Taste & See...at Fair Park's Texas Discovery Gardens

The centerpiece attraction at the 2003 State Fair is the Taste & See Pavilion. Held on seven acres at Fair Park's Texas Discovery Gardens, the exhibition features demonstrations and discussions by celebrity chefs and expert cooks--as well as wine and food tasting and landscape and gardening advice.

The main hall's Celebrity Kitchen showcases top chefs from Dallas and Fort Worth--including Kent Rathbun of Abacus and Jasper's, David McMillan of Nana, and Joanne Bondy of Ciudad. On Sundays, the pavilion hosts KRLD radio's "The Restaurant Show with Jim White."

Other activities include food-related contests, a troupe of theatrical facepainters, butterfly exhibits, master pumpkin carvers, and Chinese acrobats.

A garden railroad boasts a large-gauge miniature train running 1,500 feet through replica Texas scenery, past scale models of landmarks such as Johnson Space Center and the Alamo.

The Taste & See Pavilion is open daily except Thursdays during the fair.

All activities are free with State Fair admission.

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