



The annual Oregon Country Fair opens this weekend, offering a wide variety of crafts, food and entertainment. Craftspeople from all over the

Northwest come to sell or trade their work. Entertainment is a large part of the festivities and this year's program includes storytelling for kids.

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A day at the fair: sunshine, food, music and crafts

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Crafts people and entertainers from all over the Pacific Northwest will convene at the traditional site near Elmira for the 10th annual Oregon Country Fair on June 29, 30 and July 1.

There will be 250 booths displaying, for sale or trade, a variety of handmade, hand-gathered, and handcrafted wares including weavings, wood-working, jewelry, pottery and leather. In addition, there will be 50 different food booths serving up delights for everybody's appetite.

For the third consecutive year, the special focus of the fair will be the Community Village, an alternative example of how life might be in the future. According to Barbra Stern, the fair's publicity director, several hundred participants representing over 75 community-based organizations will take part in making the village an exciting highlight of the fair.

Participating groups will share booths according to their common interests. Among the areas represented this year will be holistic health, human services, community economic development, environmental awareness, appropriate technology, local self-reliance, recycling and information networking.

Stern says the major focus of this year's village will be on innovative approaches to energy use as shown through demonstrations with photo-voltaic cells, a solar hot water heater, a solar cooker, a composting toilet, a solar shower, a man-uped bicycle and a Lorena cook stove.

Other highlights of the village will include new games, a hand-lettered village newsletter, educational activities for children, a 12-foot pyramid, a community square dance, a plant walk, demonstrations on spin-

ning, natural dyeing and other traditional crafts, a barrel composter, a yurt tent and many educational workshops.

Entertainers will be present at several locations throughout the fair. Stern says there will be clown, mime and vaudeville acts. Several local performing groups like Reverend Chumleigh and the Alligator Palace Review, the Flying Karamazov Brothers and the Magical Mystical Michael will all be making appearances.

There will be no lack of music at the fair. The Great Meadow Stage will host a variety of musicians playing newgrass, bluegrass, classical, Irish, jazz and folk tunes.

Special musical guests this year include Nancy King, Linda Danielson with the Old Favorite, Inner City recording artist Cam Newton and Vashimba, an eight-member band from Seattle.

Admission to the fair costs \$3.50 (children under 12 are free), but Ken Powis of the Lane Transit District says everyone who rides the bus to the fair will receive a discount ticket worth \$1.25 off one adult admission. Bus fare is 65 cents each way and the buses will deliver riders to the fair entrance.

Buses to the fair will leave station F at the Eugene Mall starting at 11:45 a.m. and will depart every 15 minutes until 5:45 p.m. Buses will leave the fair site beginning at 11:45 a.m. and will run every 15 minutes until 10 p.m.

The fair site can be reached by driving out West 11th Avenue and turning right on Territorial Road. After one mile, turn left on Highway 126 and follow one mile to the fair site. Sheriff's department officers will be on hand to direct traffic, which often becomes congested. Stern also warns fairgoers that camping is not permitted on or near the fairgrounds. For more information call 485-7480.



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