



BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR!

The South Carolina State Fair turns the fairgrounds into one big classroom! Students can explore farm animals, admire student art, and discover South Carolina’s rich history and agricultural roots. This year’s “Rooted in Fun” theme brings learning to life with the SC250 Discovery Center, the Holocaust Remembered exhibition, and Heritage Village, alongside interactive experiences like feeding parakeets and learning about sea lions. It’s a fun, engaging way to spark curiosity and connect with our state’s heritage.



**FOR FIELD TRIP TICKETS AND DETAILS,
CONTACT BETSY COOPER AT 803-799-3387
OR BETSYC@SCSTATEFAIR.ORG.**

FOOD

Food Vouchers sold in \$5 increments

NEW

Don’t miss our Fair Food for \$5 menu

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.



IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [South Carolina State Fair Website](#)
- [Map of the Fairgrounds](#)
- [Storyboard](#)
- [Youth Policy](#)
- [Clear Bag Policy](#)
- [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

The SC250 Discovery Center brings South Carolina’s pivotal role in the Revolutionary War to life through immersive displays, reenactors, authentic weaponry and hands-on activities — including the chance to sign the Declaration of Independence. This family-friendly exhibit connects visitors with the stories, battles and heroes that shaped America’s independence and South Carolina’s Revolutionary legacy.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED

Located in the Cantey Building

The Holocaust Remembered exhibit shares true stories of survivors and South Carolinians who helped free people held in Nazi camps. Students can learn about courage, the dangers of hate and why this history must never be forgotten.

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 \$6.5 million in scholarships to students. See our website to learn more about the