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Camp Smokey Offers Fire Safety to Children at State Fair

Sacramento - Children attending Camp Smokey at the California State Fair can learn valuable fire safety lessons from dialing 9-1-1 to practicing stop, drop and roll. Smokey Bear and his superhero firefighter friends are on hand throughout the entire fair to share their wisdom with children and adults.

Camp Smokey is made up of six stations, with separate fire agencies teaching a different safety concept at each station. Children entering Camp Smokey receive a passport and a stamp after completing a lesson at each station including, among others, Smokey's Ranger Station, Sparky's Fire Station, and a puppet show. After they have gone through all six stations, participants are rewarded with a free Smokey Bear bandana. Children also will have an opportunity to meet Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog at the top of every hour, and get an up-close look at a brand new fire engine.

"Each year over 15,000 children pass through Camp Smokey," said CDF Director Ruben Grijalva. "This event can often be the first time a child is exposed to basic fire safety. We think this is a very important safety message for children of all ages." Camp Smokey is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 6:30 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Special hours for Labor Day on Monday September 4 are from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Camp Smokey is an educational interagency fire prevention program staffed by firefighting agencies whose members include the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), USDA Forest Service (USFS), Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department, National Park Service (NPS), Elk Grove Fire Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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