

Co-op fair days provide free fun



Fair goers will again be treated to free bucket truck rides, free T shirts, fresh-baked cookies and other fun when Montana's cooperatives strut their stuff at the Montana State Fair in Great Falls and MontanaFair in Billings. Co-op Day at the State Fair will be August 5 and Co-op Discovery Day in MontanaFair will be August 18.

Between the two fairs, over 50 co-ops of all types, from credit unions and agricultural cooperatives to electric co-ops will again participate in what is becoming a special tradition at the two fairs. There is no charge for anything at the numerous booths and activities.

The special days at the fairs are conducted under the auspices of the Montana Council for Cooperatives. The events are a fun way to educate the public about the cooperative way of doing business and a celebration of the cooperative spirit. There are more than 300 cooperatives in Montana employing over

7,400 people.

Cooperatives participating in the fair days include the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association, Sun River Electric Cooperative, Glacier Electric Cooperative, Hill County Electric Cooperative, Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, Beartooth Electric Cooperative, Southeast Electric Cooperative, Fergus Electric Cooperative, Tongue River Electric Cooperative, Triangle Telephone Cooperative and Project Telephone Inc.