11**

Be Amazed, Astonished and Entertained!

Sylvia Zerbini's Liberté
A Cavalia Experience • Performing Horses!

See Talented Humans Do Amazing Things!

Motorcycles in the Globe of Death!
Incredible Hula Hoop Spinning! • Juggling
Still Walking 20' in the Air • Fire Swallowing
Gigantic Soap Bubbles • Amazing Magic

CARNIVAL
OPEN EVERY DAY

HORSE RACING

AUGUST 2-3-4 & 9-10-11
Bonus Week: AUG 16-17-18

Flower Show
Livestock • Home Arts
Fine Art Show
Live Music Every Day
TASTY FAIR FOOD!



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PRE-FAIR CONTESTS FUN FOR ALL AGES

ENTER & GET A FREE FAIR TICKET

Kids can get 2 Free Carnival Rides!
BIG WINNERS GET FAMILY FAIR PASSES,
& SURPRISE TREATS!



Entries Must Arrive (or be postmarked) by July 2.

Coloring Contest ★ **If I Ran the Circus**
Reading & Riding ★ **Make a Circus Poster**

Coloring Contest: Show off your skills as you color a picture of this year's Fair logo. *Adults & kids.*

If I Ran the Circus: Share your ideas on what makes a great circus by drawing pictures, writing, or both. *Adults & kids.*

Reading & Riding: Kids in grades K-6 can read books and win two free carnival rides at the Fair! *Students in grades K-6 in May, 2024.*

Make a Circus Poster: Design a Poster to tell the world about all the fun circus activities at the Fair this summer. *Adults & kids.*

More Contest Info Inside This FunBook

For More Fair Information, go to www.SonomaCountyFair.com





A WRITING and DRAWING CONTEST If I Ran the Circus

Top Winners Receive Circus Treats & Fair Tickets!



What kind of circus would you have if you were in charge? Let your imagination go wild! There are all kinds of circuses all over the world; circuses with performing animals, and circuses with performing humans. Some circuses perform in the largest arenas in the world, and others travel around and set up tents for their performances. And every circus has different types of performers, from sword swallows to dancing dogs. This is your chance to imagine your idea of the perfect circus. You can get ideas online, at the library, or just from your imagination.

To enter, tell (write) or show (draw) what your circus would look like. Your entry can be a picture, a story, or a little of both. You can use markers, crayons, pencils, or paint. Everything on your entry should be your work, so NO stickers, NO clipart, and NO glitter (it makes a mess in the office!). And the most important rule – everything on your entry should be your work. So if you can't write, draw a picture! Entries will not be judged on spelling, but make sure we can read your writing and understand what you mean to say.

All entries must be on ONE side of your paper, and you can use 8 1/2 by 11" or 11"x17" paper. One entry per person See below for 'Circus Contest Entry Information.'

Circus Poster Contest



Make a poster advertising the circus fun at the Fair this summer. Find information about the circus shows and activities in the Fair Fun Book, and on the Fair website at www.SonomaCountyFair.com. Entries will be judged in separate categories, depending on whether you created your poster on the computer, or drew it by hand. Entries must be no larger than 8 1/2 by 11". See below for 'Circus Contest Entry Information.'



CIRCUS CONTESTS ENTRY INFORMATION

★ SEND IN YOUR ENTRY BY JULY 2★

Mail to Sonoma County Fair Contest, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa CA 95404.

Email to SpecialEvents@SonomaCountyFair.com. Put the name(s) of the contests on the subject line.

Deliver to 1350 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa CA 95404 Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

★ ALWAYS INCLUDE ★

Your Name, Mailing Address including street or PO Box, town and Zip code, Email Address, and Phone Number. If you mail or deliver your circus contest entries, please print your contact information on the back of each page: If you email your entry, make sure all your contact information is included.

Why do we need all that information? We may need to contact you if we have any questions about your entry. **All entries will be displayed at the Fair, but your contact information will not be on display.**



For more Fair information, scan this code to go to www.SonomaCountyFair.com.

These contests are presented by the Sonoma County Fair. They are not sponsored by any school district, including Santa Rosa City Schools.

What You Need to Know About Pre-Fair Contests

The Reading & Riding contest is just for kids, but others are for adults too. Check the rules and get started! If you need additional entry forms, make copies on white paper, or go to www.SonomaCountyFair.com. All entries must arrive or be postmarked by July 2. One free single day admission pass will be given to those who enter a contest, limited to one pass per person, regardless of the number of contests. All contestants get participant ribbons. We won't show your address, but all entries go on display at the Fair. Passes and ribbons will be mailed out after July 25.

Reading & Riding

Read Books, Win Carnival Rides

Sponsored by **BUTLER AMUSEMENTS**
For Sonoma County Kids grades K to 6



Butler Amusements offers a reward to young readers - two Free Carnival Rides for extra books read between April 15 & July 2. Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades can read picture books. 3rd-6th must read chapter books. These should be extra books, not books assigned in class. To enter, read, and fill out the entry form. Ask your parent or teacher to sign the form and return it to the fairgrounds by July 2. Only one entry per student. Tickets will be mailed in July, so enter your home address. If you have read enough books, a ribbon and two free carnival ride passes will be sent to your home the week before the Fair starts.

READING & RIDING ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Grade: _____ In May 2024

K-2nd: **3 books** 3rd & 4th: **4 books** 5th & 6th: **5 books**

List the Name of Each Book and the Author

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Student's Home Address (Street or PO Box)

Town _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (In case there's a problem) _____

Email: _____

Teacher & School (2023-2024 school year)

I hereby certify that the child named above read these books between 4/15/24 & 7/2/24

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Teacher

RETURN BY July 2

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3 Ways Kids & Adults Can Win at the Fair!

1 BEFORE THE FAIR Enter the Pre-Fair Contests in this FunBook! Entries due by July 2.

2 BE A FAIR EXHIBITOR Sign up to enter by June 30, deliver your entries July 16-17.

If you are an artist or crafter, you should be entering your work in the Fair. Exhibit buildings at the Fair are filled with paintings, photographs, needlework, sewing, hobby crafts, LEGO creations, home-baked treats, vegetables, jewelry, potted plants, cut flowers, wood-working projects, and more. It's all created by adults and kids at least 5 years old from around Sonoma County. If you make it, there is probably a category so you can enter it in the Fair. Everything is judged, and winners get beautiful ribbons. Kids can win cash prizes as well! To enter something, go online to www.SonomaCountyFair.com between May 1 and June 30 and fill out an entry form. On July 15-16, you take the things that you have made to the Fair so they can be judged and put on display. After the Fair is over, you pick up your entries (and your ribbons!). For more information, go to the Fair website, or scan this QR code with your phone. Questions, call (707) 545-4203.



Exhibitor Info

3 DURING THE FAIR Go to the Fair and sign up on the spot to enter Fairtime Contests!



You can enter contests every day at the Fair. There are all kinds of contests, including Bubblegum Bubble Blowing, Milk Mustache, Grape Spit, Jump Rope, Scarecrow Building, Whistling, Family Look-alike, and more. There's even a crawling race for babies called the Diaper Derby on August 4!



Check the schedule at www.SonomaCountyFair.com.

What will you do at the Fair?

Want to visit the animals, be in the parade, watch a show, eat some tasty Fair food, visit the Flower Show, see the exhibits, brave the carnival rides, and cheer on the horses? Go to www.SonomaCountyFair.com (or scan the QR code) to keep up on what's happening as we get closer to Opening Day of the Fair on Thursday, August 1!



Buy Tix!



FAIR FUN FOR LESS!

Don't miss out on the fun at the Sonoma County Fair

KIDS DAYS - Thursdays, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8

Kids ages 12 and under get in FREE!

(Kids ages 6 & under get in free every day.)

SENIOR DAYS - Fridays, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9

Seniors ages 60+ get in for \$5.00!

FOOD BANK DAY - Monday, Aug. 5

All ages get in for \$1.00* until 6 pm!

with a donation* to the Redwood Empire Food Bank

Bring 3 items from the Food Bank's 'most wanted list': Canned

Tuna • Canned Chicken • Peanut Butter • Pasta • Rice • Oats •

Dry Beans • Low Sugar Cereal. NO GLASS or Expired Items will be

accepted. *Food Donation is required for \$1 Admission.

BIG DISCOUNTS

Carnival, Admission Tix

WHEN YOU BUY EARLY!

Go online to learn more and pay the lowest prices

www.SonomaCountyFair.com



FREE CIRCUS FUN AT THE FAIR

The circus is coming to the Fair! No lions, tigers, or elephants, but plenty of talented humans will be performing circus stunts of all kinds. Shows will include juggling, magic, acrobatics, hula hooping, giant bubble-making, amazing feats of balance and so much more. The line-up is completed by a troupe of racing farm animals and a great circus dog!

Your trip to the Fair this summer is going to require lots of planning if you want to see all the great shows. With circus acts all around the grounds, you need to pay close attention to the schedule to see them all.

Watch Talented Humans Do Amazing Things!

Incredible Hula Hoop Spinning! ★ Unbelievable Feats of Balance

Fearless Fire Swallowing ★ Gigantic Bubbles ★ Stupendous High Wire Stunts

Juggling, Joke-Telling and Giant Unicycle Riding ★ Lots of Silly Stuff!

Stilt Walking 20' Up in the Air ★ Amazing Magical Tricks

Ultimate Stunt Riding  Motorcycles in the Globe of Death!



Entertainment



COLORING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

July 2 entry deadline



Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Address (Street or PO Box) _____

Town _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (In case of questions) _____

Email: _____

Prizes: Fair Fun Packs for the Winners;
Discount Admission Coupon for all contestants

Who Can Enter: Adults & Children. One Entry Per Person
Color using felt pens, colored pencils or crayons. No chalk, paint, glitter or pastels. Do not attach anything to the form. No feathers, stickers, sequins, etc. **Return by July 2, 2024.**

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