

46 REASONS TO CELEBRATE SC



OCTOBER 9-20 — 2024 —

BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR!

Attending the S.C. State Fair with your students offers a multi-faceted educational experience that celebrates South Carolina in numerous ways. From exploring art, agriculture, and farm animals to delving into history and cultural appreciation, there is something for every student to enjoy and learn. Our theme, “46 Reasons to Celebrate South Carolina,” includes an exhibit that highlights the unique stories of all 46 counties, showcasing the state’s rich heritage. This opportunity extends beyond the classroom, engaging students with the diverse and vibrant community of the Palmetto State.

ADMISSION

Children 5 and under are free.
\$10 admission if pre-purchased between Sept. 10-Oct. 8.

RIDES

\$32 pay one price ride vouchers if purchased between Sept. 10-Oct. 8.

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. 9.

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



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 \(remember, clear bag policy!\)](#)
- [Do you know the County Song Video?](#)
- [Did you say FREE cookie?](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SC STATE FAIR

CELEBRATE AT THE ROCKET

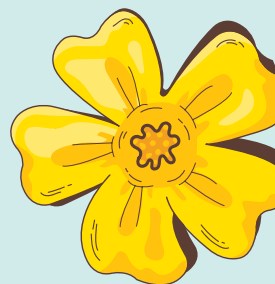
The Rocket — located at the north entrance of the S.C. State Fairgrounds — is a Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile, designed by Dr. Wernher von Braun and built by Chrysler. Its official name is “Columbia,” and it was given to the City of Columbia in the early 1960s by the U.S. Air Force. In 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!”

CELEBRATE 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.

CELEBRATE 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.

CELEBRATE 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.



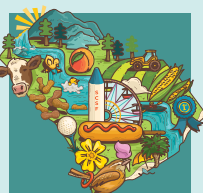
Each year, the S.C. State Fair presents one of the finest art shows on the East Coast. Fairgoers can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the variety of art works in the Cantey building — viewing works of some of the state’s best amateur, professional and student artists. Featured categories include ceramics,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

People from every county in South Carolina showcase their talent and creativity in home arts, crafts, and baked goods. In the Moore Building, you’ll find exhibits in various categories, including hobby crafts, quilting, sewing, baking, cake decorating, and canning. Both youth and adult exhibitors compete for the coveted blue ribbon. Additionally, special displays, such as vintage bridal fashions and an antique kitchen, are featured during the fair.

CELEBRATE 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 is 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.



46 REASONS TO CELEBRATE SOUTH CAROLINA

Located in the Ruff Building

Discover the heart and soul of South Carolina and embark on a captivating journey through the state’s counties, each with its own unique story to tell. Uncover the rich history, vibrant culture, and natural beauty of every corner of the Palmetto State through displays dedicated to each county. Don’t miss the opportunity to learn something new about your home county or gain a deeper appreciation for the places you’ve yet to explore. Special guests and entertainers will be scheduled to visit. Be sure to mark your county on our giant map and share your South Carolina pride!



SOUTH CAROLINA GROWN MARKETPLACE

Located in the Rosewoods Ballroom

Explore an array of handcrafted goods, farm-fresh produce, and unique treasures, all proudly created, grown, or made in South Carolina. Support local businesses while experiencing the true spirit of our state. The marketplace accepts only credit cards.



SOUTH CAROLINA ETV AND PUBLIC RADIO SHOWCASE

Located in the Ellison Building

Visit the SCETV booth for a range of exciting activities and interactive experiences! Embark on the Smart Cat State Fair Scavenger Hunt, where families and individuals can explore the fairgrounds in search of specific items and locations. Complete the hunt to claim a special Smart Cat item as a keepsake. At the “Your Stories, Your SCETV” recording booth, share your personal stories about your county and express your love for South Carolina and SCETV. Selected stories may even be featured on SCETV platforms. Don’t miss the Book Nook, where children can take home free books and enjoy interactive activities that foster a love of reading. Discover the rich cultural and historical tapestry of South Carolina through the SCETV Content Showcase, featuring clips and stories from various counties. Learn about SCETV’s wide range of programming and pick up some SCETV swag as a souvenir of your fair experience. Join us at the SCETV booth for an informative, engaging, and fun-filled experience!

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](#).