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### Hayes, Rucker headline at Country Summer

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Darius Rucker (photo courtesy Country Summer)

Hunter Hayes headlines on Fri. Jun. 13, at the Country Summer All-Country Musicfest held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Hayes, 22, has just released a new album entitled "Storyline." Additional acts on Friday include: Joe Nichols, David Nail, Craig Campbell and Dan + Shay.

Saturday's featured act is Darius Rucker, lead singer for Hootie and the Blowfish. Also on Saturday are: Eli Young Band, Sara Evans, Dustin Lynch, Trick Pony and Dylan Scott.

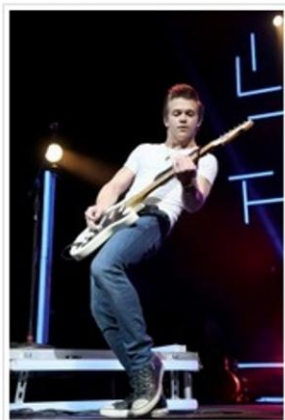
The purpose behind the Country Summer All-Country Musicfest, according to event organizers, is two-fold. In addition to providing a two-day festival experience for country music enthusiasts, the event benefits local community organizations.

Before the gates have opened, beyond the advanced ticket revenue, the event raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by auctioning off premium seating (adirondack chairs provided by Sonoma Backyard) for each of the 11 country music acts. Bidding closes today, June 10. Aside from the musical acts, Country Summer also hosts fundraisers for nonprofit organizations and a variety of Western-themed family activities on the Fairgrounds' 5-acre carnival site.

American AgCredit is giving away prizes to winning \$100 Sonoma Section Future Farmers of America Chapter or the Sonoma County 4-H Foundation donors through Jun. 14. Prizes include a guitar signed by all Country Summer bands. Donations may be made at [countrysummer.com](#) or at the American AgCredit booth at the event.

Proceeds from the mechanical bull ride benefit MOMS, Mothers of Military Servicemembers, which compiles and sends care packages to United States Armed Services members.

Gates open at 1 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$49 - \$79 and can be purchased at [countrysummer.com](#) or by calling 800-514-3849. The fairgrounds is located at 1350 Bennett Valley Road.



Hunter Hayes (photo courtesy Country Summer)