

OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

State Fair Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

Arrival/Departure

How do we get there?

- State Fair Park is located near the I-40 & I-44 junction in Oklahoma City. It is bordered on the east by May Avenue and on the north by N.W. 10th Street.
- Teachers will receive brightly colored parking passes for registered buses and vehicles to be placed in the front window(s). Parking passes must be placed in windows prior to entering Gate 5 so parking attendants can identify the registered vehicles.
- Buses and registered vehicles will enter Gate 5 from May Avenue and be directed to specific parking for unloading.

How long does the trip last?

- State Fair Academy is set up to allow groups to attend a variety of learning centers. Most groups find they need about four (4) hours to arrive, be oriented, attend three (3) learning centers, have lunch and load up to depart.
- Although Academy officially ends at 2:30 p.m. each day, groups are welcome to stay later to attend additional exhibits and attractions.

Where do unregistered vehicles park?

- Free parking is available in designated lots. Vehicles wishing to park with the buses will need to follow the attendant's instructions to the \$10 paid parking lot.

How do we get parking passes?

- A specific number of free parking passes are issued based on registration. Parking passes will be mailed to the school/group after we have confirmed the trip.

Credential/Admission

How many admissions passes do we receive?

- Students registered through schools for Academy do not need admission passes.
- Teachers/chaperones will receive one (1) admission pass for every four (4) students. Passes will be distributed at check-in and collected at the gate.

Lunch

Can we bring outside food and drink?

- Groups are allowed to bring sack lunches, and it is highly recommended to bring bottled water for the students. Any drinks or drink containers must be in your coolers or boxes when you arrive. We recommend that you bring a small hand cart to transport lunches and drinks to the lunch tent or have the chaperones carry them in. State Fair volunteers will not be responsible for transporting food and drinks.

Where do we store our lunches?

- A special Academy lunch storage tent is set up on the Bandshell Lawn. State Fair volunteers will escort groups to the tent. All coolers/boxes are to be clearly marked and placed in the pre-determined spot inside the tent.

Can we leave our coolers/boxes in the tent after we eat?

- The lunch storage tent is not monitored, but you are welcome to store your items in the tent until you leave for the day. All items not picked up will be discarded at the end of the Fair day.

Learning Centers

What are learning centers?

- On specific days during the Oklahoma State Fair, several exhibits are transformed into special learning centers. These historical, educational and fun learning centers are created specially to provide various learning opportunities for the groups, while helping schools achieve Oklahoma Academic Standards. **See Tools for Teachers for more details.**

Bus Funding

How do we qualify for bus funding?

- All schools registered for State Fair Academy are qualified. Once the Oklahoma State Fair has received your registration, we will send the bus funding application, which is due **Wednesday, September 4.**

How many buses can be funded per school?

- It varies depending on bus funding. Currently, we are able to fund up to three (3) buses per school.

How much funding is available per bus?

- It varies depending on bus size and funding. Currently, we offer \$75 - 100 per bus.

When will funds be distributed?

- You will receive your bus funding check several weeks after the close of the Oklahoma State Fair.

Cancellation

What if we have to cancel?

- If for some reason a reservation must be cancelled, please notify us at 405-948-6700.

Can I reschedule if I have to cancel?

- If the cancellation occurs before September 1, we will try to reschedule the group for another time; however, due to the popularity of the program, space is extremely limited.

What if it rains or there is a threat of severe weather?

- State Fair Academy takes place, regardless of rainy weather; however, feel free to give us a call at 405-948-6700 to double check before leaving if there is a threat of severe weather.