



ABOUT STATE FAIR ACADEMY

Each year, the Oklahoma State Fair sets aside four days for students in grades 1–5 to enjoy a fun, educational field trip that supports Oklahoma Academic Standards. Special learning centers and lesson plans are provided to enhance the experience. Students explore various exhibits listed below.

- Hands-on lesson taught by Ag in the Classroom
- Birthing Center with live juvenile animals
- Oklahoma Frontier Experience with historical exhibits and demonstrations
- City of AGtropolis with live animals, exhibits and demonstrations
- Horse, cattle and goat shows
- Bison Experience
- Historical and educational Oklahoma and Fair Exhibits
- Oklahoma Student Art Exhibition
- Planetarium Show

Dates: Tuesday, September 16 thru Friday, September 19

Times: Academy runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Arrival times vary between 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Academy officially ends at 2:30 p.m., but please stay longer to attend other Fair activities.

OSF reserves the right to cancel Academy sessions when necessary due to low enrollment.

Your State Fair Academy registration includes:

Outside Gate Admission for:

- Academy Students
- One (1) qualified adult chaperone for every four (4) students
- School bus driver

Parking Passes for:

- Buses and three (3) vehicles per bus OR One (1) Vehicle per four (4) Academy students

Non-registered State Fair Academy attendees:

- **Early Adult Gate Admission: \$12 - <https://okstatefair.com> - must be purchased by September 10**
- Children (ages 6 – 12): Gate Admission: \$7.50 - <https://okstatefair.com> - must be purchased by September 10
- Day of Adult Gate Admission: \$16
- Day of Children (ages 6 – 12): Gate Admission: \$10
- **Tickets at the gate on Tuesday are \$4 and Thursday are \$8.**
- Children (ages 5 & under): Gate Admission: FREE
- Daily parking: \$15 in all paved lots (Free parking is still available – see Fair map)

Registration:

Secure your spot by submitting the Registration Application on our website. Space is limited and reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR HOMESCHOOL GROUPS – Homeschools are allowed to register for a time slot between 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Once scheduled, groups will receive a Confirmation Form and Bus Funding Application. A W9 must be submitted to receive bus funding.

Deadline for submitting the paperwork is **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

If you need to cancel your trip, please let us know at 405-948-6729 or programsandevents@okstatefair.com.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Tickets:

- All eligible students registered through schools do not need admission passes.
- Adult chaperones are admitted **free** with an admission pass found in your packet located at check-in.
- Qualified adult chaperones includes teachers & parents.
- One (1) chaperone is allowed for every four (4) students.
- Good for **one-time** entry with group.
- All **additional chaperones** will be required to purchase a gate admission ticket.
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- After check-in, registered groups will be escorted into the Fair by an Academy Volunteer.
- All Academy participants **MUST** be accompanied by a State Fair Academy Volunteer Greeter and must enter the Fair together through Gate 5. (See Academy Map on last page).

Parking:

- Free parking will be provided for all buses and qualifying cars.
- For schools bringing buses/vans, three (3) vehicles are allowed per every one (1) bus.
- For home schools bringing other vehicles, one (1) vehicle is allowed per every four (4) students.
- Special parking permits will be mailed to the Group Leaders prior to their field trip.
- Please distribute the permits to your drivers **BEFORE** you leave on your trip.
- Parking permits must be clearly displayed in the windshield at the time the bus/vehicle enters Gate 5.
- Academy buses and vehicles with special parking permits **MUST** park in the specified parking area designated for State Fair Academy groups. (See Academy Map on last page).
- Your permits will not be accepted at any other gate or parking area.
- Additional vehicles (without special parking permits) have the choice of either paying \$15 to park in the lot adjacent to the school buses or park in one of the free parking areas.

Clothing:

- It is highly recommended that each group wear matching shirts or other means of identification.
- While many of the learning centers are indoors, some of the activities are outdoors. Please keep this in mind when dressing for the day.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for inclement weather.

Rain Procedures:

Academy will take place regardless of rainy weather. Many of the learning centers are indoors. Should you decide to cancel, please call is 405-948-6729 or email programsandevents@okstatefair.com.

Before You Come:

1. Review and print out the Learning Center Schedule on the website and the Academy Map. You should be able to attend multiple Learning Centers.
2. Select the lesson plan(s) you want to use and prepare the students as instructed.
3. Review your field trip plans and learning objectives with your class and chaperones.
4. Coordinate tour, lunch plans, meeting locations, safety instructions etc.

Day of Field Trip:

- Instruct students to find a police officer if they become separated from their group.
- Locate restrooms on the map and become familiar with their locations.
- Assign a chaperone to every four (4) students.
- Ensure all bus and car drivers have a parking permit, directions to OKC Fair Park, unloading and parking instructions. Permits for all vehicles must be visible through the front windshield.
- Collect all the lunches/drinks together, put them in coolers or boxes and make sure all containers have been marked with your identification.

Arrival and Check-in:

- Make sure your Academy parking permit is clearly visible.
- Follow the Academy signs and proceed to the designated check-in area.
- An Academy greeter will meet you at your bus. Please have a head count ready.
- If extra persons need gate admission, they will be directed to Gate 5 ticket booths to purchase tickets.
- Wait to unload the students and lunches until you are instructed to do so by the volunteer greeter.
- If you are arriving by bus, you or your group leader should proceed to the check-in table.
- You will receive your special admission passes for your chaperones at the check-in tent once your greeter has your final headcount.
- If your students arrive by private vehicle, you will go directly to the check-in table where a greeter will escort your group to a location for a brief orientation.
- AFTER orientation, collect your personal items, maps and any items you plan to bring with you together and have the entire group disembark and follow the greeter's instructions.
- Once the entire group is together, they will escort your group through the gate and direct you to the Bandshell Lawn and lunch storage tent.
- All qualifying adult chaperones must have their special admission pass ready to hand to the gate attendant to expedite entry through the gate.
- Special admission passes are only valid when entering with the group.
- Chaperones who arrive late will have to pay to enter.
- Special admission passes may not be used for re-entry to the Fair.

Lunch:

- You are welcome to bring lunches with you to eat at our Academy Lunch Area.
- The lunch area sits away from Fair exhibits. It is an outdoor, grassy area with picnic tables. Bring blankets to sit on if you like.
- Place your group's lunches in a labeled/marked cooler, box, or other container.
- Your chaperones must transport your lunches to the lunch storage tent.
- The lunch storage tent is **UNATTENDED**. Tables will be set up for you to place your lunches. Please be aware that others will also be using this area for their lunches as well. Put heavy coolers under the table and boxes/bags on top. Storage space will be available for your lunches until you pick them up. There is no time limit for the lunch storage tent. Remember to collect items before leaving.
- **All items left at the end of the day will be discarded.**

Drinks:

- We highly recommend you bring bottled water for the kids to drink at lunch and/or on the way back home. All beverages must be Pepsi products and water must be Aquafina.
- Any drinks or drink containers must be in coolers or boxes when you arrive.

Before You Depart:

- Gather all your students and possessions.
- Send someone to the lunch storage tent to retrieve your lunch coolers/boxes.
- Please be sure to watch for moving vehicles on the streets and in the parking lots.
- Make a note to return for the 2025 State Fair Academy!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Restrooms:

Restrooms are located in most of the buildings and barns and can be found on the Academy Map.

Water Fountains:

Water fountains are located around OKC Fair Park in the following locations: Creative Arts Building, Bennett Event Center, Oklahoma Expo Hall/AGtropolis Building, Barns 1, 2, 3, & 6 and Bandshell area. Most are located near restrooms.

Questions, Directions and Assistance:

For help at any time, look for official OSF volunteers or stop by any inFAIRmation booth.

First Aid:

The First-Aid station is in the Safety Center on the west end of the Administration Building. The Administration Building is located at: 3001 General Pershing Blvd., OKC, OK 73107.

Lost Child/Person:

To report or recover a lost child (or adult), check the Lost Person Center in the Safety Center on the west end of the Administration Building. The Administration Building is located at: 3001 General Pershing Blvd., OKC, OK 73107.

Animal Safety:

- With the exception of the Petting Farm, all animals at the OSF are here for exhibition only.
- Please make sure that students and adults in your group do not stick their hands, face or feet into the animal's stall, cage or space and EVERYONE stays a good distance away from an animal outside of the pen to avoid being kicked or walked on.

Important Notice:

- There are animal exhibits at the Fair where animal waste may be present on animals and surfaces. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose special health risks for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with compromised immune systems.
- When visiting the animal exhibits, for your and your students' health and safety, **DO NOT** touch animals or pens. **DO NOT** bring or consume food in animal areas.
- Do not bring children's toys, pacifiers, baby bottles, sippy-cups or stroller in animal areas.
- Avoid hand to mouth or other contact until hands have been washed with soap and water.

Wash your hands before and after leaving all animal exhibits.

- Hand washing facilities are available at the Petting Farm and in all restrooms.

Learning Center Signage:

- To help find your way to Learning Centers and other Academy Locations, look for the special Academy signage! There will be a "You Are Here" notation and map at each Learning Center sign to aid with your navigation.

Volunteers:

Please take the time to thank the Fair volunteers and Ag in the Classroom staff. They take time out of their busy schedules to make your State Fair Academy trip the best it can be.

STATE FAIR ACADEMY MAP
COMING SOON!