

MEET ME AT THE ROCKET

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BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR!

Attending the S.C. State Fair with your students offers a multi-faceted educational experience, encompassing agriculture, art, history and cultural appreciation. This valuable opportunity allows them to extend their learning beyond the classroom and engage with various aspects of South Carolina's rich heritage and vibrant community.



ADMISSION

Children 5 and under are free.
\$10 admission if pre-purchased between Sept. 12 – Oct. 10.

RIDES

\$30 pay one price ride vouchers if purchased between Sept. 12 – Oct. 10.

FOOD

Food vouchers sold in \$5 increments.

Purchase admission, ride or food vouchers from the S.C. State Fair office.
All payments must be received before Oct. 10, 2023.

CAN WE EAT AS A GROUP?

There are many picnic tables available throughout the fairgrounds.

PARKING

School Buses, no charge – enter Gate 6 at 901 George Rogers Blvd.
Cars, \$10, credit card only, pay at Gate 6, 901 George Rogers Blvd.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Download for educational fun!

Pro Kitchen COOKIES

6 FOR \$5

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS: CONTACT BETSY COOPER, 803-799-3387 OR BETSYC@SCSTATEFAIR.ORG

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [South Carolina State Fair Website](#)
- [Map of the Fairgrounds](#)
- [Storyboard](#)
- [Safety Guidelines \(remember, clear bag policy!\)](#)
- [Heritage Village Video](#)
- [Parking Information](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SC STATE FAIR

MEET ME AT THE ROCKET

The Rocket — located at the north entrance of the S.C. State Fairgrounds — is a Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile, designed by Dr. Wernher von Braun and built by Chrysler. Its official name is "Columbia," and it was given to the City of Columbia in the early 1960s by the U.S. Air Force. In 1969, the Rocket was erected at the S.C. State Fairgrounds at a cost of \$10,000. Through the years, the landmark has become a popular meeting place for guests, which has resulted in the popular phrase, "Meet Me at the Rocket!"

MEET ME IN THE VILLAGE (HERITAGE VILLAGE): A visit to Heritage Village offers a glimpse into the past. Explore reconstructed historical structures, observe traditional crafts and demonstrations and learn about the daily lives of early settlers. These demonstrations often offer a hands-on experience and provide insights into the craftsmanship of the time.

MEET ME AT THE RACES + MEET ME AT THE PETTING ZOO: Experience the Swifty Swine Racing Pigs and meet members of the Commerford Petting Zoo, a family-owned and operated petting zoo featuring domestic animals and hand-raised exotic animals.

MEET ME AT THE EXHIBITS (ART, CRAFTS, BAKED GOODS, FLOWERS)

The S.C. State Fair features a variety of flower exhibits that showcase the talent of local horticulturists and gardeners. Visitors can view the exhibits and learn about the different types of flowers and plants that grow in the state. In addition to potted plant and cut horticulture competitions, several flower shows are held in the Cantey building, including the Ikebana International Chapter #182, the Garden Club Council of Greater Columbia, Mid-Carolina Camellia Society and the South Carolina Rose Society.



Each year, the S.C. State Fair presents one of the finest art shows on the East Coast. Fairgoers can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the variety of art works in the Cantey building — viewing works of some of the state's best amateur, professional and student artists. Featured categories include ceramics, pottery, aqua painting, oil painting, drawing, mixed media, prints, photography, digital photography, open media and sculpture.

People travel from every county in South Carolina to showcase their talent and creativity in home arts, crafts and baked goods. Exhibits that are found in the Moore building include hobby crafts, quilting, sewing, baking, cake decorating and canning to name only a few divisions open for youth and adult exhibitors to compete for a coveted blue ribbon. Special displays, such as vintage bridal fashions or an antique kitchen, are also featured during the fair.

MEET ME AT THE CORN + MEET ME AT THE MOO (AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK)

The S.C. State Fair is rooted in agriculture. South Carolina residents will compete for bragging rights and a blue ribbon with their home-grown produce, including apples, home garden wagons, large pumpkins and watermelons, Christmas trees, a shoe garden, sugar cane, sweet potatoes and more. These exhibits, located in the Ellison building, often include educational displays, interactive exhibits, and demonstrations of farm equipment and machinery. Visit with the South Carolina Beekeepers, Clemson Extension and 4H, and stop by the produce stand to purchase South Carolina-grown produce.

One of the main attractions at the fair are the livestock exhibits, which feature a variety of farm animals, including cows, pigs, chickens, goats, horses, rabbits and sheep. Visitors can observe these animals up close and learn about their care, feeding, and management. The livestock exhibits also typically include competitions, such as livestock shows and judging contests.



MEET ME AT THE PRINCESS DIANA: ACCREDITED ACCESS EXHIBITION

Located in the Rosewoods Ballroom

The world-premiere of the new Princess Diana: Accredited Access Exhibition will take you through the longest standing official royal photographer – Anwar Hussein and his sons Zak and Samir's photography work and how they were responsible for capturing some of the most iconic and intimate moments in royal family history.

Anwar Hussein spent years snapping Rock and Roll legends before becoming a royal photographer in the 1960s. He describes his style as naturalistic, free-form and intuitive. This style led him to become one of the most in-demand photographers in the world.

This exhibit is a new lens on the life of the beloved Princess Diana and her family.



MEET ME AT THE REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN EXHIBIT

Located in the Ruff Building

Discover this traveling tribute to our military fallen from the Global War on Terror. Remembering Our Fallen, a photographic war memorial showcases 34 tribute towers, honoring not only those who made the ultimate sacrifice but also those who served in combat zones and succumbed to invisible wounds. Additionally, a tribute tower has been included to pay homage to our brave military personnel who tragically lost their lives in stateside or non-combat training accidents. Join us in honoring their service and sacrifice at the profound memorial.

DID YOU KNOW?

The S.C. State Fair is a self-supporting 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to educating South Carolina's young adults, with over \$500,000 in scholarships awarded annually. Since 1997, the S.C. State Fair has given nearly \$5 million in scholarships to students. See our website to learn more about the [Ride of Your Life Scholarship program](#).