

Stanislaus County Fair Ride Descriptions 2008

(Ride availability subject to change without notice.)

SPECTACULAR RIDES

These rides are the most exhilarating and are normally geared towards teens and adults. Spectacular rides are high capacity, in that they can hold and seat numerous patrons in a very efficient manner. Plus, because they are often extremely thrilling, they are the most sought after by fair patrons.

Fireball

From the end of a giant swinging arm, it's hard to tell which way is up. The majestic **Fireball** lifts 24 riders at a time high into the air. As the main boom swings back and forth, the base of six groups of seats begins to spin! This is a thrilling, unforgettable experience for young adults and a spectacular show, day or night.

Riders must be at least 52" tall to ride

Backdraft Coaster

The giant **Backdraft Coaster** is a ride for the roller coaster enthusiast! This fire themed coaster boasts seven cars, which light up and hold up to four passengers each. Coaster cars gently climb up three levels before rushing down and around. A ride for teens and adults, the **Backdraft Coaster** sends riders on a thrilling trip over the tracks – curving, rising, and descending – a journey for the bravest!

Riders must be at least 48" tall to ride

Himalaya

You won't have to make the trek to the snowy slopes of the Swiss Alps to experience the rush of a toboggan ride. See the fair in a blur as the fabulous **Himalaya** takes you on a fast, up-down-around trip faster and faster, then backward too.

Riders must be at least 50" tall to ride

Kamikaze

Thrill-seekers have touted this ride as one of the Midway's "craziest!" On the **Kamikaze**, the ride's two gigantic arms loop counter-clockwise to each other, turning completely upside down. This ride is sure to thrill even the bravest of riders.

Riders must be at least 54" tall to ride

Giant Scooters

A new innovation on a traditional ride, our **Scooters** are state-of-the-art. Riders, seated in their "cars" begin a trip over a rectangular floor, bumping and dodging other drivers in their way! Coupled with the thrill of the ride is a light show, TV videos visible around the center of the platform, music and more special effects at night! The **Scooters** are a custom-built attraction – the first in the United States, available only through Butler Amusements.

Riders must be at least 52" tall to ride

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 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.

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride

Flying Swinger

For those who crave more than a roller coaster seat, the **Flying Swinger** offers the thrill of flight with the freedom to get one's feet out in the open air. This swing ride is vibrant yellow with beautiful hand painted murals of scenes from around the United States gracing its entire facade. Adults and teens love the gentle swooping glide as the swing lifts up, tilts and revolves, all at the same time.

Riders must be at least 44" to ride

Evolution

When it comes to super spectacular rides, the biggest and the best is the **Evolution!** A circle of seats, with riders held fast by a unique restraint system, begins to rotate. At once, the entire platform begins to rise to a height of over 150 feet. While the platform continues to rotate the ride gently descends downward, only to repeat the process. Equipped with special effects of smoke and flashing lights, the **Evolution** is as exciting to watch as it is to ride!

Riders must be at least 51" to ride

Ring of Fire

Love of the Midway is a burnin' thing, and in this case, it makes a fiery ring. On the **Ring of Fire** passengers are firmly secured in their seats within a train of cars and are taken on a journey that circumnavigates the inside of a 'ring of fire.' The train pauses only once at the top before cascading down the track backwards! The **Ring of Fire** is a spectacular ride just for teens and adults.

Riders must be at least 54" tall to ride

Crazy Train

Buckle your seatbelts; this is going to be one crazy train ride! Passengers board the **Crazy Train**, two to a seat, and after the doors close, the train begins to move down the track. But this is no ordinary train ride as suddenly, the entire track starts to revolve! The train continues on, upside down and then just as it recovers, the track continues revolving. As exciting to watch as it is to ride, the **Crazy Train** guarantees excitement.

Riders must be at least 54" to ride

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 spins independently while the entire boom turns. With three times the action, backed by spectacular lighting, the **Zipper** will be bringing them back for more.

Riders must be at least 50" tall to ride

The Starship 2000

The lights and excitement of the Midway literally become a blur as **The Starship 2000** sweeps you off of your feet. Spinning at 24 RPM, **The Starship 2000** uses centrifugal force to float the

passengers off the floor, giving them the feeling of weightlessness. All aboard this 45-person capacity Starship for one wild ride.

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride

MAJOR RIDES

Major rides are geared towards pre-teens, teens, and adults. These are often classic carnival rides that everyone has come to know and love. These rides will quench your taste for excitement without leaving you reeling.

The Viper (New to Butler Amusements and the Stanislaus County Fair!)

The brand new **Viper** ride is the most recent spectacular ride that Butler Amusements will be bringing to the Midway this year. A colossal ride with a brilliant green snake theme will take riders on a whirlwind journey. The large arm across the entire top of the ride tilts and spins. At each end of the giant arm are two clusters holding two part seating which spin independently as well. The open air design allows riders to experience spectacular twirling views. The **Viper** seats 24 passengers and uses state of the art shoulder bars.

Riders must be at least 48" tall to ride

Club Idol

From the wacky auditions, to the thrilling finale, **Club Idol** takes you on a musical journey of epic proportions. A three-story, walk-through attraction, **Club Idol** is a thrilling trip through a maze of unusual sights and sounds! Inside and out, **Club Idol** is an eye-catching show, complete with music, lights and picturesque scenery! Day or night, **Club Idol** is a favorite of funhouse enthusiasts.

Riders must be at least 48" tall to ride

Scrambler

Zig and zag your way to an amazing time on the **Scrambler**. Families delight as they spin in two directions at the same time. The **Scrambler** has 12 seats, each seat capable of holding 3 people. The main frame spins as each arm of seats spins independently, creating a feeling of funky flight. The **Scrambler** also features Deluxe Lighting and programmed incandescent "Ultra Lights."

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride alone

Eagle 16

A staple of the American Midway, this 16-seat Ferris wheel has eight front facing cars holding two riders in each. It offers both a gentle ride around the 360-degree vertical circle and a thrilling view, as riders are lifted high above the ground and able to see for miles.

Riders must be at least 50" tall to ride alone

Slide

The Stanislaus County Fair has been a playground for kids of all ages for nearly 100 years, and no playground would ever be complete without a **Slide**! Kids of any age enjoy the thrill of this giant 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 squeal with delight as they sail to the bottom.

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride

FAMILY RIDES

(Rides that adults and children may ride together)

Family Rides can accommodate both adults and children. Kids who do not meet the height requirements of other rides can enjoy Family Rides with a parent or someone 18 years or older. All riders must have tickets.

Wacky Worm

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.

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride alone

Morbid Manor

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 which takes them inside the **Morbid Manor**. Complete darkness awaits riders as their carriage navigates twists and turns. Only the bravest return from the **Morbid Manor!**

Must be at least 36" to ride

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!

Riders must be at least 46" tall to ride alone

The 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!

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride alone or 36" tall with an adult

Mardi Gras

Celebrate one of America's brightest and boldest holidays without having to travel far. **The Mardi Gras** is a self-contained celebration of the famed New Orleans holiday. Two stories of exciting mirror mazes, moving escalators, music and lights combine for thrills inside and out – day or night!

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride alone

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 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.

Riders must be at least 42" to ride alone

Dizzy Dragon

On the **Dizzy Dragon** four magical dragons 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

dragon's belly, spinning themselves round and round while the entire ride revolves as well. This ride is a great introduction for ride enthusiasts in training before stepping up to the Tilt-a-Whirl.
Riders must be at least 42" to ride alone

Looney Tooter Train

All aboard!! This fun-filled train trip for the whole family takes place in brightly colored cartoon-like cars which passengers board at the station. With merry music, and bright scenery, the journey begins around a circular track. Fun for everyone is in store on the **Looney Tooter Train**.
Riders must be at least 36" to ride alone

Demolition Derby

Fans can see their favorite drivers duke it out every year at the Destruction Derbies at the Stanislaus County Fair. Now kids and adults alike can share in the excitement! The thrill of an actual car race is brought to life on this ride designed for small fairgoers and their parents! The gentle turns are just right and so is the exciting scenery, depicting the fun of a real **Demolition Derby**.
Riders must be at least 48" to ride alone

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 tug boat 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.
Riders must be at least 36" tall to ride alone

Toon Town

This is your chance to see what it's like to live in the wacky world of your favorite cartoons. **Toon Town** attracts kids and adults of all ages on a walk through a funhouse with many exciting obstacles. **Toon Town** also has a video camera set up on the inside that the kids can stand in front of and they will appear on the screen on the front of the ride for all to see.
Riders must be at least 42" to ride alone

Tom 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.
Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride alone

Lolli Swing

Enjoy all of the fun of the sweet colors and savory sensation of a lollipop without the calories and sugar! This brightly colored ride has 16 swings decorated with large swirl lollipops and lights. The centerpiece is a large clown complete with a red nose and floppy shoes.
Riders must be at least 36" tall to ride alone

Jumping Jumbos

Adding yet another humorous touch to the Midway are our **Jumping Jumbos**. This herd of eight comedic elephants rises into the air and then gently descends while rotating from a center tower.
Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride alone

1st Squadron

The **1st Squadron** is a great ride for the whole family! These jet fighters have a small steering wheel that allows the children to maneuver the ride up and down as if they are the ones flying the jet through the air.

Riders must be at least 42" to ride alone

KIDDIE RIDES

For children that stand 36" and taller. These rides are structured to deliver a tyke sized thrill at just the right pace.

Roadsters

Get your little motor runnin' on this high-octane kiddie ride. The **Roadsters** is an umbrella ride with mini classic cars to ride in, which travel in a 360 degree rotation. This ride will bring out the little grease monkey in any child!

Riders must be at least 36" tall to ride

Jeeps

Young kids are sure to get a thrill from these adorable 4x4 Jeeps which travel in a circle under a shade umbrella. Complete with small jumps and honking horns, these mini **Jeeps** are a great first ride for kids.

Riders must be at least 36" tall to ride

Kid Wheel

The **Kid Wheel** is exactly like a miniature Ferris wheel. With six cars holding two children each, the **Kid Wheel** gently travels around and down for a tyke-size view.

Riders must be at least 36" to ride