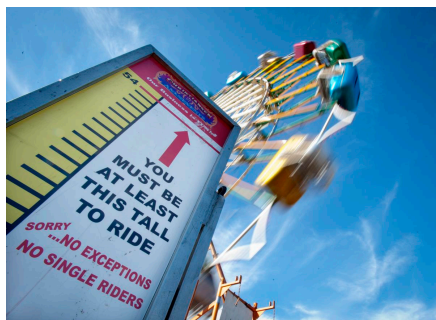


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Carnival Colossal returns to San Clemente, begins with special-needs fair

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San Clemente's annual four-day carnival will open Thursday, Oct. 6 at Vista Hermosa Sports Park with a Special Needs & Family Resource Fair.

From 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 6, Carnival Colossal, produced by the Friends of San Clemente, will partner with the Courtney's SandCastle Foundation to offer children with special needs a milder carnival environment with rides' lights and sounds turned down.

The three-hour event also will include a resource fair. Participants will include the CHOC Children's Breathmobile, Make-A-Wish Foundation, LIFE Family Foundation, AERO Mobility, Orange County Myotonic

Dystrophy, Help Me Grow, Little Fishies, Cal Optima, Family Support Network, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Healthy Smiles, Maxim Swim School and Music Heals the Soul.

Fair booth information is free; ticket prices will apply for the rides.

Also available to the children – for free, as always – will be Courtney's SandCastle universal-access playground and sensory garden, located in the park near the carnival grounds.

The carnival will open to the general public at 5 p.m. and close at 10 p.m.

The carnival will continue from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 7; noon to midnight Saturday, Oct. 8; and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 while adding a lineup of food trucks and live entertainment to the carnival rides and attractions on those three days.

The live entertainment will run from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday; 2 to 9:45 p.m. Saturday; and 2 to 8:45 p.m. Sunday.

Advance discount ride tickets will be available through Wednesday, Oct. 5 – eight rides for \$10 – at San Clemente City Hall, the Community Center, San Clemente Aquatics Center, the Boys & Girls Club, San Clemente Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of San Clemente office.

Vista Hermosa Sports Park is at 987 Avenida Vista Hermosa. Details: Friends of San Clemente.org.

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