

Orange Jacket Update

International Agri-Center® & World Ag Expo® Volunteer Newsletter

September 2020

World Ag Expo® 2021 Cancelled



For over 52 years our Orange Jacket Volunteers have worked hard to produce a first class agricultural trade show. Because of that rich tradition, it pains us to inform you that due to the health and safety restrictions and requirements placed on events due to COVID-19, we are being forced to cancel the 2021 World Ag Expo®.

We are so very disappointed to have to make this decision. The International Agri-Center® Board of Directors and staff have been struggling with this issue for the past several months, and have been in constant communication with Tulare County Health Department. Unfortunately, we cannot move forward and provide exhibitors and attendees the kind of show we are famous for delivering.

We look forward to the 2022 World Ag Expo®, and expect it to be bigger and better than ever. In the meantime, we will keep you up-to-date on International Agri-Center® and World Ag Expo® projects as they develop.

Thank you,

Wally Roeben
Show Operations Manager
International Agri-Center® & World Ag Expo®

AgVentures!®

The AgVentures!® Golf Tournament is only weeks away! If you would like to help us continue our mission of ag education by donating a raffle prize, here are some items we would love to receive!

- Goodie Basket
- Wine Basket
- Baked Goods (Cookies, Brownies, etc.)
- Specific Item (Tools, BBQ Set, etc.)
- Monetary Donation, will allow us to purchase an item on their behalf.

All funds from the golf tournament will go towards AgVentures!® Learning Center. This year due to Covid-19 we have been closed since March, we hope to be open for school tours this spring.



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International Agri-Center® News

Harvest Festival Event Cancelled

For years, the annual Harvest Festival Event has been a crowd favorite. Unfortunately, due to the health and safety restrictions and requirements placed on events due to COVID-19, we are canceling the Harvest Festival Event.

We've loved putting on this event and appreciate all the hard work and support from our volunteers!



International Agri-Center® is now a Covid-19 Testing Site

Public Health officials are pleased to announce the opening of a new OptumServe testing site located at the International Agri-Center® in Tulare. Officials strongly urge anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or who has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus, to make an appointment to get tested.

“In an effort to increase testing surveillance in our local communities as COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Tulare County, we encourage people who meet the criteria to get tested for COVID-19,” shared Dr. Karen Haught, Tulare County Health Officer.

The new testing site opened September 2, and testing will be by appointment only.

This OptumServe testing site in Tulare will operate Wednesday – Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., allowing for testing appointments to be made on weekends and during evening hours.

Appointments can be made by phone at 1-888-634-1123 and online at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. Public health officials encourage those going to get tested for COVID-19 to wear a face mask or facial covering for protection.

Site location and hours:

International Agri-Center® Social Hall located at 4500 S. Laspina St. in Tulare.

Open Wednesday – Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Save the Date: AgVentures!® Golf Tournament October 16

Like to Golf? Want to support the AgVentures!® Learning Center & Ag Education Programs? Join us on Friday, October 16, for a day of golfing and fun at the Tulare Golf Course!

Not a Golfer? We have plenty of other ways you can support us! We also have sponsorship opportunities and are looking for raffle donations. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament kicks off with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Patty Stewart
Victoria Whitendale
Taylor Cabello
Dwain Ragsdale
Jeff Stevens
Mark Boyes
Cheri Mayhew
Donna Rodrigues
Mary Lou Simas
Gerri Souza - Van Leeuwen
Susan Batten
Don Robinson
Karen Russell
John Wilson Jr.
Dave Ribeiro
Sarjit Malli
Michael Stover
Pat Stover
Michelle Watte
Madison Bosma
Sherisse Hughes
JoAnn Pereira
Jason Carroll
Brian Haney
Dee Martin
Noelia Silva-del-rio
David Khal
Joe Souza
Bob Stevenson
Donglan Tian
Marlena Barry

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Faye Knapp
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Kim Moon
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Glen Lewis
Melvin Monteiro
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Rick Wehmueller
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Mark Smith
James Babb
Margee Fallert
Olivia Souza
Theresa Boyett
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Ernie Carabajal Jr
Michael Harms
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Gwen Morefield
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Kim Fletcher
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