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The California State Fair Announces New Weekday Hours for 2025

SACRAMENTO — Summer will be here before we know it. And that means time for fun at the California State Fair. We are shaking things up with new weekday hours that promise to maximize guest experience and comfort. Starting this year, the Fair will open at 4 p.m. from Monday through Thursday.

"This change reflects our commitment to continuously improving the Fair for our attendees and vendors alike," said Tom Martinez, CEO of the California Exposition & State Fair.

The new schedule will also better align with peak visitor times, ensuring the best possible experience for everyone. Weekend hours will remain unchanged, with the fairgrounds opening at 10 a.m. on Friday through Sunday. This change means a family-friendly vibe with an exciting lineup of attractions, mouthwatering food, live entertainment, and carnival fun, all designed to make your visit unforgettable.

The 2025 California State Fair will take place from July 11 – July 27, with returning favorites, new competitions, and free nightly concerts that have become hallmark attractions for the community. Stay tuned for more announcements as we continue to add attractions and prepare for another incredible year at the 2025 California State Fair.

About the California State Fair

Cal Expo is home of the California State Fair, an international award-winning fair, receiving top honors at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions out of more than 1,100 fairs worldwide. Originally established in 1854, the California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate the best the state has to offer in agriculture, technology, and the diversity of its people, traditions, and trends that shape the Golden State's future.

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