



Let The Good Times Roll
June 4-8, 2025

35th District Agricultural Association



Carnival Fun at the Fair!

The 2025 Merced County Fair presented by Valley Children's Healthcare is your go-to destination for family fun! The carnival—brought to you by the family-owned and operated Butler Amusements, Inc.—is packed with excitement, from heart-pounding thrill rides to classic family favorites, delicious Fair food, and games with prizes around every corner. Little ones will love Kiddie Land, a special area designed just for younger carnival-goers, while older kids and adults can head to the Main Carnival Area for even bigger rides, tons of games, the iconic Giant Ferris Wheel, and nonstop thrills.

Discounted Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands

Get your money's worth with the Unlimited Carnival Wristbands and save up to \$7 when you purchase from participating Save Mart and FoodMaxx locations NOW – June 8! Or you can purchase discounted Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands at the Fair Box Office or online at www.MercedCountyFair.com until June 3rd.

Wristbands are good any one day of the Fair. All carnival ticket booths accept Debit, Visa, Mastercard and Discover. Regular price Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands are \$37 (Wednesday – Thursday) and \$42 (Friday – Sunday).

Individual Ride Ticket Cost: \$1 each and each ride costs anywhere from 3 – 10 tickets! So, the Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristband is the best deal to enjoy all the rides you want!

Here is your scoop on the rides you will see at the 2025 Merced County Fair. This information, along with photos and height requirements, can be found at www.mercedcountyfair.com/carnival

2025 CARNIVAL RIDE LIST

SPECTACULAR RIDES

MEGA FLIP | The Mega Flip, from Holland, lifts riders high into the air, 24 at a time. As the main boom swings back and forth, the base of six groups of seats begin to spin, giving the passengers a feeling of weightlessness while they soar through the air with their feet swinging free! This ride creates a thrilling, unforgettable experience for its riders and provides a spectacular show.

INVADER | Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure on The Invader! Imported from England and standing 45 feet tall, this high-thrill ride features six spinning, four-passenger seats that deliver heart-pounding twists and turns. As it rises and spins at 24 RPM, powerful centrifugal forces create an electrifying experience that simulates an alien invasion. With flashing lights and pulsing music, The Invader is a must-ride for adrenaline junkies.

TURBO FORCE | Not for the faint-hearted. Riders are taken for a 70 mph 'spin' at the ends of a whirling arm that takes them 140 ft. in the air and sends them hurtling towards earth in an arc generating forces 3 times the pull of gravity. Features upside-down free-flipping action.

GIANT WHEEL | A towering tradition of Butler Amusements, the majestic Giant Wheel dominates the Midway day and night, offering patrons a sweeping view from a height of nearly 100 feet! Passengers are seated in



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separate gondolas and then whisked smoothly over the top and down again, reminiscent of the Ferris wheel. The Giant Wheel is a pleasant ride for the entire family!

WAVE SWINGER | The German Wave Swinger is a work of art, combining the traditional swing ride with lavish, hand painted scenery. The Wave Swinger lifts riders slowly from the platform and then proceeds to take them on a leisurely ride, tilting one way and another to add to the excitement. Its unusual size, unforgettable scenery, lights, music, and ride make the Wave Swinger a Butler Amusements classic.

WACKY SHACK FUN HOUSE | This walkthrough funhouse is filled with thrills that test the riders' dexterity. Seesaw steps, air tricks and a tumbler exit will keep patrons coming back for more.

1001 NACHTS | Our European 1001 Nachts ride is a spectacular bright ride on the midway and is a thrill to fairgoers. It is a platform ride that goes completely up and over in a circular fashion as riders leave their stomach behind. This colorful attraction is also energy efficient as it has been equipped with state-of-the art LED bulbs.

QUAZAR | The Quasar, manufactured by ARM, is a fast-paced thrill ride holds two passengers per car. Secured by a lap bar, the ride spins while the main arm raises the center of the wheel, creating a unique undulating sensation for each of the cars!

INVERSION | The ride features a tripod of passenger seats that can hold a total of 12 passengers. The main arm of the ride swings side to side like a pendulum, then swings to invert passengers completely around and upside down. The Inversion reaches a height of nearly 80 feet!

FLYING BOBS | The Flying Bobs has 18 seats each capable of carrying 2 adults. A fun and exciting ride which revolves around in a 360-degree circle and goes up and down hills.

GRAND CAROUSEL | For decades, audiences have been awed by the beautifully handcrafted majesty of the carousel. To witness The Grand Carousel is to see this piece of Americana in all its glory. This 38-foot Americana Themed Carousel features 36 jumping horses, and 2 chariots. Parents and children create memories while they enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful ride together!

ZIPPER | The Zipper has been one of the Midway's most recognizable attractions for years, providing thrills to riders from teens to adults. There's more spinning going on with the Zipper than an out-of-control top. While the 'cages' holding two passengers each rise and descend on a tower boom, each spin independently and the entire boom turns, too. Three times the action, backed by spectacular lighting bringing them back for more.

STARSHIP 3000 | The Butler Amusements Starship 3000 is a spinning ride that takes riders on a thrilling journey, using centrifugal force to lift them off the floor and give them the feeling of weightlessness.

CYCLONE | The Cyclone is a high-energy ride perfect for kids, teens, and families! Climb into one of eight colorful spinning orbs—each with room for four—and take control with a central steering wheel that lets you choose your spin speed. As the ride lifts 7½ feet and tilts 20 degrees, you'll twist, turn, and sway through a thrilling, storm-like adventure you won't forget!



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MAJOR RIDES & SHOWS

MARDI GRAS FUN HOUSE | Experience the vibrant spirit of Mardi Gras without leaving the midway! This self-contained celebration captures the color, music, and excitement of the iconic New Orleans holiday. With two stories of thrilling mirror mazes, moving escalators, and a stunning blend of music and lights, the Mardi Gras ride offers an immersive experience that's full of surprises, day or night! Get ready for a dazzling ride that brings the party to you!

STATE FAIR SLIDE | The Slide is a ride for the whole family. It towers 35 feet high and has hills to slide down. Fairgoers of any age enjoy the thrill of our slide as they sail down the undulating path. Passengers climb a stairway, higher and higher to the top of the slide and then laugh and scream with delight as they sail to the bottom.

NIGHTMARE | Passengers are invited to climb aboard coffin-like carriages which seat two passengers at a time. When the operator engages the ride, passengers creep along a winding track that takes them into the Nightmare. Complete darkness awaits riders as their carriage navigates twists and turns.

TILT-A-WHIRL | Round and round they go and where they stop, nobody knows! An old favorite that has thrilled and excited patrons for generations, the Tilt-A-Whirl is a swirling experience for teens and adults. Separate cars rotate individually as the entire ride revolves up, down and around!

FAMILY RIDES (Rides that adults and children may ride together)

CROWN MERRY GO ROUND | For decades, audiences have been awed by the beautifully handcrafted majesty of the carousel. To witness The Crown Merry Go Round is to see this piece of Americana in all its glory. This 30- foot Americana Themed Carousel features jumping horses, and 2 chariots. Parents and children create memories while they enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful ride together!

ROCK N TUG | Those who normally go with the flow are encouraged to rock the boat a little this year at the Fair. This little tugboat spins, dips, and peaks like riding an ocean swell. The Rock N Tug seats approximately 20 individuals so parents can take to the high seas with their children.

WACKY WORM COASTER | The Wacky Worm coaster is designed for the whole family. This two-level family roller coaster is a great way for the entire family to enjoy the carnival. This brightly painted worm, surrounded by flower cup lights, is a charming addition to the Midway.

PUPPY ROLL | On the Puppy Roll four cute puppy's welcome children and parents aboard for a smooth ride. Passengers can move the ride at their own pace by turning a giant steering wheel inside the puppy's belly spinning themselves round and round while the entire ride.

JUMPING JUNGLE | Enter the wild world of the Jumping Jungle Funhouse—a two-story, walk-through adventure filled with jungle scenes, funhouse tricks, and surprises at every turn! With obstacles, odd sights, and interactive fun, it's a must for families and thrill-seekers alike.

CHOPPER HOPPER | Kids of all ages can swirl and twirl through the air like a chopper flying daredevil. The Chopper Hopper is a family ride and boasts eight cartoon themed helicopters. Each helicopter holds four



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passengers and is large enough to accommodate children as well as adults. The helicopters move up and down the center pole and riders control the spinning action with a push of a button.

LOONEY TOOTER TRAIN | All Aboard!! This fun-filled rain trip for the whole family takes place in brightly colored cartoon-like cars. Passengers aboard the train at the station and with merry music, and bright scenery, the journey begins around a circular track. Fun for everyone is in store on the Looney Tooter Train.

JURASSIC FUN HOUSE | This dinosaur-themed fun house will hypnotize patrons with its beautiful color-changing LED light show and newly painted scenery. Enjoy an upper deck view of the midway on the second story once maneuvering the air tricks and the spinning steps. With so many tricks to master, including a roller floor, treadmill, ladder steps and surprising air fans, it will take days to master this funhouse!

KIDS RIDES

WET BOATS | This kid ride features individual mini boats that float in water along a circular path. A great carnival ride for first timers!

FROG HOPPER | The Frog Hopper is a first of its kind, fully interactive family ride that is sure to be a hit amongst kids of all ages. The Frog Hopper combines stadium style seating with an adorable frog theme utilizing a unique, patent pending interactive bouncing motion.

TOMMY KANGAROO | Experience the graceful, gentle ride of a baby kangaroo carried in the safety of his mother's pouch. Four Kangaroos welcome children and parents aboard for a smooth ride. Passengers sit inside each kangaroo and as the ride turns, each kangaroo slowly revolves as well.

QUAD RUNNER | The Quad Runner is great for first time riders. Souped up 4-wheelers seat two children each and travel in a circle. Equipped with honking horns, kids can add a fun touch of excitement as they cruise around. With its easy pace and playful atmosphere, the Quad Runner is the perfect introduction to carnival rides for young thrill-seekers!

JAKE'S PIRATE JET | This fleet of six pirate ships rise into the air and then gently descend while rotating from a center tower featuring Jake, the friendly swashbuckler!

MOTORCYCLE JUMP | Young kids are sure to get a thrill from these adorable mini motorcycles that travel in a circle under a shaded umbrella. Complete with small jumps and honking horns, these mini motorcycles are a great first ride for kids!