

Free smog checks this weekend

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STOCKTON — Long lines are expected for a “Tune In and Tune Up” event Saturday at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds.

The event, which offers free unofficial smog checks to older vehicles and vouchers for up to \$500 in smog repairs to make the cars meet stringent pollution standards, is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon, but lines form early.

The event, sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Valley Clean Air Now, will provide San Joaquin County drivers who have owned their cars for at least six months a free vehicle emissions test.

Those that don't pass will receive the vouchers for emissions-related problems and must redeem them at participating STAR-certified smog check stations.

Although scheduled to last four hours, the program might close early if the maximum capacity of vehicles is reached before then, so people are encouraged to arrive early.

Cars are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. And Valley CAN is offering free food and drinks at 8 a.m. as long as supplies last.

The tests are not a substitute for a formal smog check, and no smog certificates will be handed out.

For more information, email info@valleycan.org or call (800) 806-2004.