



2025 Learning Centers

State Fair Academy (Academy) learning centers are devoted 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 on one trip. There are a variety of opportunities at various times and locations so groups can choose from a wide 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!

★ YOUR FIRST STOP – ACADEMY CHECK-IN ★

Check-in Tent – Location: Gate 5 (see map).

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

Lunch Storage Tent – Location: Bandshell Lawn

A Fair volunteer will lead your group through the Admission Gate and direct you to the Lunch Tent. 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. Reminder to pickup your items before leaving. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

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

State Fair Academy Learning Centers Guide & Schedule

Tuesday – Friday unless otherwise noted

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.

Oklahoma Arts

- Daily Demonstrations and Live Contests
- On The Spot Contests
 - Heads or Tails (TW – 11 a.m.)
 - Rock, Paper, Scissors (WRF – 11 a.m.)
 - LEGO Building (R – 1 p.m.)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Modern Living Building

- The Hands-On Spot

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Oklahoma Arts

- Engage Learning Presents: STEAM
- OU Children's Hospital Safety Demonstration

10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

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

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

11 a.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- The Wild West Showcase

11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Arts Annex

- Stargazing in the Planetarium

11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Thursday & Friday)

City of AGtropolis (Oklahoma Expo Hall)

- Southwest Dairy Milking Demonstrations

11:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- Just a Little Horse Sense

Noon

Centennial Plaza

- GASCAR (Great American Speedway Crazy Animal Races)

Noon (Thursday) & 10 a.m. (Friday)

Barn 3

- Bison Experience at the State Fair

Noon

Gordon Cooper Lawn

- The Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show

Noon

Plaza Stage & The Circle

- The Moving Mermaid

1 p.m.

Plaza Stage

- The Captain's Canines

1:30 p.m. (Thursday & Friday)

Centennial Plaza

- Piccolo Zoppe Circus

2:30 p.m.

Centennial Plaza

- Great American Pig Races

11 a.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- The Wild West Showcase

2 p.m.

Oklahoma Frontier Experience

- OK Kids' Corral Activities

Learning Centers in Arts Annex

MAP SYMBOL: A (Indoors)

GALLERIES

Visit the Oklahoma Student Art Exhibition with 1,058 pieces of art from 91 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. Check out the winners of our Online Photo Contest and Digital Photo Shootout. Finally, you can vote for your favorite Digitally Enhanced Photo!



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.

Some demonstrators to highlight: **Engage Learning** is here to showcase to your students **STEAM** and everything that goes into it!

OU Children's Hospital will be onsite to showcase how to be safe in their daily lives – from biking and skating to water safety. Join us to learn how to incorporate these procedures in their daily lives!

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.

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS

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



THE WILD WEST SHOWCASE

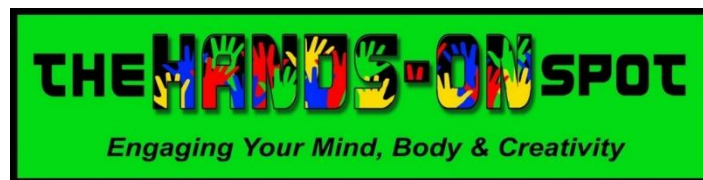
The heroes and outlaws from the Oklahoma Frontier Experience shows unite for The Wild West Showcase. The Showcase celebrates the serious and the comedic West and features the old-fashioned thrills of trick roping and trick riding combined with modern stunts that will delight fairgoers of all ages.

- DEEP FORK CHUCKWAGON COOKIN'
- EARLY AMERICAN POTTER
- FIBER TO FELT TO HISTORICAL HATS
- JUST A LITTLE HORSE SENSE
- ROPE MAKING
- THE LOST ART OF WOOD BOWL TURNING
- THE SALT FORK CRAFTSMEN ARTIST BLACKSMITH
- WICK & WHIMSY FRONTIER CANDLE MAKER



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!

A" MAZE" Your Brain

Of course you are amazing, but does your brain stay calm & focused when testing your dexterity as you conquer these challenging mazes?

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!



Learning Centers in the Oklahoma Expo Hall

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

The City of AGtropolis is home to all kinds of barnyard animals—including goats, chickens, pigs, rabbits, and even bugs! Take a stroll through the city streets to see baby chicks hatching, goats climbing, rabbits hopping, and how goat milk is turned into useful products. You'll also get to explore how honey is made and watch bugs doing what bugs do best!

Southwest Dairy

Ever wonder how your milk gets from a dairy farm to your table? 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!



Honeybee Haven

Did you know that humans need honeybees to survive? What does a beehive look like? Come find out! And be sure not to miss the daily Honeybee Extraction.

Presented by: The Oklahoma State Beekeepers Association



HEREFORD DYSTOCIA Simulator

Come see something really cool, thanks to the Oklahoma State University Extension Service! It's called the Hereford Dystocia Simulator—a pretend cow that shows how a baby calf is born. You'll get to watch how the calf comes out and learn why it can sometimes be hard. There's also a fun sign that shows where your favorite foods like steak and hamburgers come from on the cow. So... *Where's Your Beef?* Come find out!

Barnyard Birthing Center

Mother Nature dictates all, but you may get lucky enough to 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)

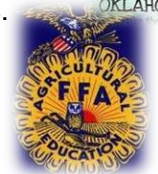
4-H Exhibits

Inspire your students to do wonderful things by showing them what others their age has 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! 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 Showman where competitors compete against each other in how they show their dairy cattle.

Ag in the Classroom Activity

Students and teachers can take part in a fun, hands-on activity that teaches an important agricultural concept. This quick lesson helps connect what they learn in the classroom to the real-life farming and agriculture they'll see around the State Fair.



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

Bison Experience at the State Fair *(September 18 & 19 Only)*

The Oklahoma State Fair is proud to host the Oklahoma Bison Association's Bison Encounter! Don't miss this rare chance to see Oklahoma's majestic state mammal up close. Whether you're curious about how bison live or just want to admire these incredible animals, this is your opportunity to learn and explore.

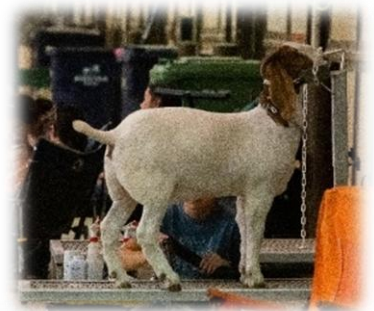
Visit the experts in Barn 3 during the last four days of the Fair during their Q&A session and learn more than you ever could have imagined or just come on by anytime to experience their splendor.

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! Dairy Goats 9/17-18, starting at 8:30 each morning.

Location: Barn 1



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.



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:

★ **Equine Empowerment - Tuesday, September 16 @ 9 a.m. in the Performance Arena**

EQUINE EMPOWERMENT HORSE SHOW

The Oklahoma State Fair again offers a horse show for equestrians with disabilities and veterans. 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

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

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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

STARGAZING IN THE PLANETARIUM

A trip to the planetarium is likely why space exploration has been the entry point for many budding scientists as they investigate the mysteries both on our own planet and beyond its atmosphere.

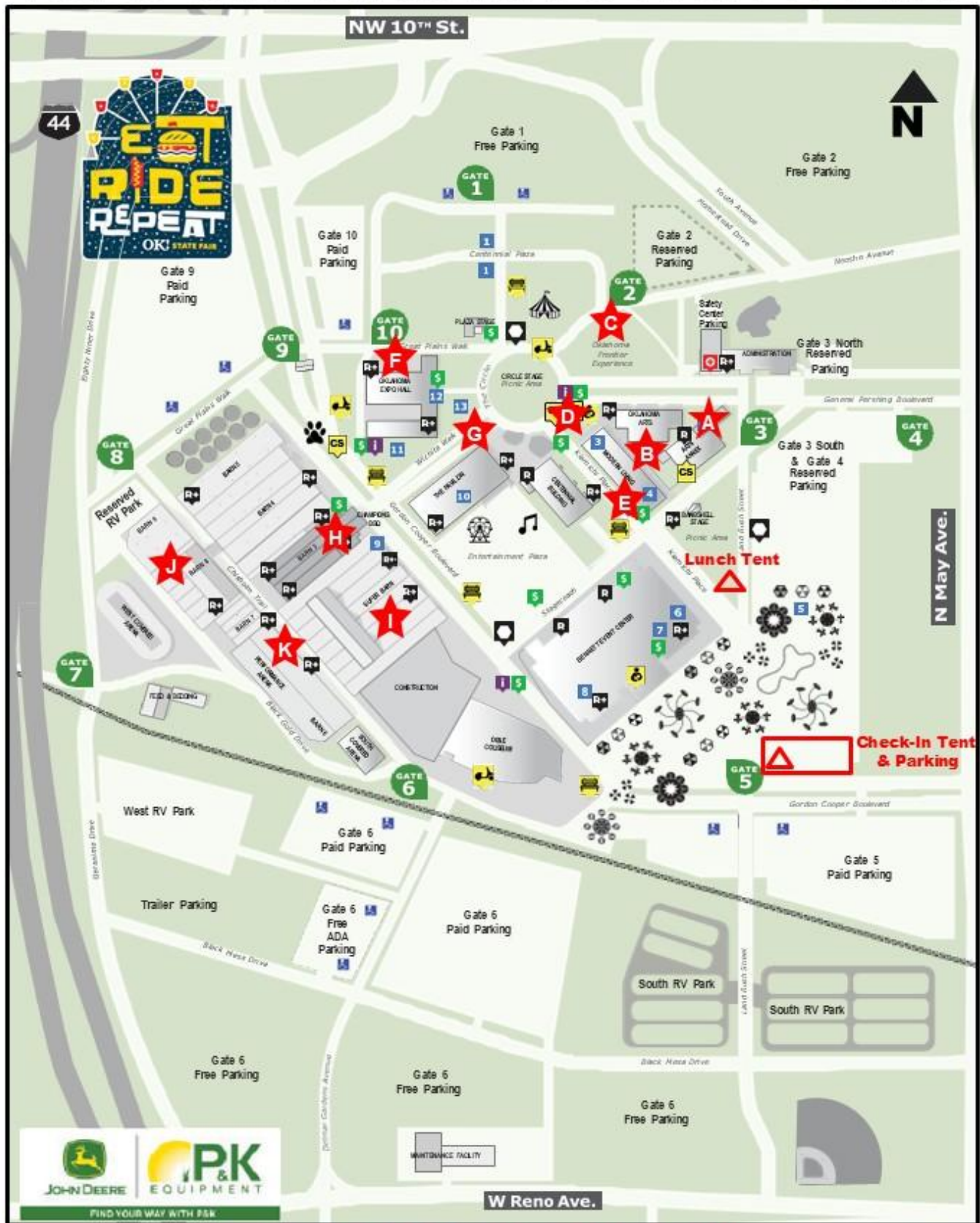
Location: Arts Annex

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



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Learning Centers Legend

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