

Going to Oklahoma State Fair

Sensory-Friendly Time

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I am going to the Oklahoma State Fair.



The Fair is a large event that happens every year. There are a lot of things to see, do, and eat at the Fair.



There will be a lot of people at the Fair.
I will stay with my family and friends.



I may have to wait in lines at the Fair. This is okay.
I will stay with my group until it is our turn.



When I get to the Fair, I need to enter through one of the gates. A worker will check my ticket and the security guard might ask to check my bag or see what is in my pockets.



I will see lots of bright, colorful, moving things at the Fair. I will watch for carts while crossing roads and for places where I might trip. I can wear sunglasses if it is too bright out.



I will hear lots of noises at the Fair. Some noises may be loud or unexpected. I can wear headphones or earplugs while I am at the Fair to help make noises quieter.



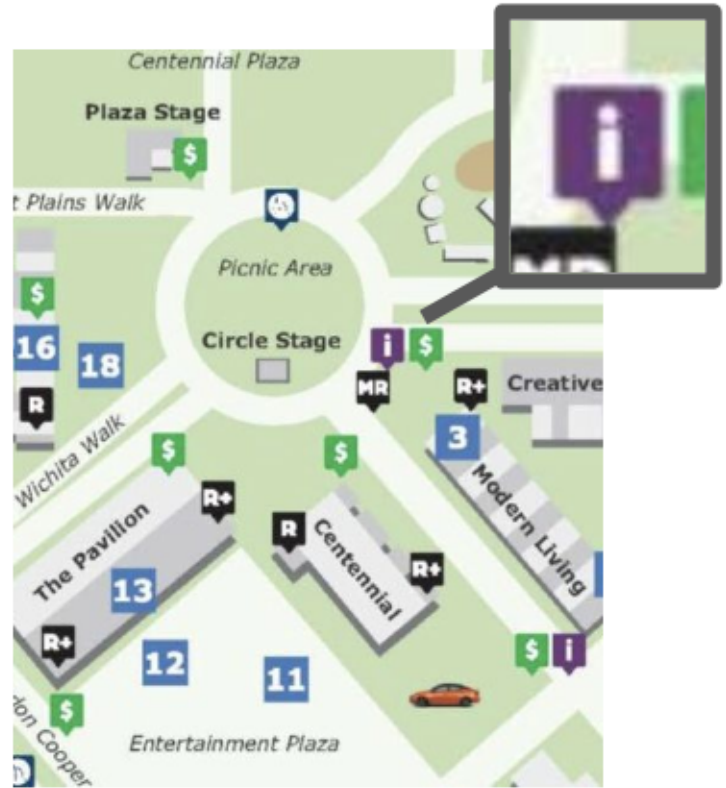
The Fair has a lot of smells. Some smells may be things I like and some may be things I don't like. If it is too smelly, I can walk with my group to a different activity.



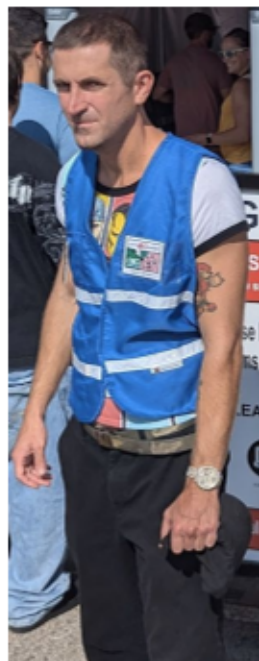
If I need to take a break, I can go to the Calming Space in the Arts Annex building. The Calming Space is a quiet area where I can recharge and relax.



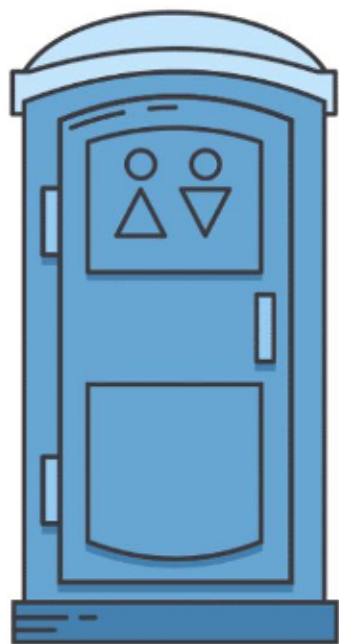
I can make a plan for my day at the Fair with my group before we arrive by looking at the options on the Oklahoma State Fair website.



If I need help finding something at the Fair I can use the map or I can ask one of the helpful workers. There are 4 InFAIRmation booths that are marked on the map with a purple square.



If I get separated from my group, I can ask any worker or volunteer for help. They will help find my group and bring us all to a safe space to meet up again.



If I need to use the restroom, there are many locations to choose from across the fairgrounds. There is a fully accessible family restroom on “The Circle.” Restrooms are marked on my map with a black square and an “R.”



There are a lot of things to do and try at the Fair. There are shows I can watch, activities I can try, art I can see, animals I can pet, rides I can ride, and foods that I can eat!



I can learn about farms and animals in Oklahoma and I can meet and pet some of the animals. After I visit the animals at the Fair, I will wash or sanitize my hands.



I can buy and try lots of different foods while I am at the Fair. I may have to wait for my turn in line at the food vendor.



There are lots of rides and games that I can try. Some rides are fast or spin around. Some rides may have loud music and flashing lights. I can wear headphones or sunglasses if it makes me more comfortable.

*See you next
time!*



When it is time to leave, I will make sure I am with my group and leave through the gate I entered. I can come back to the Fair next year to enjoy the rides, activities, and food again.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY TIME

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

The Oklahoma State Fair has tons of things to see and do each day, and all the sights and sounds might feel a bit overstimulating. So we've highlighted some areas and activities available each day that might be a good fit for our guests who may want to avoid the hustle and bustle. On the final Sunday of the Fair, we'll be turning down the lights and limiting the sounds in some additional places during this special time.



ARRIVAL

Please be aware that all guests will go through security screening. The screening is walk-thru with no "wandering." The only reason to stop will be if something flags the sensors.

Hopefully, the process will feel completely unobtrusive.

ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS

Standard family restrooms are located in the Bennett Event Center, The Pavilion, the Super Barn, Barn 3 (near Champions BBQ), Barn 4 and Barn 7.

NEW THIS YEAR is a fully accessible mobile restroom by Momentum Refresh complete with a fully adjustable changing table (sized for any guest), a ceiling hoist (bring your own sling with loops), and a trained staff to provide assistance and cleaning between uses. The Momentum Refresh vehicle will be located on The Circle near the InFAIRmation booth and open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

FOOD/DRINK POLICY

Outside food and drink for dietary or medical needs are permitted.

PROJECT REUNITE

To assist in reuniting young children or guests with special needs who may get separated, feel free to pick up a special wristband at any InFAIRmation booth. This will help authorities in the Safety Center bring families or groups back together as quickly as possible. Lost persons are directed to the Safety Center in the west end of the Oklahoma State Fair Administration Building located on General Pershing Boulevard near Gate 3.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS

The noise and lights will be down in the carnival during the official Sensory-Friendly Time, but other areas may still have music or amplification systems going. We suggest bringing your noise-cancelling headphones as a precaution for sound sensitivities, especially if you may enjoy the day longer than the designated time.

QUESTIONS

Any additional questions, please contact Gina Burchfiel, executive vice president at gburchfiel@okstatefair.com or 405-948-6700.

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R Restroom **R+** Extended Hours Restroom **MR** Momentum Refresh Accessible Restroom

DAILY ACTIVITIES

1 CALMING SPACE

Location: Arts Annex

Take a load off in the air-conditioned comfort of one of the quietest spaces at the Fair.

2 THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT ART EXHIBITION & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Location: Arts Annex

Enjoy the winning pieces of the statewide student art and photography competitions at your own pace inside this cool and quiet place.

3 CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITS

Location: Creative Arts Building

This building features beautiful and unique items entered by Oklahoma crafters and artisans. It is often very quiet, only getting a bit livelier during demonstrations and contests.

4 THE CIRCLE AND THE BANDSHELL PICNIC AREAS

Location: The Circle & The Bandshell Lawns

Trees and grass with some additional seating give both spaces the feel of being off the beaten path. Entertainment is located nearby, but there is enough space to find a shady spot to watch from a distance while you rest your feet and enjoy a bite to eat.

5 4-H AND FFA EXHIBITS

Location: The Oklahoma Expo Hall

Oklahoma 4-H and FFA students work hard all year to get their projects ready for the Fair in hopes of winning a blue ribbon.

6 AGTROPOLIS/BARNYARD BIRTHING CENTER

Location: Oklahoma Expo Hall

AGTropolis presents Oklahoma's rich agricultural industry in a kid-friendly environment allowing you a first-hand look at the farm-to-market process. These exhibits are often quieter in the mornings.

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- 7 FARMER FOR A DAY 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 8 MAKE IT AND TAKE IT 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 9 PRETTY BIRD PARADISE. 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 10 OKLA. FRONTIER EXPERIENCE . . 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 11 CARNIVAL 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 12 CRAZY ANIMAL RACES. NOON
- 13 STARGAZING IN THE PLANETARIUM 10:30 A.M., NOON AND 2 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

7 FARMER FOR A DAY

Location: Oklahoma Expo Hall

Farmer for a Day lets a child participate in the farm-to-market experience of agriculture as they pick fruit and vegetables and sell them at market. During Sensory-Friendly Time, exhibit monitors will be happy to reduce the number of guests admitted to the activity at the same time and/or permit an adult to accompany the child. Just let our attendants know that you would like to experience the exhibit in this way.

8 MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

Location: Kitchen Stage Area in the Creative Arts Building

Fun coloring pages will be available. Create some crayon magic and take it with you.

9 PRETTY BIRD PARADISE

Location: Kids Korner in the Bennett Event Center

Step in for FREE and enjoy the company of beautiful parakeets. While the birds may be a bit "chirpy," exhibit attendants are happy to accommodate a few minutes of time helping to experience the birds with fewer human guests in the space, if you just ask.

10 OK KIDS CORRAL AND WILD WEST DEMONSTRATIONS

Location: Oklahoma Frontier Experience

During Sensory-Friendly Time, the Wild West will be a little less rowdy. See how things will be off during Sensory-Friendly Time. Games and voice amplification systems necessary for loading and unloading, safety or instructions will be at a lower volume.

11 CARNIVAL

The lights and music of the carnival rides will be off during Sensory-Friendly Time. Games and voice amplification systems necessary for loading and unloading, safety or instructions will be at a lower volume.

12 GREAT AMERICAN SPEEDWAY CRAZY ANIMAL RACES

Location: Centennial Plaza

You're invited to come cheer for your favorite racing animal. Amplification systems will be lower in volume.

13 STARGAZING IN THE PLANETARIUM

Location: Arts Annex

This show, in a cool and darker place of the Fair, will bring down the volume and slow down the space travel as the show moves from planet to planet during these three show times.