

Dear Educator,

Thank you for your interest and participation in the 2024 State Fair of Virginia Educational Exposition. We appreciate your efforts in coordinating this trip for your students and are excited for them to experience Virginia's largest outdoor classroom.

Please utilize our [online resources](#), including the **Ed Expo Field Trip Guide** and our [SFVA Bingo Boards](#) to enhance the learning experience for your students. Both educational resources are available only online. The guide may be printed on your office or home printer in color or black and white. You may also print the map by itself to give to chaperones. Specific SOL's are identified in this guide. To ensure a more meaningful trip, please review the Guide prior to your arrival.

Please familiarize yourself with the **Important Field Trip Information** which will clarify the details regarding entry into the Fair.

**ETIX REGISTRATION/RESERVATION:** You **must** register in advance on Etix. **All reservations (used to pay onsite with check) must be finalized 3 days prior to your trip.**

**Changes to your order must be made at minimum 3 days prior** to your trip by contacting us at [edu@statefairva.org](mailto:edu@statefairva.org) or by calling (804)994-2743. You must include your original order number. Please do not create a new order to replace an old order without communicating this need. Please note if you call once the fair starts, you will likely go to voicemail.

**PARKING:** All buses and vans with school children will enter **Gate 7** off of Meadow Farm Road and proceed to lot B. Please print out the attached Ed Expo Parking Pass to display. Also, private vehicles / cars containing parents and extra chaperones must enter **Gate 7** off of Meadow Farm Road and park in lot B. Parking is free.

**GATE PROCEDURES:**

**If you have already paid for your tickets (advance payment)**, be sure to print them off- you are good to proceed into the park. You may print up to 4 tickets to a page.

**If you need to pay onsite (reserved)**, bring your check **in the total amount of your reservation** to the main gate and pay at the Ed Expo Ticket Booth by the main entrance gate to receive your tickets. **Please have your students wait away from the ticket booth while collecting tickets.** Proceed into the gate with your students and tickets.

**RIDE WRISTBANDS:** Ride wristbands may be obtained inside the fairgrounds at either the Deggeller Guest Services before the tunnel OR at either of the 2 ticket booths around the midway. **Only the Deggeller Guest Services booth BEFORE the tunnel will be available between 10:00 and 11:00 am;** ride ticket booths open at 11:00. **Students may now purchase ride wristbands at the reduced rate inside the fairgrounds.**

**If you have any questions**, please contact the Manager of Agriculture Education, at 804-994-2743 (o), 540-589-8528 (c), or by e-mail at [edu@statefairva.org](mailto:edu@statefairva.org). For details about the Fair, including student competitions and scholarships, please visit our website at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org).

See you at the Fair!

*Sarah Jane Thomsen*