

3-day outdoor expo at El Dorado County Fairgrounds

Lovers of the great outdoors in El Dorado County can gather at the fairgrounds in Placerville for the second annual Gateway to the Sierra Sportsman's Outdoor Expo Sept. 30-Oct.2.

The expo celebrates the rich and plentiful opportunities for outdoor recreation in El Dorado County and beyond, from fishing and hunting to boating, archery, biking, barbecuing and more.

Highlights of the three-day expo include seminars and hands-on demonstrations in such topics as fly fishing, bear hunting and river guide services, as well as special hands-on demonstrations for children including free catch and release trout fishing sponsored by Wilderness Unlimited Foundation. Also featured are vendors in outdoor sports offering the latest know-how and equipment, clothing and accessories.

Barbecue fans are invited to watch how the pros do it in the KCBS sanctioned Smokin' for Gold BBQ Cook Off on Oct. 1. This competition features teams competing for prize money and the Grand Champion trophy. Then, on Sunday everyone is invited to try their hand at the grill in the "just for fun" Open BBQ Cook Off. Following each event, Expo attendees are welcome to sample the cooks' creations during People's Choice tasting events, five tastes for \$10.

Go online for a full list of expo activities, vendor information and daily schedules.