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**STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIR NOW ACCEPTING
RESERVATIONS FOR SCHOOL TOURS**

Turlock, CA (May 5, 2010) – Calling all teachers! Make this a fun filled summer for your students and reserve space for your classroom today to tour the 2010 Stanislaus County Fair for free.

Stanislaus County Fair class tours are available for pre-school through sixth grade. Now entering its 22nd year, school tours were created to be an exciting, educational and affordable way for students to have a guided trip around the Fair at no charge. Tours are scheduled Wednesday, July 21, Thursday, July 22, and Friday, July 23. The first tour begins at 8:30 a.m. with tours departing every 20 minutes through 12 p.m. Each tour lasts approximately two hours; with the final tour of the day concluding at 2 p.m. **Teachers may make reservations for the 2010 School Tours NOW through Wednesday, July 7, 2010.**

Tours are booked on a first come, first served basis and Fair officials recommend that teachers book their tour as early as possible. Email reservation requests should be submitted to Corrin Amaral at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau at corrina@stanfarmbureau.org. Teachers and other group leaders interested in making a school tour reservation should use “Fair Tours” as the subject headline of any email inquiries. Phone reservations can also be directed to Corrin Amaral at (209) 552-7278.

The Stanislaus County Fair school tours are coordinated and sponsored by the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau and feature four stops around the fairgrounds including the Rainforest Adventure, presented by Sky Trek Aviation, and the 4-H Farmyard Experience, sponsored by Turlock Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee. All

individuals participating in the tours must stop at all four locations. Participants who attend the school tours are not admitted free to the Fair later the same day. Unfortunately, there will not be a picnic area available for the classes.

“It is important for children of all ages to understand that the fruit, milk and other commodities grown in Stanislaus County feed a large part of the world,” said Corrin Amaral, program director for the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. “Our goal is to provide students with an education about the importance of our farmers’ place in the economy.”

Children unable to attend the school tours can participate in Kids’ Free Night at the Fair on Thursday, July 22, 2010 when children 12 and under are admitted free.

The 2010 Stanislaus County Fair opens Friday, July 16 for a 10-day run. Discounted Fair admission tickets, unlimited ride wristbands and FoodMaxx Arena motorsports tickets are now on sale. Visit the Fair’s website for detailed ticket sale information at www.stancofair.com. The 2010 Fair theme is “Flavors of the Valley.” The theme will highlight food and beverage products that are processed in the Central Valley. The 2010 Fair will also feature the highly popular Rainforest Adventure, sponsored by Sky Trek Aviation, which debuted in 2009. Also planned for 2010 are 10-nights of free celebrity concerts included with admission, a total of five stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals.

To receive future Fair concert announcements by text message, text the word “FAIR” to 47645. Fair enthusiasts can also follow how the 2010 Fair is developing at twitter.com/stancofair. In addition, become a fan of the Fair at facebook.com/stancofair. Fair news and event listings are also available at myspace.com/stancofair.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the Stanislaus County Fair log onto its website at www.stancofair.com.

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