



Maintenance Mania 2011: It's Free, Fun, Educational and Right Around the Corner!

Whether you're new to the fair industry or a seasoned veteran, attending Maintenance Mania will help you build and expand your fairground maintenance skills as well as provide you with an opportunity to network with colleagues from neighboring fairs. Participation is free!

Agenda topics will range from equipment training and state certifications to general maintenance and landscaping tips and techniques. All California fair maintenance staff and fair management, along with all WFA fair and service members* are invited to attend.

Maintenance Mania is generously funded by the Division of Fairs and Expositions (F&E) and sessions are led by experts from California Fair Services Authority, California Construction Authority, F&E and the fairs themselves.

When and Where: To help you save on travel costs, Maintenance Mania is slated for two central locations: the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa, Monday - Wednesday, February 7 - 9, and again in Northern California at the El Dorado County Fair in Placerville, Monday - Wednesday, March 7- 9. Staying overnight? Host hotels and room discounts will be announced as soon as they're finalized.

Schedule of Events: Keep your eye on the Maintenance Mania website, www.maintenancemania.com. As soon as session topics are finalized you'll find them posted there. Online registration will also be available soon.

Questions? Please contact Charlie Wiglesworth at CFSA, 916/263-6183; or Kristina Woolley at the Kern County Fair, 661/833-4940.

Maintenance Mania will also have a booth at the Western Fairs Association Convention in Reno (January 2011).

* There's a \$50 materials fees for WFA service members wishing to attend Bonus Day sessions.

News from CFSA's Purchasing Department: Your November CFSA Purchasing Department Notes will include your fair's annual Right-to-Know employee poster reorder form. Keep your eye on your fair FAX machine! Call Cailee DeFoe, CFSA's buyer, if you have questions, 916/263-6191.

CFSA Safety Specialist Daniel Perez Trades Fairs for Agriculture

Tom Allen, CFSA's Safety manager, reports that Daniel Perez, a Safety Specialist with CFSA for more than two years, has accepted a new position as an environmental health and safety specialist with Simplot, an agricultural company based in Fresno.

During his time with CFSA, Daniel commuted from his home in Orland to Sacramento (200 miles round trip). His new position will require less travel and after a move, more family time. Everyone at CFSA wishes Daniel and his family the best.

Tom adds that if Daniel was your fair's safety contact, CFSA is currently redistributing his workload and you should hear from your new specialist within the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions, please call Tom Amberson, CFSA's Safety supervisor, at 916/263-6180 or Tom Allen at 916/263-6186.

Has Your Fair Posted the New Workers' Compensation Employee Poster Update?

Patti Nevin, CFSA's Workers' Compensation administrator, notes that the October 8 deadline for posting the update notice alongside your fair's *Notice to Employees - Injuries Caused by Work* poster (see September's *fyi* newsletter) has come and gone. If you haven't already posted the update, do it now, she advises. "The California Department of Workers' Compensation isn't fooling around on this issue." If you're caught in noncompliance, you could be fined \$7,000 or more.

Patti adds that the poster must be displayed in a location where employees gather. Posting it in your fair office, for example, isn't sufficient if your fair's maintenance folks never go there.

Remember too that the October 8 deadline applies to the new-hire pamphlet (that must be provided on the day of hire or at the end of the first day of employment) and the updated DWC-1 claim form.

If you have any questions about the poster update, the new pamphlet or the DWC-1 claim form, please contact Patti at 916/263-6172.

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Halloween!

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