

Experiential Learning at Delta Fair & Music Festival 2024

Delta Fair & Music Festival is proud to offer learning at the 2024 Educational Expo at the Agricenter International. Celebrating our 16th year of bringing families entertainment, we are excited to invite our students to come and learn at a traditional rural fair with modern touches. Ed Expo is presented by Delta Agribusiness, a 501c3 non profit organization.

Agriculture, commerce, family living, history, technology and natural resources offer an amazing experience for all ages.

Please review all directions prior to arrival at Delta Fair, and feel free to call with any questions. Our goal is to make your field trip as hassle-free and enjoyable for all.

This planning guide will help you offer structured learning experiences to elementary, middle school and high school students. **Delta Fair & Music Festival is Everyone's Fair!**

Our Mission

In today's world where our farming and traditions are rapidly vanishing, Delta Fair & Music Festival provides a family environment showcasing education, agricultural and cherished ideas for young people of all ages.

Ed Expo field trips are Fri, Sept 6, 2024.

Reserve your field trip now!

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Preserve our natural resources by printing this guide only as needed.

Standards of Learning

The Educational Expo at Delta Fair & Music Festival is designed to educate our youth in a setting unlike any other. Your field trip to Delta Fair & Music Festival provides students with an opportunity to see Standards of Learning come alive, and experience agriculture, history, technology and natural resources first hand. From the petting zoos with both farm animals and exotic animals to seeing baby chicks hatch, learning how a slice of pizza was once a living growing component on the farm, to seeing clothing being made from fabrics that came from the farm, to talking to Master Gardeners about how plants produce food, Delta Fair offers so much more than just a day at the Fair. Purchasing a corn dog enables your student to use their math skills, viewing crafts and art created by other students encourages their creativity. Contact us today about scheduling your field trip for 2024. **Jan@Deltafest.com** **Jan Hamilton 901 487-3075**

Reserve your field trip today!

Elementary School students could: *Elementary field trips Fri, Sept 6*

- Identify recycled or reused materials in Craft exhibits or displays (Art 3.3)
- Talk about the importance of hand-washing in disease prevention (Health 2.1)
- Enter a exhibit in the Youth Arts & Crafts competitions (Art 6.1)
Entry forms due by Aug 15 see 2024 schedule for date to bring exhibits
For more info: <https://www.deltafest.com/p/compete/crafts>
- Look for meaningful patterns or symbols in the Delta Fair quilt contest (Art 2.2)
- Create their own map of the fair (Geography 3.01)

Middle School students could: *Middle school field trips Fri, Sept 6*

- Critique art entered in the Student Art contest at Delta Fair (Art 3.3)
- Calculate the sales tax on a potential purchase (Math 6.2)
- Enter a exhibit in the Youth Arts & Crafts competitions (Art 6.1)
Entry forms due by Aug 15, see 2024 schedule for date to bring exhibits
For more info: <https://www.deltafest.com/p/compete/crafts>
- Write a creative short story based on their day at the Fair (English 6., 7., 8.)
- Listen to a concert and discuss characteristics of sound (Music 6.3)

High School students could: *High school & homeschool field trips Fri, Sept 6*

- Enter a exhibit in the Youth Arts & Crafts competitions (Art 6.1)
Entry forms due by Aug 15, see 2024 schedule for date to bring exhibits
For more info: <https://www.deltafest.com/p/compete/crafts>
- View and understand different cattle breeds at the Children's Barnyard (Agricultural Science 2.0)
- Measure and see principles of physics at work on midway rides (Physics SPI)

BACK in 2024! FFA Students compete in Veterinary Science, Agriculture Sales, & FFA Knowledge & History.

FFA day at Delta Fair is **Friday, Sept 6, 2024.** Go to Career Development Contest for details.

Delta Fair & Music Festival Emergency Action Plan

Delta Fair operates under the Emergency Action Plan, which was developed with the Shelby County Sherriff's Dept, Fire & Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and the Agricenter International. Our goal is to provide a safe and secure environment for all Fair goers, workers and organizers.

In case of an emergency that may require evacuation from the Fair facilities, all students will return directly to their schools. Delta Fair will immediately notify school officials of the students' return and expected time of arrival.

Delta Fair Student Competitions

Student Art Competition:

Public, private and home school associations are invited to participate in Delta Fair's Student Art Competition. Teachers from each school or association may enter their student's art at our competition to win ribbons, prize money including a \$250 cash award from Memphis Germantown Art League and cash prizes of \$225 from Artists' Link.

Guidelines for the competition are listed on line at www.Deltafest.com, click on Competitive, and then click on STUDENT ART GUIDELINES.

Entry forms are due on Saturday, August 24, when the art is brought to the Agricenter, WING A, west pavilion, by the teacher.

DECA Club, FCCLA Clubs, FFA Clubs, 4-H Clubs & SkillsUSA Clubs:

DECA, FCCLA, FFA, 4-H, & SkillsUSA clubs are encouraged to enter the Delta Fair Poster Contest - see info on page 8 for guidelines and entry information. **Bring your club to Delta Fair, Sept 6th** to see if your club won!

Back for 2024! FFA Students compete in Veterinary Science, Agriculture Sales & FFA Knowledge & History.

FFA day at Delta Fair is **Friday, Sept 6, 2024**. Go to Competitive for Career Development Contest info.

Student Crafts, Culinary & Gardening Competitions:

Students age 5 to 18 are invited to participate in the Delta Fair Youth Competitions.

Get involved –encourage your students to be part of the Fair! Youth crafts and culinary competitions are a great way to showcase the talents of your students. For competition guide lines and entry forms, visit www.Deltafest.com and click on Competitive.

Individual student deadlines for **crafts, culinary & gardening** are **August 15**. Print your entry forms on line, and fax or mail to Delta Fair & Music Festival

Important Field Trip Information

Admission

- Teachers must register their classes **prior to arrival** at Delta Fair. Email Jan@Deltafest.com your name, school, grade, estimated # of students & chaperones along with the date you plan to attend. You will be sent a *Confirmation Letter* to bring to Delta Fair.
- Ed Expo special ticket price **\$5 admission per student**
- One Chaperone for every eight students is admitted free of charge. Additional Chaperones must purchase a \$5 admission ticket.
- Rides are not included in price of admission.
- Bus drivers are admitted free of charge.

Arrival-Please read carefully!

- All buses and vans with schoolchildren must enter at Germantown Pkwy and proceed to the bus parking area-see map.
- Private vehicles/cars must enter at Germantown Pkwy and will be directed to any general parking lot. Parking is free with *Confirmation Letter*.
- Gates open at: **9 am on Friday, Sept 6 for all school & homeschool field trips.**

When you arrive at Delta Fair:

- The Lead Teacher with *Confirmation Letter* and all payment should disembark the bus prior to parking and proceed to **Ed Expo Check In**. See map.

Delta Fair staff will review the *Confirmation Form*, adjust student numbers if necessary and direct the Lead Teacher to Ed Expo Tickets.

- Lead Teacher will purchase all tickets for extra chaperones and ride wristbands.
- At Ed Expo Tickets, the Lead Teacher will give the approved *Confirmation Form* and purchase all tickets for the group. Teacher will then meet class at the holding area and proceed to the **Entrance 3**.
- While the Lead Teacher is checking in, the other teachers and chaperones should bring the class to the holding area. See map for locations.

Rides

- Ed Expo **special unlimited ride wristband offer**: \$15 for unlimited ride wristband (Lead teacher must purchase at the Ed Expo Gate and pay for all those in the class who are buying wristbands.) This offer is NOT available to individual students or once inside Delta Fair.
- Standard unlimited ride wristbands are \$25 each inside the Fair at Ticket booths, these may be bought by individual students.
- Wristbands are good on day of purchase only and are for one person only.

Payment Options

- Teachers will have the option to present one payment at the Ed Expo Check In for admission and rides and receive both at the gate. (This eliminates the need to visit Ride Ticket Booths once inside Delta Fair.)
- After checking in at the Ed Expo Check In, cash, checks, credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) are accepted at the Ed Expo tickets.
- At Ride Ticket Booths inside Delta Fair, cash is accepted, select booths also accept credit cards. Discount tickets are not available inside Delta Fair.
- Please do NOT mail checks in advance.

Hand Stamps

If students plan to re-enter Delta Fair grounds after exiting, they **MUST** have their hands stamped. This stamp is accepted for re-entry at Entrance 3 only, between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm on the same day of the field trip.

Getting around Delta Fair –Please read carefully!

Upon arrival, we recommend you start your visit in the CRAFTS area. **Student art, crafts, culinary, posters & gardening exhibits are on display as well as daily demonstrations.**

Elementary Level Lunch

School groups may bring lunches to Delta Fair. If your class prefers to purchase lunch, food vendors are located throughout the Fair grounds. Brought lunches may be left on the shelves in the CRAFTS area by the lunch tables.

Be Prepared

Wear comfortable walking shoes, and be prepared for inclement weather.

First Aid Station

The First Aid Station is located on the east side of the Agricenter. First Aid staff are on duty. See map.

Lost Child Center

Instruct students to find a Police Officer if they become separated from the class. Found children will be escorted to the Kiddie Corral. See map.

Restrooms

All restrooms are clearly marked on the map.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located in the Agricenter near the restrooms.

Hand Washing Facilities

Facilities are located on the midway, at the Children's Barnyard and the Petting Zoo and in restrooms. For your safety, Delta Fair recommends that you and your students wash your hands every time you exit an animal or midway area and before eating.

Teacher Organizational Tips:

- Review plans and learning objectives with class and Chaperones prior to arrival.
- Review instructions and Ed Expo route; locate First Aid Station and Kiddie Corral on map.
- Have elementary children all wear the same color shirt. Have a phone number for contact person on each child's clothing or in his or her pocket. Masking tape on the inside of shirt collar works well.
- Ask students to bring a bag lunch and drink. Label bag with student's name, grade and school.
- Coordinate lunch activities (time) with Chaperones prior to arrival.
- Create Chaperone packets with list of students in group, copy of Delta Fair map, supplies (band aids, pencils, tissues, etc.)
- Use this Educational Packet as a learning class room tool.
- Be sure the Lead Teacher's cell phone is listed on the *Confirmation Form* with the correct number of students, chaperones and date for the day of the field trip. This is the form we use to notify you in case of inclement weather or any emergency.



STOP 1 Crafts West Pavilion

Start your day in our Crafts exhibit area to see who won the blue ribbons and see all the Best of Show winners. See which student art picture won \$500 and try to critique what makes it #1.

Be sure to look at all the youth exhibits in crafts, culinary, and gardening. Sewing, woodworking, baking, knitting, recycling, creating unusual garden creatures - there's some thing to interest everyone.



The Millington Quilters Guild



demonstrate hand quilting.

See daily demonstrations of broom making, quilt making, knitting, sewing, cooking, painting, wood working and learn how you can be a part of these creative arts.



STOP 2 Ask a Master Gardener

Visit the Shelby County Master Gardeners to learn about the wonderful world of plants.

Plants are so important in our everyday life. Did you know that plants make clean air and provide food and fiber so we have something to eat and wear? Can you guess which plants help to give us homes and even help in providing our transportation?

Ask a Master Gardener is located in the Crafts area in the West Pavilion.



STOP 3 Children's Barnyard

The Children's Barnyard is located between the red barn/Farmer's Market and the Agricenter.

This area provides an opportunity for the students to interact with the farming community. See, touch and feed live farm animals. Watch baby chicks hatch, feed a dairy calf, watch sheep wool being made into yarn and many more farm activities.

Learn the many contributions that these animals make to your daily life. From the milk you drink to the bread you eat, see first hand how every ingredient in something as simple as a slice of pizza, was once a living, growing component on a farm.

Daily Exhibits & Activities include:

- Incubator baby chicks display
- Baby ducks swimming in a pond
- Dairy goat display
- Market hog display
- Rabbit products & live animal display
- Sheep display
- Corn products
- Cotton products
- Soybean products
- Wheat products



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STOP 4 Livestock Competitions

Visit the barns to watch our exciting Agribusiness livestock competitions. Cattle, goats, hogs and sheep offer a variety of shows to see. Area 4-H and FFA students compete for cash, awards and bragging rights for best showmanship. **Delta Agribusiness is a 501C3** organization that exists to encourage FFA & 4-H members in their agricultural pursuits, and highlight the importance of the agriculture industry within our communities. See daily schedule for showtimes.



STOP 5 Delta Fair Vendors

With our wide variety of vendors, from cooking shows featuring the latest in cookware to fun hobbies such as flying a miniature helicopter, Delta Fair vendors offer students a great place to learn about marketing function and basic principles.

Students, teachers and chaperones learn marketing considerations that are not always apparent to Delta Fair visitors. Marketing is an essential component of Delta Fair's planning, development and success.

- Students will be able to see businesses that contribute to the Tennessee economy.
- Students will be able to see Tennessee products sold locally.
- Students will recognize advertising techniques.
- Students will be able to see samples of pricing strategies, display advertising, packaging and product promotions.
- Students will be able to use math skills to purchase items and interact with vendors.



A big Delta Agribusiness thank you to Commissioner Charlie Hatcher and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for their support of the livestock show, crafts, gardening and culinary contests at Delta Fair & Music Festival.



STOP 6 Greene Turbine

See Science up close - a 35 foot Greene Turbine is on display outside of the Agricenter on the East side. Created by a local Memphis company, the turbine is a experimental underwater turbine that will provide power to many homes.

Constructed of materials and parts that are locally available, the tanks and pipes are made of stainless steel. The patent-pending machine is cheap and easy to build, and when deployed underwater and operational, it will contain no gears and is easy to maintain.

Back in 2024!

Delta Agribusiness Poultry Show

Monday, Sept 2, 2024

Showplace Arena

Show schedule online at www.deltafest.com



2024 Poster Contest

Your club could be the next \$100 winner in our annual Delta Fair Poster Contest! Just print the form on page 12 and create the most creative poster representing your club's community service and have your leader bring it to the Agricenter on Saturday, August 24, from 9 am till 6 pm, at the outside entrance of Wing A. Then, **plan a great club field trip** to Delta Fair to see if your club won! Delta Fair loves 4-H'ers, DECA, FCCLA, FFA & SkillsUSA students!



TENNESSEE FFA

10th Annual Delta Fair Poster Contest

Active clubs in DECA, FCCLA, FFA, 4-H & Skills USA are invited to participate in the ninth annual Delta Fair Poster Contest. One entry per club in the form of a poster. No digital graphically produced posters. Photos may be glued directly to poster.

The purpose of the contest is to promote teamwork of the club, in preparing a poster outlining how the club can be of community service.

Posters may be prepared during the school year of 2023-2024. All posters must have been created by the students. Work to be completed from Sept 1, 2023 to Aug 23, 2024.

Maximum size of poster: 22" x 28" any color

All posters submitted will be on display during Delta Fair in the Crafts West Pavilion.

Posters must have name of school, teacher, teacher's cell number and grade levels of students who worked on the poster, listed neatly on the BACK right corner of the poster. Entry form for each school/club to be completed by Teacher/Advisor. Entry form on page 12.

Awards will be given in the following:

1st place \$100 2nd place \$50 3rd place \$25

Awards given in all 5 categories of posters:

Teachers/advisors are to bring posters to Agricenter, Crafts Wing A, on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 9 am till 6 pm.

Teachers/advisors need to pick up the poster and any awards Monday, Sept 9, 2024, between noon and 6 pm. Posters not picked up will be disposed of as no storage is available.



Delta Fair & Music Festival is proud to call the **Agricenter International Complex** home. Since 2007, Delta Fair has been providing the community with a world class fair offering every thing you expect when you go to the Fair. The Agricenter provides the ideal environment to host this annual event. Barns for livestock shows, a unique exhibition hall for displaying all the crafts, culinary, gardening & collectibles –such as vintage car show, along with vendor space inside and out, the Showplace Arena for livestock shows, plenty of parking and of course, room for a great midway and delicious fair food. **Thank You, Agricenter, for 17 great years of fun!**

The Agricenter is home to many community services.

Open May through October, the Farmer’s Market in the red barn offers locally grown produce, honey, hand made crafts, plants and decorations for each season. With today’s culture of very few home gardens, the Farmer’s Market offers a great selection of fresh fruits and vegetables fresh from the garden.

The Farmer’s Market is open Monday through Saturday from 8 am till 5 pm.



Remember those great afternoons of “just fishin”?”

You can enjoy them again, at the Agricenter’s Catch ’em Lake. Wonder where Catch 'em Lake got it's name? Here at Agricenter the fish are always bitin' and we want you to come catch 'em!! If you don't own fishing tackle....DON'T WORRY...in the bait shop, we have poles, bait, lures, and snacks.

The Showplace Arena located at the Agricenter hosts world renowned events such as the Al Chymia Shrine Circus, Dynamite Barrel Racing, the annual TN High School Challenge Rodeo, the Bill Pickett Rodeo, the TN Valley Paso Fino Horse Association, the Greater Shelby Kennel Agility Dog Trials - just to name a few.

From amazing pups to magnificently trained horses and circus animals, you can find it all at the Showplace Arena.



2024 DF&MF Educational Expo

The Agricenter Solar Farm is among the first in the state to include a solar tracking system. The panels move so that they face the sun, all day. Located on six acres of land along side of Walnut Grove, the panels generate enough electricity to power about 110 home per year.

Silicon Ranch, the owner of the solar farm facility, states this array is the only one in Tennessee that can track the path of the sun, meaning the panels will move as the sun does, to absorb the maximum amount of energy.

In 10 years, the Agricenter will be given the option to purchase the solar array. The solar array is another education component at the Agricenter. Visitors can access the edge of the solar farm and there are signs explaining the project. They can't actually touch the panels—a green fence is surrounding the panels to keep out people and deer.



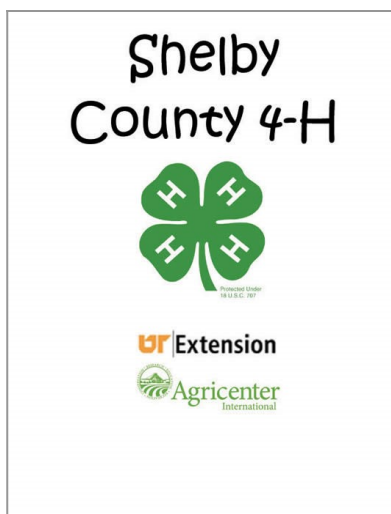
Education at the Agricenter is a major focus. From the amazing Outdoor Classroom that can be used for a variety of programs including Boy Scout Troop activities and school field trips, to the annual list of camps, festivals and one day educational learning activities.

Pre-K through Senior High programs are offered. Package or Seed Tour, Plant Exploration Tours, Discover the Forest, Plant Camp, Water Festival, Environment Education Expo, Farm Education Day and Jr High & Sr High Forest Stand Evaluation offer students of all ages, valuable time to learn while enjoying agriculture.

The newly constructed Observation Tower is a joint effort of the Agricenter & Ducks Unlimited. Ducks Unlimited offers conservation information regarding water fowl.

The UT Extension Office is located in Wing B at the Agricenter. For over 100 years, UT Extension has been giving research generated information to the public in order to improve the quality of life for local citizens. From garden questions, to how to preserve what you grow in the garden, from how to sign up for a master gardener course to how to participate in local 4-H activities, the friendly, helpful staff at the UT Extension Office has the answer you need.

Shelby County 4-H offers a wide variety of activities for youth of all ages. Service projects, poster art, public speaking, summer camp, demonstration of how to do a skill, photography, bread baking, horse clubs, life skills, wildlife camp, livestock programs, crafts, forestry, sewing - you name it, Shelby County 4-H has a project for it.





DECA/FCCLA/FFA/SkillsUSA/4-H POSTER ENTRY FORM

FORM MAY BE COPIED
 Form must be completed by
 Advisor/Teacher. Form is to be
 brought to the Agricenter,
 outside entrance, **WING A**
Saturday, Aug 24, 2024
 9 am till 6 pm,
 along with the poster.

_____ Advisor/Teacher Name (print please)
_____ School Name or Club Association Name
_____ School or Club Address
_____ City, State, Zip
Advisor/Teacher email address cell number

Please type or neatly print, all information on form. Print the school, club & advisor/teacher's name on the back of the poster, in upper right corner. Print clearly, be sure it does NOT show through to the front of the poster. Each club may enter 1 poster per club. Contest open to DECA, FCCLA, FFA, 4-H & SkillsUSA clubs in the AR, TN & MS area. List students that participated in creating the poster below. Any questions, call Jan at 901 487-3075 or email

	Grade	Student Name	Office Use Only
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Please accept the poster listed above, subject to the guidelines
 stated for Delta Fair & Music Festival Student Art Contest.

signature of Advisor/Teacher

date