

STATE FAIR ACADEMY

2023 Learning Centers Schedule

State Fair Academy (Academy) learning centers are special areas that provide learning opportunities for Academy participants. Some learning centers are set up exclusively during the Fair for the Academy. Others are regular Fair exhibits that are volunteering additional shows and special presentations outside of their normal performances especially for the Academy. Please be sure to thank these presenters!

★ SCHEDULING YOUR LEARNING CENTER STOPS ★

- ★ Groups will not be able to attend all the learning centers in one trip. There are a variety of opportunities at different times and locations so groups can choose from a large selection.
- ★ Each group should plan to attend a minimum of three official Academy learning centers during their field trip. If time permits, groups are welcome to attend additional venues.
- ★ Some give short, educational demos at specific show times. Others are ongoing and designed to allow groups to stop by at any time during the Academy hours.
- ★ **Be sure that choices of activities are available on the days your group has scheduled your Academy tour. It is important to note that the times for each learning center vary!**

Plan your field trip in advance!
For best results, use the Learning Centers Guide, Schedule and the Academy map!

★ YOUR FIRST STOP – ACADEMY CHECK-IN ★

Check-in Tent - Location: North Side of Bus Parking Lot (see map)

This is everyone's required first stop, you will receive the below items at check in.

- ★ Chaperone tickets – you will receive 1 for every 4 children.
- ★ Academy daily schedule of events and additional maps
- ★ Your scheduled "Ag in the classroom" time

After checking in, greeters will direct groups to the lunch storage tent to deposit coolers and boxes for storage.

Note: If you are arriving by bus, an "Ag in the Classroom" representative will do a very brief orientation **ON THE BUS** prior to unloading. Students being transported by private vehicles will check-in and then complete orientation just to the side of the check-in tent.

Lunch Storage Tent - Location: Bandshell Lawn

After a Fair volunteer leads your group through the Admission Gate, they will direct your group to the lunch storage tent that faces west and backs up to Land Rush. If you brought your lunch, you can drop your coolers, boxes, etc. on and below the tables. If your group did not bring lunch, they will still be directed here as a starting point for your tour.

★ NOW YOU ARE READY TO EXPLORE ALL THE LEARNING CENTERS ★

State Fair Academy Learning Centers Guide & Schedule

Tuesday - Friday unless otherwise noted

Items in **RED** are new for 2023

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Arts Annex

- Oklahoma Student Art Exhibition
- Photography Show

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Wichita Walk

- Spirit of Oklahoma Exhibit

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Creative Arts Building

- Daily Demonstrations and Live Contests
- On The Spot Contests
 - Rock Paper Scissors (Tues & Thurs: 10:45 a.m.)
 - Heads or Tails (Wed: 10:45 a.m.)
 - Lego Building Contest (Thurs: 12:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Tues. – Thurs.)

Creative Arts Building

- The STEAM Engine

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Wed. – Fri.)

Modern Living Building

- The Hands-On Spot

10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Modern Living Lawn

- Dairy Discovery Zone

10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- Deep Fork Chuckwagon Cookin'
- Rope Making
- Fiber to Felt to Historical Hats
- Early American Potter
- Saltfork Craftsmen Artists Blacksmiths
- The Lost Art of Wood Bowl Turning

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Oklahoma Expo Hall

- 4-H Exhibits
- FFA Exhibits

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

City of AGtropolis (Oklahoma Expo Hall)

- Barnyard Birthing Center
- Live Chicken Exhibit
- Hereford Dystocia Simulator

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Super Barn

- Gentle Giants of Express

11 a.m., 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

City of AGtropolis (Oklahoma Expo Hall)

- Southwest Dairy Milking Demonstrations

11:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- Just a Little Horse Sense

Noon – 2 p.m. (Class times are assigned)

Barn 3 Auditorium

- Ag in the Classroom Activity

Noon, 3:30 and 5 p.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- OK Kids' Corral Activities

Noon, 2:30, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Plaza Stage

- Pirate Sea Foam Zone

12:30, 3:30, and 6:30 p.m.

Centennial Plaza

- Great American Pig Races

1, 3, and 6 p.m.

Bennett Event Center

- Kids Can Cook Show

1 and 7:30 p.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- The Wild West Showcase

1:30 p.m.

City of AGtropolis (Oklahoma Expo Hall)

- Honeycomb Extracting Demonstration

1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.

Plaza Stage

- The Captain's Canines

2 – 4 p.m.

Barn 1

- Farmhand Olympics (Thurs only)

2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Centennial Plaza

- GASCAR (Great American Speedway Crazy Animal Races)

For Daily Schedule of Creative Arts Demos and Contests, Livestock and Equine Shows, click links within this Learning Centers Schedule.

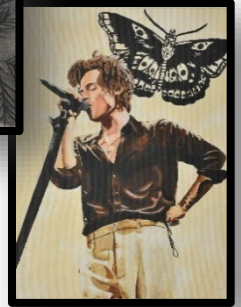
Learning Centers in Arts Annex

MAP SYMBOL: A (Indoors)

GALLERIES

Visit the Oklahoma Student Art Exhibition with 1,000 pieces of art from 83 different Oklahoma Schools. Included are nine pieces that were awarded Best of Show, Judge's Choice and Superintendent's Choice and professionally framed and matted by Framed in the Village.

Browse through photos by adults and youth in multiple divisions. Also on display are the winners of our Online Photo Contest and Digital Photo Shootout.

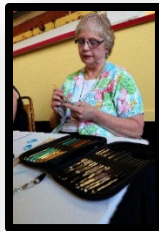


Learning Centers in the Creative Arts Building

MAP SYMBOL: B (Indoors)

LIVE CONTESTS

Enjoy live contests that take place daily. Watch speed crochet experts in "Fastest Hook in the West" or witness a fascinating competition where expert chefs judge the best dishes in Oklahoma.



DEMONSTRATIONS

Marvel at the skills of craftsmen in the areas of woodcarving, sewing, candle making, STEAM and more.



THE STEAM ENGINE

Join The STEAM Engine as they help kids get from behind the screen and learn computational thinking and problem-solving skills! Learn more about their hands-on activities, skill-building courses, experiments and how they help develop confidence and skills students need to see themselves in a STEM career!

Click [here](#) for more CREATIVE ARTS and ON THE SPOT schedules.

Learning Centers in the Oklahoma Frontier Experience

MAP SYMBOL: C (Outdoors)

The Oklahoma frontier comes alive in this fun and entertaining historical attraction. Pass through the rugged entrances and split rail fencing and take a step back in time to Oklahoma's extraordinary past featuring Wild West antics, Indian dancers, native wildlife and much more. A creative combination of entertainers, demonstrators and exhibitors promise to provide an "experience" that fairgoers will never forget.

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS

Discover Oklahoma history through displays of live Longhorn, horses and Choctaw ponies, as well as life-size teepees and a workin' chuck wagon.

THE WILD WEST SHOWCASE

The heroes and outlaws from the Oklahoma Frontier Experience shows unite for The Wild West Showcase. The Showcase celebrates the serious and the comedic West and features the old-fashioned thrills of trick roping and trick riding combined with modern stunts that will delight fairgoers of all ages.

EARLY AMERICAN POTTER

THE LOST ART OF WOOD BOWL TURNING

THE SALTFORK CRAFTSMEN ARTIST BLACKSMITH

DEEP FORK CHUCKWAGON COOKIN'

JUST A LITTLE HORSE SENSE



Learning Centers on the Modern Living Lawn

MAP SYMBOL: D (Outdoors)

DAIRY DISCOVERY ZONE

Come explore how your favorite dairy foods go from the farm to your table and learn how dairy farmers are working to protect people, animals, and the planet for generations to come.



Learning Centers in the Modern Living Building

MAP SYMBOL: E (Indoors)



ACTION ZONE

Experts suggest that we should spend at least 60 minutes being active daily. Try some of our fun activities with your students!

SKILLS TESTING

Join Oklahoma Senior Games as they test your skills in several different activities from ping pong to track & field. You never know, there might be a new Olympian among you!

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

How many times can you skip a rope? Can you Chinese Jump Rope? How's your balancing act? Answer these questions and more, in the Action Zone!



BRAIN ZONE

Do you want to tease your brain? Get ready to immerse your mind in the Brain Zone!

NEW FOR 2023! Explore the World of Esports

A new STEM activity that stimulates the brain as well as dexterity! Come explore a new interactive area to experience and learn about the world of Esports and other STEM activities.

CheckMate!

Do you have what it takes to beat your friends at chess? Test your skills with our giant chess set!



CREATIVE ZONE

Do you remember how much fun it was to create a story or make a new craft? Teach your students to use their mind creatively in the Creative Zone!

CREATION STATION

Create a mini masterpiece to take home!

NEW FOR 2023! FLOWER POWER

Find your inner florist and create your personal silk flower masterpiece to take home with you.



Learning Centers in the Oklahoma Expo Hall

MAP SYMBOL: F (City of Agtropolis, 4-H, and FFA Exhibits)

The City of AGtropolis is the home to a variety of barnyard critters including goats, chickens, pigs, rabbits and even bugs! Stroll the city streets to see chickens hatch, goats climb, beef cattle in the “secret cave,” rabbits hop, wool spun into yarn, and BUGS just being BUGS!

SOUTHWEST DAIRY

Ever wonder how your milk gets from a dairy farm to your table? Come and learn what goes into the dairy products used in your everyday life. Watch a cow get milked, ask all your burning questions about the life of a dairy farmer and learn some great facts about milk!



HONEY BEE HAVEN

Did you know that the human race needs honey bees to survive? What does a beehive look like? Come find out! And be sure not to miss the daily Honey Bee Extraction. Presented by: The Oklahoma State Beekeepers Association



HEREFORD DYSTOCIA SIMULATOR

On display this year, brought to us by the Oklahoma State University Extension Service, will be a faux-representative of the beef industry: the Hereford Dystocia Simulator - a cow that will exhibit the miracle and mechanics of a calf birth. You can compare the depicted bovine with a sign indicating where a succulent steak or most excellent hamburger would be derived from. **Where's Your Beef?**

BARNYARD BIRTHING CENTER

Mother Nature dictates all, but you may get lucky enough to actually see a chick hatching or a goat or pig being born. If not, you will surely get to see little ones born only a day or two earlier. Please feel free to ask questions. Presented by: Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA)



4-H EXHIBITS

Inspire your students to do great things by showing them what others their age have accomplished. See award-winning produce, science, agriculture and other life-skill projects.



FFA EXHIBITS

Oklahoma FFA students work hard all year to get their projects ready for the Fair in hopes of winning a blue ribbon! Come see what these talented students have created for competition!



Learning Centers at Wichita Walk

MAP SYMBOL: G (Outdoors)

SPIRIT OF OKLAHOMA EXHIBIT

This historical exhibit uses sculptures and displays to honor Oklahoma and the Oklahoma State Fair. Take a stroll and reminisce about days gone by.



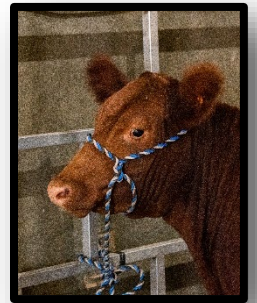
Learning Centers in & around the Barns

MAP SYMBOL: H (Barn 3)

DAIRY CATTLE SHOWS

What is the difference between a Holstein and an Angus? Stop in and watch the Dairy Cattle Showmanship where competitors compete against each other in how they show their dairy cattle.

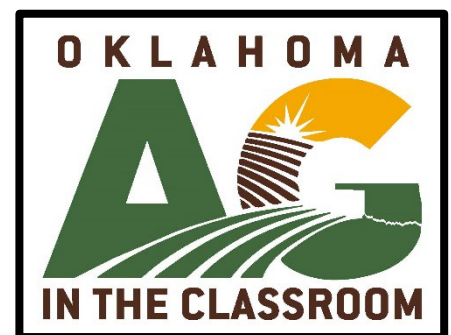
Click here for the [LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE](#).



NEW FOR 2023! AG IN THE CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Students and teachers will participate in a quick, hands-on activity to learn about an agricultural concept and make a connection to the agriculture seen at the state fair.

Teachers will schedule a class time upon arrival at the State Fair. Classes run for about 15 – 20 minutes.



MAP SYMBOL: I (Super Barn)

GOAT SHOWS

In shows, the animals are judged on traits relating to their conformation, udder (not utter) quality, build and muscling. Now that you know the criteria, stop by the shows and YOU be the judge!

Location: Super Barn

Click here for [SHEEP AND GOAT LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE](#) within livestock schedule.



GENTLE GIANTS OF EXPRESS

Don't miss these beautiful and behemoth horses presented by Express Ranches. Of a rare black and white color the Express Clydesdales average 17 – 18 hands, or six feet high at the shoulder and weigh more than 2,000 pounds each. The beautiful black to grey Percherons of Express will also be in attendance during the Fair.

MAP SYMBOL: J & K (Performance Arena & Barn 8)

HORSE SHOWS

Oklahoma is horse country! Learn about some unique ways horses are used by watching these interesting events:

- ★ Dressage
- ★ Equine Empowerment
- ★ All Breed Horse Competition

EQUINE EMPOWERMENT HORSE SHOW

For the first time, the Oklahoma State Fair is offering a horse show for equestrians with disabilities. We are proud to provide an opportunity for these horse lovers to compete and engage in an activity rarely afforded to them. Please join us in recognizing them as they perform in various classes, showing off their determination, skill, and talent!



Other Fun & Educational Entertainment

KIDS CAN COOK COOKING SHOW

Can your kid follow directions? Do they love being in the kitchen? Why not combine these two things and take a chance to learn how to cook? Ms. Melody will call up to 10 kids from ages 5 to 18 to participate in this 30-minute show and make some amazing and fun recipes!

Location: Bennett Event Center



GASCAR (Great American Speedway Crazy Animal Races)

Inter-species animal racing like you've never seen before! Goat, sheep, chickens, pigs, and other surprise animals wear racing silks as they hoof and waddle their way around and sometimes over the track.

Location: Centennial Plaza



GASCAR Great American Pig Races

Inter-species animal racing like you've never seen before! Goat, sheep, chickens, pigs, and other surprise animals wear racing silks as they hoof and waddle their way around and sometimes over the track.

Location: Oklahoma Expo Hall Lawn



NEW FOR 2023! THE CAPTAINS CANINES

Shiver My Timbers! A new pirate captain with a fleet of scallywag puppies has raided the Oklahoma State Fair and made landfall at the pirate's Plaza Stage. With three shows a day, you can catch them "in the act" but be very careful because these seadogs might bootleg your heart.

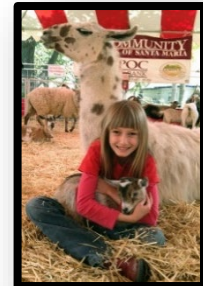
Location: Plaza Stage on The Circle



GREAT AMERICAN PETTING FARM

Be ready for a different kind of petting farm. There are absolutely no barriers once inside the enclosure. All ages will love this exhibit.

Location: Oklahoma Expo Hall Lawn



PIRATE SEA FOAM ZONE

Captain Bones and his crew of pirates sailed their ship, the Plaza Privateer, to the Oklahoma State Fair with a wake of mysterious sea foam following them into port. Sail your schooner to the Fair and see how Captain Bones turns this pirate foam phenomenon into a family fun Pirate Foam Zone.

Location: Plaza Stage on The Circle



NEW FOR 2023! KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

There is nothing more fun than seeing your kid pedal as fast as their little legs can go pulling a weight transfer sled down a 25' track. With all their might, it's kids against machine to reach the finish line first and make the finals. Ages 4-12 can participate so grab your li'l farmer and get there early to sign-up!

NEW FOR 2023! PAUL BUNYAN LUMBERJACK SHOW

Witness the skill of strength and danger of today's modern lumberjack competitions which will be performed just for you three times a day and four times on weekends. So, be sure to come and cheer on your favorite lumberjack to victor.



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