



December 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

On behalf of your Friends of the Fair (FOTF) board members, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we enter the final month of 2021, we reflect on our accomplishments look forward to 2022.

2021 Accomplishments

Through your continued membership and other generous donations, we were able to help both the fairgrounds and the 2021 Merced County Fair be successful:

- New Roof on the Beef Wash Racks
- 2021 Merced Fair Start-up Expenses
- New Freezer in the Pavilion building

2022 New Board Members Needed

After many years of service, we have three board members who are terming out. We are looking for community-minded people who have a desire to roll up their sleeves to work, bring their good ideas and provide strong leadership to run for an open position. Special thanks to Lesanne Jacobsen, Marsha Seivert and Lloyd Pareira for their dedication, work and leadership to the FOTF over the years.

If you are interested in running for a position, then please email me at Stephen.moitozo@gmail.com with a short biography of yourself and why you would like to serve on the FOTF board by Monday, February 14, 2022. We will assemble a short bio for each candidate for the membership vote at our **Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party on Friday, February 25, 2022** (save the date).

2022 Project Plans

The next few years we plan to focus on bigger projects. We are getting bids for bathrooms, improvements to the sheep barn and would like to increase the ability to commercially cook in different fairgrounds buildings making the spaces more usable for the community.

Renewal Information

Enclosed is your 2022 FOTF membership renewal and benefit forms. We hope that you find value in your membership and in our mission of maintaining and improving the Merced County Fair and Merced County Fairgrounds as a community, cultural and educational asset. Please renew today so you don't miss out on the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party February 25, 2022.

Please contact me with any questions at (209) 617-8578 or at Stephen.moitozo@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Stephen Moitozo

Stephen Moitozo, President Friends of the Fair

PO Box 2292, Merced CA 95340 * Tax ID 26-0742048

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Please be a Friend! Sign-up today and/or Give the Gift of Membership!

2022 Friends of the Fair Membership Form

Name/s: _____

Business
(optional): _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please provide an email address to keep you informed of events

- Platinum (\$1,000) Diamond (\$500) Gold (\$250)
 Young Professional (\$100) Youth (\$20) (t-shirt size/s _____)
 Extra Donation \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

We invite you to continue to support our efforts.

For more information please visit <https://www.mercedcountyfair.com/friends-of-the-merced-county-fair> and follow us on Facebook.

The Friends of the Merced County Fair is a 501(c)3 non-profit group tax identification 26-0742048. Contributions to our group are tax deductible but are limited to the excess of any money or property contributed over the fair market value of any goods or services received. Please make checks payable to "Friends of Merced County Fair" and return to address below.

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2022 FRIENDS OF MERCED COUNTY FAIR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Besides bragging rights for being a Friend, your Friends of the Fair Membership benefits include:

Platinum Level \$1,000

- Preferred Fair Parking Pass (In order to receive the benefit of the “Preferred” parking permit, your membership must be renewed/received by February 14th before the passes go on sale to the public) - \$100.00 value
- 10 – 1 Day passes to the Fair - \$50.00 value
- 4 Membership Credentials for Lounge Access.
- 6 Guest Passes (good for any day) for Lounge
- 4 Tickets to the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party
Benefits Value: \$350+

Diamond Level \$500

- 1 Fair 5-Day Parking Pass - \$25.00 value
- 5 – 1 Day passes to the Fair - \$50.00 value
- 2 Membership Credentials for Lounge Access
- 4 Guest Passes (good for any day) for Lounge
- 2 Tickets to the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party
Benefits Value: \$175+

Gold Level \$250

- 2 – 1 Day passes to the Fair - \$20.00 value
- 1 Membership Credential for Lounge Access
- 2 Guest Passes (good for any day) for Lounge
- 1 Ticket to the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party
Benefits Value: \$70+

Young Professional (under 25 years of age) \$100

- 1 – 1 Day pass to the Fair - \$10.00 value
- 1 Membership Credential Ticket for Lounge Access
- 1 Ticket to the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party
Benefits Value: \$60+

Youth Membership for 4-H & FFA Members \$20

- Receives a Friends of the Fair Tee-shirt

The Friends of the Fair understands members may have out of town guests or several potential new members you would like to invite into the Lounge during the Fair. Please submit your special requests to stephen.moitozo@gmail.com or to 209-617-8578 to make arrangements in advance for guest entry.

Membership is for a calendar year, renewed annually. Membership must be renewed by **February 14, 2022** to receive the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party benefit. Additional passes to the Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party can be purchased from the Fair office in January.

The Friends of the Fair Schedule for 2022:

Annual Dinner/Fair Kick-Off Party

Friday, February 25, 2022 - \$50.00 each. Thank you to all who attended in prior years and supported our annual Friends of the Fair Annual Membership Dinner/Fair Pre-Party.

Annual Fair – June 8-12, 2022

- ❖ **Wednesday** – “All Members & Guests” Lounge Access, Sponsored by **Yosemite Farm Credit**, 5:30 to 8:00 PM
- ❖ **Thursday** – “All Members & Guests” Lounge Access, Sponsored by **American Ag Credit**, 5:30 to 8:00 PM
- ❖ **Friday** – “All Members & Guest” Lounge Access, Sponsored by **Mechanics Bank**, 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Each night food and beverages will be served. All beverages must be consumed in the lounge and not carried outside due to the Merced County Fair’s Alcohol Management Policies and Procedures and will be strictly enforced.

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