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California Lottery Players Can Experience Lottery Live at This Weekend's Autumn Moon Festival

SACRAMENTO – The California Lottery is proud to present a fan-favorite experience at this weekend's 2023 Autumn Moon Festival in San Francisco's Chinatown.

While enjoying the live cultural entertainment, lion dancing, and street performances at the festival, people can also join in on lottery fun by visiting the *CA Lottery Live!* booth. Players can try their luck with various lottery draw games and the newest Scratchers®. There's also an opportunity for players to spin the California Lottery wheel for a chance to win promotional prizes.

Every ticket sold at the event helps to maximize funding being raised for California public schools, which is the Lottery's sole mission. The *CA Lottery Live!* booth aims to bring awareness to that cause and encourage people to have fun.



This photo features the CA Lottery Live! booth at a county fair in California earlier this summer.

“We’re always looking for engaging ways for players to partner with us on our mission to support education,” said California Lottery spokeswoman Carolyn Becker. “This event is a celebration, and people can take the opportunity to benefit students and schools in their own community.”

Since its start in 1985, the California Lottery has contributed more than half a billion dollars to public schools in San Francisco County alone. To see a breakdown of all Lottery funding at the county or school district level, people can visit [the Lottery's website and access this interactive map](#).

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled more than \$2.07 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.85 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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