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FIELD TRIP DAYS TO MIAMI YOUTH FAIR ANNOUNCED

Students To Enjoy Exclusive Access To Fair Grounds On March 18, 30-31 and April 6-7

MIAMI, Fla. – February 2016 – The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair will host its annual Field Trip Days in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools on March 18, 30-31 and April 6-7, 2016, at the fairground's home at Tamiami Park on Coral Way (SW 24th Street) and SW 107th Avenue. Field Trip Days take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. exclusively for students, teachers and chaperones. Admission gates will open to the general public at 3 p.m. after the children have returned to their schools.

In 2015, The Youth Fair hosted nearly 40,000 Miami-Dade County students for an exclusive morning of fun at the fairgrounds - roughly 8,000 students daily. Of those 40,000 students, close to 7,000 participated in the annual Exceptional Students Field Trip Day, a day devoted to those with special needs. The Youth Fair annually dedicates the fairgrounds to students by age group in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Teachers and students alike will experience a showcase of youth achievement when they visit The Youth Fair. Organized school field trips began with the purpose of providing an opportunity to the students of Miami-Dade County to come and experience The Youth Fair. Many students would not have the opportunity to visit The Youth Fair if it were not for the free admission during Field Trip Days.

Youth Fair Field Trip Dates:

March 18, 2016	Elementary Grades 3-5, all Regions
March 30, 2016	Middle School Grades 6-8, Central Region,
March 31, 2016	Middle School Grades 6-8, North and South Regions
April 6, 2016	Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grades 1-2, ALL Regions
April 7, 2016	Exceptional Students (those with special needs), ALL Regions

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Students from pre-school to middle school and exceptional classmates of all ages will receive free admission to explore the fairgrounds, view tens of thousands of student exhibits, learn about agriculture, enjoy the thrill of midway rides and sample fair food. Special interactive exhibits include:

- **Digi-Con Technology** exhibit with 20 hands-on computers, robots, car simulation stations and more
- **"Cowtown,"** where a farmer shows how milk comes from cows and goats. Students will learn how ice cream and butter are made. There will be broom making and hand-made leather crafts' demonstrations.

The 2016 Youth Fair & Exposition will take place at Tamiami Park on SW 107 Avenue & Coral Way, its home since 1972, from **March 17 thru April 10, 2016, except March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5.** The 2016 Youth Fair & Exposition will provide many all-new surprises as well as amusement rides, one-of-a kind delicious food, live outdoor entertainment, concerts and agricultural and academic exhibits to guests for 21 days in 2016. Discount ride tickets are available for all school field trips. For information call 786-315-5112 or contact dnelson@fairexpo.com

About the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair) is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized as the 2015 Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association, was named as the 2015 Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2015 Diamond Award for Outstanding Hospitality Entity by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit <u>fairexpo.com</u> or call <u>305-223-7060</u>.

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