



## 2026 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 pick up 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
- OU Children's Hospital Safety Demonstration
- On The Spot Contests
  - Defying Gravity (T – 2 p.m.)
  - Heads or Tails (TW – 11 a.m.)
  - Human Ring Toss (F – 11 a.m.)
  - Rock, Paper, Scissors (R – 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. – 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

**10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

***Performance Arena & Barn 8***

- Oklahoma Horizon Horse Show (R & F)
- Heavy Horse Show (F)

**11:30 a.m.**

***Oklahoma Frontier Experience***

- Just a Little Horse Sense

**11 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

***Arts Annex***

- Stargazing in the Planetarium

**11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**

***City of AGtropolis (Oklahoma Expo Hall)***

- Southwest Dairy Milking Demonstrations

**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 & 2:30 p.m.**

***Oklahoma Frontier Experience***

- Cowboy Jim Garling

**Noon**

***Plaza Stage & The Circle***

- The Moving Mermaid

**12:30 p.m.**

***Oklahoma Frontier Experience***

- Wild West Showcase

**1 p.m.**

***Plaza Stage***

- Yo Ho! Hypnosis Show

**1:30 p.m.**

***Centennial Plaza***

- Piccolo Zoppe Circus

**2 p.m.**

***Gordon Cooper***

- Jurassic Bark

**2:30 p.m.**

***Centennial Plaza***

- Great American Pig Races

**2 p.m.**

***Oklahoma Frontier Experience***

- Oklahoma Frontier Cloggers
- OK Kids' Corral Activities

## Learning Centers in the Arts Annex

Map Symbol: A (Indoors)

### GALLERIES

Visit the Oklahoma Student Art Exhibition with 1,019 pieces of art from 81 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 Book Face Photo!



## Learning Centers in the Oklahoma 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, gourd painting, and more.

**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!

**On The Spot Contests** are contests your students can enter to win Fair ribbons!

## 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: D (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!

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

You never know, there might be a new Olympian among your students!



## 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!

These and several other brain games await your arrival.

## 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: E

**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 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: F (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: G (Indoors)

### 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 with registration/ or upon arrival at the State Fair. Classes run for about 15 – 20 minutes.

#### Bison Experience at the State Fair (September 24 – 25 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.



## Super Barn

Map Symbol: H

### 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 9/22-23, starting at 8:30 each morning.

**Location: Barn 1**



## Performance Arena & Barn 8

Map Symbol: I

#### EQUINE EMPOWERMENT HORSE SHOW (Tuesday, September 22 only)

The Oklahoma State Fair 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 come and observe them as they perform in various classes, showing off their determination, skill, and talent.

- OKLAHOMA HORIZON HORSE SHOW – September 24 & September 25 at 10 a.m. – Barn 8
- OKLAHOMA HEAVY HORSE SHOW - September 25 at 8 a.m. – Performance Arena

## Other Fun & Education 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**



### **GASCAR Great American Pig Races**

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**Location: Centennial Plaza**



### **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**

### **JURASSIC BARK!**

Jurassic times call for Jurassic measures! Watch rescue dogs achieve prehistoric feats, with paw-some talent. Cheer for your favorite bark-iosaurus as they display their amazing skills!

**Location: Gordon Cooper**



### **MOVING MERMAID**

Make waves! The Moving Mermaid is bringing magic and wonder to the Oklahoma State Fair. Spot her floating through the sea of fairgoers on her magical Shell Throne, and don't miss your chance to chat and grab a picture with a mermaid on land!

**Location: The Circle**



### **PIRATE MAN DAN**

Yarr Maties! Get ready for thrilling escapes, unicycle stunts, knife or fire juggling, balloons and whacky antics, music and dance moves, all choreographed to a pirate nautical theme and story. Full audience participation keeps everyone engaged. Watch your loved ones be a part of the show and laugh harder than you thought possible!

**Location: Plaza Stage**



### **PICCOLO ZOPPE CIRCUS**

The enchanting Piccolo Zoppé Circus will dazzle and amaze audiences of all ages! Come see the outstanding feats of acrobats and aerialists, laugh with delight at the antics of clowns, and watch in awe as magnificent horses and dogs showcase their extraordinary skills!

**Location: Centennial Plaza**



### **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**



### **YO HO HYPNOSIS SHOW**

Arrrrre ye ready to be hypnotized? Join our pirates as they take you on a wild, pirate adventure – travelling your mind!

**Location: Plaza Stage**



# 2026 Oklahoma State Fair Map



## Learning Centers Legend

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A ...Arts Annex                   | F ...Wichita Walk       |
| B ...Oklahoma Arts Building       | G ...Barn 3             |
| C ...Oklahoma Frontier Experience | H ...Super Barn         |
| D ...Modern Living                | I ....Performance Arena |
| E ...Oklahoma Expo Hall           |                         |