



BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR!

The South Carolina State Fair offers an educational field trip full of exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Students can explore farm animals, admire student art, and discover more about South Carolina’s people, places, and possibilities. This year’s highlights include a special exhibit on the state’s role in the Revolutionary War, the moving Anne Frank experience, and our always-popular Heritage Village. It’s a fun and meaningful way to spark curiosity while harvesting happiness together.



ADMISSION

Children 5 and under are free.
\$10 admission (Sept 9–Oct 7) via link below.

RIDES

\$32 per ride voucher (Sept 9–Oct 7) via link below.

FOOD

Food vouchers sold in \$5 increments.

PLACE YOUR ORDER

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.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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IMPORTANT LINKS:

[South Carolina State Fair Website](#)

[Map of the Fairgrounds](#)

[Storyboard](#)

[Safety Guidelines \(remember, clear bag policy!\)](#)

[Seed Activity: Grow With Us](#)

[Did you say FREE cookie?](#)

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!”

STEP BACK IN TIME AT 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.

PIG RACES & A 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.

EXPLORE STUDENT-FRIENDLY EXHIBITS

The South Carolina State Fair is a celebration of local talent, creativity, and tradition—and a fun, engaging way to connect classroom learning to real-world experiences.

- **In the Cantey Building:** Students can view award-winning student and professional art and photography, along with vibrant floral displays.
- **In the Moore Building:** Exhibits feature handmade quilts, hobby crafts, canned goods, decorated cakes, and blue-ribbon baked goods.
- **In the Ellison Building:** Students get an up-close look at South Carolina agriculture—from apples and giant pumpkins to scarecrows and Christmas trees—alongside educational booths from Clemson Extension, and the S.C. Beekeepers.
- **In and around the barns and arenas:** Livestock exhibits include cows, pigs, goats, chickens, sheep, rabbits, and more.

STEP INTO SOUTH CAROLINA’S REVOLUTIONARY PAST

Located in the Ruff Building

Take your students on a journey through South Carolina’s vital role in the American Revolution. The SC250 exhibit, presented by the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission, features immersive displays, reenactors, historic weaponry, and hands-on activities—including the chance to sign the Declaration of Independence. Students will explore the lives of Patriots, Loyalists, and figures like Francis Marion and Rebecca Motte.

ANNE FRANK: A HISTORY FOR TODAY

Located in the Cantey Building

This powerful exhibit brings to life the story of Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl who documented two years in hiding during World War II through her now world-renowned diary. The exhibit includes story panels, historical context, and knowledgeable staff available to guide discussions and answer questions. Guided tours are offered throughout the day, and younger students can create a butterfly in honor of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust.

SOUTH CAROLINA ETV AND PUBLIC RADIO SHOWCASE

Located in the Ellison Building

Visit SCETV and explore their engaging mix of history, learning, and family fun! This year, they’re highlighting South Carolina’s role in the American Revolution with content from Ken Burns’ new series The American Revolution, along with local SCETV programming that brings our state’s stories to life. Families can enjoy a visit from Smart Cat, relax in the SCETV Book Nook, and even pick out a free children’s book to take home. It’s a great place to learn, explore, and unwind during your day at the fair!

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 \$6 million in scholarships to students. See our website to learn more about the [Ride of Your Life Scholarship program](#).