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Dive into the Evergreen State Fair, pan for gold

Fun is what it's all about at the 2008 Evergreen State Fair, and this year's new events and activities will ensure just that.

Be adventurous, be amazed, be a diver! Explore the underwater world and learn a bit about deep-sea diving at the **"Be A Diver Pool."** This traveling diving tank will be available at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds from Friday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 1.

The "Be A Diver Pool" is a yearlong promotion currently traversing the United States, teaching participants the joy of underwater swimming and safety. The portable pool measures 42-by-21 feet and is filled with 25,000 gallons of water for experimentation with the newest diving equipment. A registration pavilion will take signups, and the portable setup includes dressing rooms, towels and instruction.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. the first three days, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Labor Day. Diving is free, and the activity will be closely monitored so as to provide the experience to anyone interested.

Not an underwater fan? Then try your hand panning for gold. The **North American Miners** will educate the public on panning, dredging, cleaning and metal detecting. For \$6, fairgoers can pan for gold with lots of instruction and help. Successful panners keep what they find. This activity will be available throughout the fair and will be located in Frontier Land.

If you'd rather have someone do the hard work for you, purchase a raffle ticket for the chance to win a real nugget of gold.

Speaking of winning, as guests purchase their tickets at our main gates, they will receive a **FairRewards** card for use at touch-screen kiosks found throughout the fairgrounds. When participants insert their cards, they can answer a short survey, opt-in for various offers and receive discounts, coupons and lots of free stuff.

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As a thank-you for participating, sponsors are offering gifts including garden gloves from State Roofing, a free Little Nickel classified ad, temporary tattoos at the Trading Post and on Tuesday, Aug. 26, the first 1,000 participants ages 18 and older will get a Washington State Lottery Scratch ticket.

If that's not enough, one person will be selected from FairRewards users to win a Golden Ticket, giving them admission to the Evergreen State Fair for life.

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